

Gardening on the Cay

The Garden Club of Tega Cay, South Carolina

Gardening on the Cay, the garden club of Tega Cay, South Carolina, was organized in 1977. The club applied for and was granted federation by the National Council of State Garden Clubs in 2003. In addition to the National Council, we are affiliated with the Garden Club of South Carolina, South Atlantic Region, East Piedmont District.

Our purpose is to create interest in gardening, protect wildflowers and birds, to encourage community and civic beautification and further friendship in Tega Cay and Fort Mill, South Carolina.

This past year we have been involved in a number of projects including a woman's build Habitat for Humanity home in Rock Hill, the 1-77 Blue Star Memorial Welcome Center Spruce-Up, Cathy's Garden; which is handicap accessible, the Fort Mill Care Center Entry Beautification project and the Fort Mill Care Center food bank.

Gardening on the Cay won the East Piedmont District first place award for Outstanding Community Service for the year 2010.

Each month, we provide a program that meets the National Garden Club's objectives. The programs offer a wide range of subject matter from orchid workshops, shade gardening, pruning, photographing flowers, winterizing your garden, container gardening, soil amendments and even bugs! We also have guest speakers that bring us timely reports, for example, the Catawba Riverkeeper. Some of our meetings are field trips that take us to local vendors or sites for education or to view an exhibit. A highlight of our club year is our annual Christmas Giving and Sharing Covered Dish Event. In addition, just for fun, we have several casual social events during the summer months. Our dues are \$25.00 annually, paid in September.

Our Officers for the 2013-2014 Club Year are:

President	Nancy Stone
Vice-President	Christine McCallion
Secretary	Nancy Deacon
Treasurer	Kathy Tighe

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A Sample of Our Projects for the 2013-2014 Club Year:

Habitat for Humanity

Gardening on the Cay will participate in Habitat for Humanity projects in Rock Hill this year by providing our signature "Porch Warming". Our club will donate two rocking chairs and a flower planter for the front porch of the woman's build of a new home.

The Fort Mill Care Center Entry Beautification Project

July of 2011 we provided two permanent planter boxes at the entrance to the center. These planters have been maintained by the club since then and will be moved to the new location on Tom Hall Street this fall. We provide seasonal plants and also decorations for the various seasons of the year. It was a hit not only for those who work there, but also for their clients. We visit the Care Center five times a year to deliver food donations, change out plants as needed and decorate the planters during the various holidays.

Supporting Tega Cay Beautification Committee

We have also made a commitment to the Tega Cay Beautification Committee to help them maintain the new Tega Cay Living Memorial Gardens. We will be caring for the Shade Garden.

Cathy's Garden – Handicap Accessible

This is a private garden whose owner has made it accessible and available to the handicapped. We had our first work session in July of this year and plan, as a group, to provide labor four times each year followed by a picnic lunch on site. Our members also plan to help on an individual basis as their time permits.

I-77 Blue Star Memorial Welcome Center Spruce Up

Along with other South Carolina garden clubs, our members weed, plant and clean the Blue Star Memorial area located at the rest area just south of the Carowinds Exit on I-77. Our assigned months are September and December.