

Nottingham Garden Club

Switlik Club House

September 17, 2025

The meeting of The Nottingham Garden Club was called to order at 6 pm by President Jay Derrico, who began the meeting with the flag salute and Theresa Turner read a quote.

Jay thanked everyone who recently sent her get well cards.

Patrish Shalestik reported that there are 34 members and 2 new members in attendance. There are currently 61 members. New yearbooks were handed out. Please check and notify at next meeting if there are any changes to be made.

Treasurer, Elaine Garrison, announced that the balance started at \$5,790.42 and is \$5,711 after paying bills.

Someone asked if we provided a scholarship for a MCCC student. Jay responded that no student applied and the money was used to send a child to camp at the Watershed and \$250 went to Rutgers.

Jay announced that the green house at Crockett is being built on October 25th from 9-4pm. If anyone wants to assist they should call Kristine Geck or Jay.

Charlene Miller took 2 Hibernian signs down that were by the Blue Star Memorial. Another member said she'd notify the Hibernian club not to put them there.

Jay announced that each committee has a chairperson and the whole committee should communicate with each other. Melissa for Blue Star Memorial wants some guidance and she'll reach out to those on the committee.

Suzanne Albanese shared an update for the herb garden and asked what to do for the winter. Karen was reimbursed for her purchases. Nick thanked the committee. Signs at the garden are very educational. Karen will ask Mr. Federici to have the garden hose removed.

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Upcoming dates: October 2nd at 2:00 pm, November 4th at 6:00 pm, November 18th at 6:00 pm

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Jay announced that on October 8th at 6pm, some members (Karen Neukirchen, Dorothy Donnelly and Jay Derrico) will be at the Hamilton Library to answer gardening questions. Also noted that historians are needed to make a scrapbook of the past 70 years.

Nick thanked Lynn Cheng-Varga for her artwork on the new yearbook as well as the cover painting by Kendal Plumstead. The book has 4 less pages and was a good cost. Founders luncheon will be at Diamonds on February 1st in Yardville. The cost will be about \$50 with members paying \$40 and NGC paying \$10. A unique gift is being prepared for all. Fran Valpatic will collect money next month.

Jay has 8 homes lined up for the garden tour. Date will be by June 20th. Tickets will be \$15 and members need to buy 2 each. Patriotic theme. Members will be needed to help at the gardens. Will have a lottery for a basket give away. Booklets and directions will be at Sayen Gardens. Discussion about giving directions to homes when we sell tickets. Decided to only give directions at Sayen. Garden tour is rain or shine.

NGC will be selling plants at the Azalea Festival. Suggestion we do it at the fire station parking lot.

Charlene is collecting the silver lining from snack bags for the TerraCycle recycle company.

Prepared 250 mini flower arrangements for the area nursing homes.

Our next meeting will be October 15th, 2025 at the Switlik Club House.

Respectfully Submitted, Cathy Weber, Co-Secretary