

# ***Garden Club of Montclair -- Where the money goes --***

## ***Donations:***

- Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) secure support for the Arboretum through public and private sector resources.
- Garden Conservancy is a national organization formed in 1989 to preserve exceptional American gardens by facilitating their transition from private to nonprofit ownership and operation for the public. Each garden sponsored by the Conservancy is given technical assistance and support in the establishment of an independent governing board, long-term horticultural management and endowment funds to assure the garden's future.
- Members of our club make a monetary donation or create a "theme" basket to be auctioned at the annual Gala of the American Horticultural Society (AHS) located at River Farm, where District II of the NCAGC meetings are held.
- Potomac News Christmas Basket is a joint fundraiser of the Potomac News and The Salvation Army, during the Holiday Season, which provides funds to support needy families in our community.
- Rippon Lodge Historical Site was acquired by the County for preservation. This year, 2008, restoration of the structures and grounds of the Rippon Historic Site will continue. Rippon Lodge opened in 2007. Special events are held throughout the year, offering the public a glimpse of the property. Members of our club continue to assist with the restoration of the gardens.
- The State Arboretum of Virginia features the largest variety of boxwood varieties in North America and a Native Plant Trail. The collection emphasizes native trees and woody shrubs and their exotic relatives. It is a research station for the University of Virginia. For more information please visit their web site at --
- <http://www.virginia.edu/blandy>
- Greening the Gulf - In response to the disaster caused the Gulf Coast by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, National Garden Clubs Inc. makes a donation for restoration of public parks & other Gulf Coast landscapes.

## ***National Capital Area Garden Clubs (NCAGC):***

### ***Dues and the following donations:***

Garden Resources of Washington (GROW) encourages neighborhood revitalization, environmental stewardship, youth development, and local organic food production through community and youth gardens in the District of Columbia.

Friendship Garden Project at the U.S. National Arboretum.

Nature Conservancy is hard at work to preserve plants, animals and natural communities.

Save-The-Bay is focused on the clean-up of the Chesapeake Bay.

Scholarship Fund to assist students in our area who major in Horticulture, Landscape Design, Conservation, Botany, Forestry, Agronomy, Environmental Studies, Land Management, etc. Students must maintain at least a B average and show financial need.

### ***The Washington Youth Garden "Growing Green Dreams"***

**A Project of the National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc. (NCAGC), The Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA), The U.S. National Arboretum (USNA) and Slow Food, DC.** Using the garden cycle as a tool, the mission of the Washington Youth Garden at the U. S. National Arboretum is to inspire children and families to engage in self-discovery, explore relationships with food and the natural world and contribute to the health and well being of their communities. *Believing In Youth Gardening* --- For more information, visit [www.ncagardenclubs.org](http://www.ncagardenclubs.org) click on *Washington Youth Garden* on the side bar.

### ***Dues:***

- ◆ American Forests (The American Forestry Association) members are seeking to maintain and improve the health and value of trees and forests. Membership includes the planting of 10 trees.
  - ◆ Prince William Area Council of Garden Clubs is a gathering of participating Garden Clubs in our area. Generally the Presidents and Vice Presidents get together and discuss what their clubs have accomplished, interesting field trips, programs of interest and share any information relating to gardening.
  - ◆ Virginia Native Plant Society, founded in 1982 as the Virginia Wildflower Preservation Society, is a non-profit organization of individuals who share an interest in Virginia's wild plants and habitats and a concern for their protection.
  - ◆ The Historic Preservation of Prince William County Public Works strives to preserve our County's History for Tomorrow.
  - ◆ Washington Daffodil Society.
- Fern Valley, located at the National Arboretum, is a pleasant area where thousands of ferns and wildflowers are planted along the banks of waterfalls and ponds. Printed tour guides are available for the use of teachers, schoolchildren and the casual visitor.
  - Penny Pines is a U.S. Forest Service Program to replenish forests which have been depleted by fires, floods, etc.