

**THE TRYON GARDEN CLUB**  
**New Member Application**  
**2021-2022**

Welcome to the Tryon Garden Club! Not your typical garden club, our mission is to protect, beautify, educate, and collaborate. We own, operate, and maintain Pearson's Falls and Glen, a national treasure. Club members are actively involved in beautification projects in Polk County, including maintaining the Depot Garden in Tryon. We provide informative, nature- and garden-related lectures that are open to the public, as well as education for children and adults at the Falls. Our board collaborates with other County and State organizations to accomplish projects that fit within our mission.

The dues are \$50.00 a year and include an individual annual admission to Pearson's Falls and Glen. Dues are tax deductible.

We have a number of resources available to you. Please visit [www.pearsonsfalls.org](http://www.pearsonsfalls.org), where you can find the members login within the Tryon Garden Club section. You will be given the password when we receive your application.

A member of the Tryon Garden Club is automatically a member of The Garden Club of North Carolina and the National Garden Club. Twelve dollars of your dues are paid to The Garden Club of North Carolina. Take advantage of this membership by visiting [gardenclubofnc.org](http://gardenclubofnc.org).

Please make your check payable to Tryon Garden Club.

Mail your check and form to: Tryon Garden Club  
 336 Woody Circle  
 Tryon, NC 28782  
 ATTN: Jackie Weedon, Secretary

Name (how you want it listed in the roster):					
Mailing address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Home phone:		Cell phone:			
Email:		Spouse/significant other name for the roster:			

Dues (tax deductible)	\$50.00
I wish to make a further tax-deductible contribution	
<b>Total:</b>	

**RELEASE FOR PUBLICATION AND WEBSITE**

Before sharing a name, information, and/or photograph in a publication or on our website, the Tryon Garden Club requires a signed release form from all adults and from the parent or legal guardian of any youth under 18. Please verify you are over 18 years of age, hereby granting us the right to use the name, photograph, biography, city, state, country and article information, without compensation, on our website and in any publication or written material.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If this is not your application, relationship to member: \_\_\_\_\_

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Volunteer Information

To keep the Tryon Garden Club a flourishing and vibrant organization, we depend on our club members to volunteer on one or more of our committees. Your experiences and interests are welcome additions, and we will appreciate your time and talent to make this a great organization. You will work with the committee chairs for your volunteer duties.

**Plan to devote five to ten hours per year to each committee you select.**

	Volunteer
<b>Civic Beautification:</b> Do you love gardening and learning from others? Join the team that maintains the Depot Garden in Tryon. You can also help the club identify and implement other projects to beautify our local area.	
<b>Pearson's Falls Docent Program:</b> Share your love for Pearson's Falls and Glen's flora by joining the Docent Program. We'll provide an orientation and materials to help you learn more about the uniqueness of the Glen.	
<b>Pearson's Falls Public Education:</b> Assist the Pearson's Falls Chair with identifying and coordinating educational opportunities for adults and children outside of our general meetings.	
<b>Pearson's Falls Fill-in Gate Duty:</b> Do you enjoy interacting with the public? Be a welcoming gatekeeper when our employees are on vacation or have other duties. An orientation is included for new gatekeepers.	
<b>Pearson's Falls Special Projects:</b> If you are physically able and willing to get your hands dirty, there are many projects that you can help with, from light work (e.g., pulling English ivy and other invasive plants) to heavy (e.g., removing a fallen tree on the trail, hopefully with your own chainsaw).	
<b>Historian/Archives:</b> Do you love our history? Work with the Tryon Garden Club's Historian to help maintain historical records, preserve TGC archives, and share our story with others.	
<b>Hospitality:</b> Provide a warm welcome to our members and the public by providing snacks and beverages at our general meetings. Usually, this commitment is for one meeting per year.	
<b>Member Outreach:</b> Having a vibrant membership is a high priority. Use your welcoming attitude and social skills to encourage new membership and engage with new and current members.	
<b>Programs:</b> Do you have ideas for new programs and/or are well networked with local speakers? Assist the club with identifying future speakers for our general programs and help the committee chair with monthly program promotion and setup.	
<b>Special Events:</b> Beyond our general meetings, the membership is invited to gather at least twice a year. Assist with planning our annual Christmas party, the May membership meeting, and other special celebrations.	
<b>Promotion/Publicity:</b> Sharing our story and upcoming events is important to our mission, both as a club and for Pearson's Falls and Glen. There are a variety of ways for you to get involved, including connecting with local resorts and welcome centers to distribute seasonal promotional materials and rack cards. In May of each year, this team participates in Tourism Day at the I-26 Welcome Center.	

If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Karen Hipp at [thomashipp@att.net](mailto:thomashipp@att.net)