

Nottingham Garden Club
Switlik Club House
October 15, 2025

The meeting of The Nottingham Garden Club was called to order at 6:15 pm by President Jay Derrico, who began the meeting with the flag salute and Theresa Turner read a quote.

Presentation on orchids by Ann and Jeff, from the Trenton Garden Club. Information included the importance of light; never water with ice cubes; most like to be watered every 5-6 days; use tepid water; keep roots from drying out; remove sphagnum moss (like a sponge) & replace it with bark or other medium; roots need light and plants need air movement.

Patrish Shalestik reported that there are 61 members and 37 present tonight. Still have some cards available for sale.

Treasurer, Elaine Garrison, announced that the balance is \$5,252.32.

Fran Valpatic handed out information and started collecting money for the Founders Day luncheon which will be at Diamonds on February 1st in Yardville. The cost will be \$50 with members paying \$40 and NGC paying \$10..

The membership yearbook has a new page 7 with corrections. If any info is incorrect please write down the correction at the front table.

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.

Website committee met last week. Thank you to Jim Huckfeldt for creating the website which will be shared at the November meeting. Kelly Montesano will collect info from membership to post. Next month we will vote which of the 3 logos to use and if individuals mind their name and photo being on the website. There will be a private page for member's information and minutes to the meetings.

Nancy Finan, for Blue Star Memorial, is getting ideas for the spring. Perhaps a walkway.

Suzanne Albanese shared that the herb garden is doing well. Karen Neukirchen said compost and mulch was applied. Committee still watering until November.

Esther Whelan said plans for the mantle at Morven are coming along well and will be put in in a few weeks. Will be up at the end of November to January.

Cathy Weber announced that Lydia Rogers is taking orders for NGC t-shirts and sweatshirts until the end of October. Call/email/text Lydia.

Jay said a thank you note was received for the floral arrangements at Mercerville nursing center.

Library planters are in good shape. Fall things are going in soon.

Theresa Turner has 10 large and some smaller wreaths for Veteran's Park. Needs help on this committee. Diane Uhaze will be able to help and can deliver them 11/10.

Christine Geek said the tree planting at Crockett may happen in November.

Blue Star Memorial – Idea to write up an article for the paper and maybe get it in for Veteran's Day. Jim Huckfeldt could be asked to put it on the website.

Jeanette Bergeron announced the upcoming talk at the Hamilton Public Library on 10/22 at 7pm on Race Amity.

Jay announced that we are part of the largest volunteer group.

Bill Bailey brought orchids to donate. Leave a donation to the NGC if you take one.

Our next meeting will be November 19th, 2025 at the Switlik Club House.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Weber, Co-Secretary