

Merry May to all of you, NCAGC gardeners!

This is it--it's prime time for gardeners!

Flowers are blooming everywhere, we are about to put in tender plants, and the smell of lilacs greets us as we take our daily walks!

Hooray for May!

This past Friday, Arbor Day (April 28, 2017), we joined together to celebrate our organization--to honor and thank those who serve National Capital Area Garden Clubs, to install our newly elected District Directors and State Officers, and to be educated and entertained by the wonderful Dean Norton, Director of Horticulture at Mount Vernon. I am thrilled and honored to serve as your State President! Our "State"--the National Capital Area--is unique! Three jurisdictions join together to proudly represent the Metro D.C. area!

At our Spring Installation Luncheon, I introduced our 2017-19 NCAGC Theme--***Plant America--Let's Grow Together!*** Everyone in attendance received a gladiolus bulb and garden gloves, to start planting right away! Please send in photos as the bulbs grow--we all want to grow together! And, I announced one of my President's Projects--***Let's Grow Together--A Garden For Every Garden Club!*** Create, design, plant, or maintain a garden in your community, along with your garden club members, and share it with all of us! Many of us do this already! Share what you do with all in the NCA! More information will follow.

Lots going on right now, as we get ready to travel to the NGC Convention in Richmond! Your Clubs should be sending in renewals to Carole Butler, CaroleGdnClbs@msn.com. Carole is entering everyone's contact information. This is so important! We are about to start an exciting NCA update--we will send emails each month with updates and timely information you don't want to miss! *The Capital Gardener* will still be coming to your inbox, slimmed down and in a new format--easy to read and enjoy!

Please check that it has sent back in--with all the updated information! We will be sending emails each month filled with information you don't want to miss! Open gardens, garden tours, classes, and special events around our National Capital Area! I'm sure you have information you want to share and information you want to receive--so let's make this a good NCA habit!

We have something that will interest you, no matter your interest! Are you are interested in local & native plants, learning about sustainable fish, planting a garden, the new Flower Show Handbook--whatever it is, we are here to share and to learn together!

Sing up online TODAY for the first NCA Conference in ten years--something for everyone to learn and enjoy! The Conference is June 9 & 10 at Kenwood Country Club.

And Bring a Friend! Go to our website--NCAGARDENCLUBS.ORG or directly to [NCA Conference](#) to sign up TODAY!

The best way to contact me is email--RJLHAMMER@gmail.com. Send me a note, a photo, an idea, a suggestion--we will work together to make it happen!

See you in the Garden!

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