

THE TRYON GARDEN CLUB
New Member Application
2019-2020

Welcome to the Tryon Garden Club! 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 and go to the members login. The password for that area is pearsonsfalls.

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 TGC dues are paid to The Garden Club of North Carolina. Take advantage of this membership by visiting gardenclubofnc.org. Please visit the Pearson's Falls website for login information.

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, Membership

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 (note if you want this to go to the general fund or for a specific project)	
Total:	

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: _____

Relationship to member: _____

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Volunteer Information

To keep the Tryon Garden Club a flourishing 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 a year to each committee.

	Selections
Civic Beautification: assist in maintaining the Depot Garden, digging in the dirt and/or maintaining records, and help find or implement other projects to beautify Polk County.	
Development/Grant Administration: if you are able to talk about the club's work, enjoy researching funding sources, or would like to write grant proposals, you can assist with developing income sources for the club.	
Education: help with promoting, scheduling, and coordinating educational opportunities for adults and children, other than the general meetings.	
Finance: assist the treasurer with the budget and other financial matters. Experience with managing finances for an organization and administrative skills are helpful.	
Historian/Archives: help create scrapbooks, maintain historical records, and preserve archives. It is helpful to be able to focus on details, be curious, and enjoy keeping files and documents in order.	
Hospitality: help with setup, cleanup, and snacks for our seven general meetings and occasional social or special events. You will not be expected to assist with all of them!	
Marketing/Website/Publicity: assist with publicizing the club, including writing ads and articles or providing input for websites and Facebook.	
Membership/Yearbook: if you have a welcoming attitude and social and administrative skills, apprentice to be our next membership chair. Or if you enjoy compiling an attractive annual record of our activities, help with formatting and assembling the annual yearbook.	
Programs: assist with identifying future speakers for our general programs; assist with setup for each program. Ability to work with computers and A/V equipment would be a plus.	
Special Events: help plan and host events other than the general meeting, such as the Christmas party, the annual meeting in May, maintaining a table at Tourism Day at the I-26 Welcome Center, etc.	
Pearson's Falls/Docent Program: be a docent! You don't have to memorize everything there is to know about the falls. You can specialize in a specific area. The chair will provide you with materials to help you learn your role.	
Pearson's Falls/Fill-in Gate Duty: be a warm and welcoming gatekeeper at the falls when our employees aren't available. Requires ½ hour training.	
Pearson's Falls/Special Projects as Needed: 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 invasives) to heavy (e.g., removing a fallen tree on the trail, hopefully with your own chainsaw).	
Rack Card Distribution: assist with delivering rack cards to distribution points such as welcome centers and businesses, either in person or through the mail	

If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Donna Southworth, donnas.garden@aol.com or Jackie Weedon, weedon@windstream.net, Membership Co-chairpersons.