

## **NGC President's Project Plantings in Public and Special Places**

Imagine the possibilities for participation in a National Garden Club project and your garden club being recognized for its efforts! It's SO easy! Complete the form on the NGC website and your efforts will be rewarded! Visit [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) (look under Special Projects) for more details about the entire NGC project. Let me know if your garden club completes the form so I can keep track of GCSC participation. I look forward to hearing about all your fun!



### ***Tips for Incorporating Edibles into the Landscape (Plantings in Public and Special Places)***

- Create a vegetable and flower mix in large planter boxes at public libraries (or other city buildings). Be ready to switch out lettuce, carrots, beets, etc as they mature.
- Help erect raised beds at schools and libraries and work with the students to identify and taste what you have planted. Many times the National Honor Students or other school groups) need to have service hours and they can help. Make these beds small enough to manage efficiently. Try planting and tasting with story hour children and their parents.
- Work with the Master Gardeners to create a planting area and educate students. They will help teach classes.
- As a garden club – ask the local farmer's market about a booth for a day. Bring a potted edible garden and education materials for hand out. Maybe you will get new members!
- Host a flower show in a public place and include a section on edibles both harvested and potted plantings. Have contact information and culture information available for handout. Make it more than one day for the greatest exposure. Once again – maybe new members!

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