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Dear all,

Thanks so much for your reports and your patience. I'm drafting the consolidated report now.

1. The Conservation meeting will be Monday, Oct. 7 at 8:30 AM at the Rutgers Club, 199 College Ave, New Brunswick. (<http://rutgersclub.rutgers.edu/directions/>). We should have a great turnout! Parking is available next to the building. A directional sign should be posted for the Garden Club meeting in the building. The breakfast buffet (\$10) will be open when you arrive. Please help yourself. The meeting will begin at 8:45, with Ed Potosnak, Executive Director of NJ League of Conservation Voters, speaking until 9:30, to give us the latest update on state conservation issues and how to get involved before the Nov. election. From 9:30-10:30 we will discuss the year's goals and actions. We're fortunate to be able to build on the composting emphasis we laid out last year. Please think about what we should work on together.

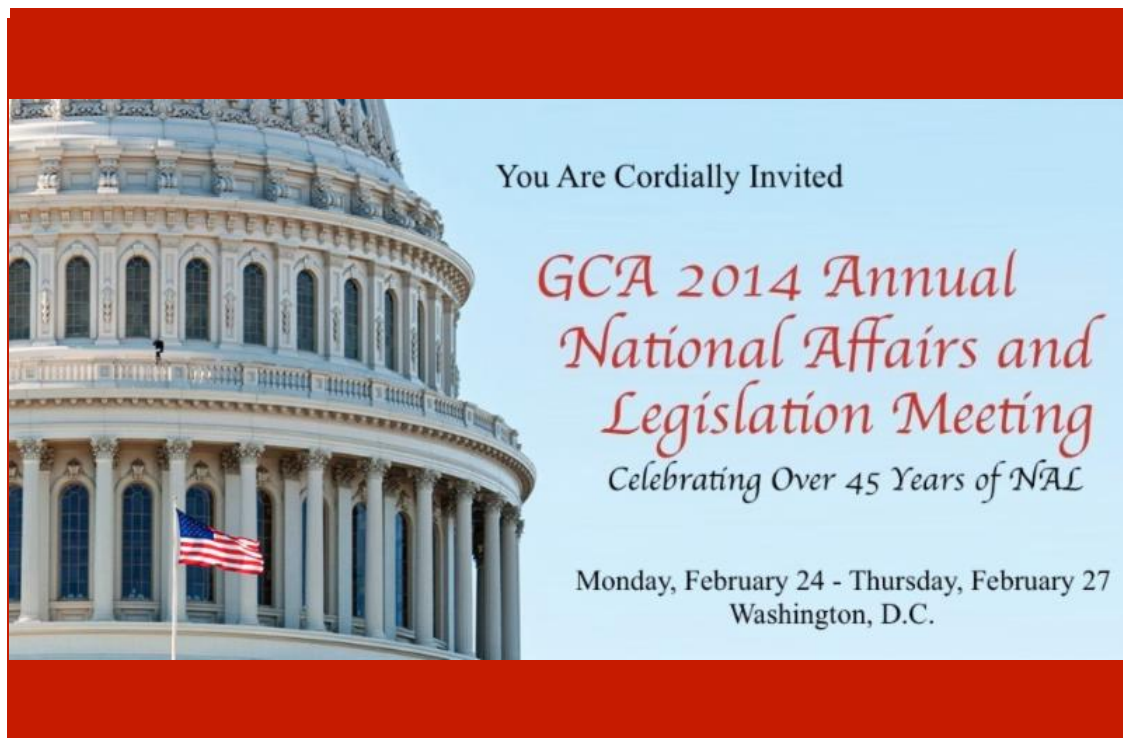
2. You can remove the Oct. 24 Zone IV meeting at Frelinghuysen Arboretum from your schedule. Anne Gates has excused Conservation and Garden History and Design from the overall meeting, due to our historical independence and its date near this meeting and during the Conservation/NAL Study Trip.

3. The NAL invitation is OUT! Please sign up and promote it within your club. I'll attach the invite here also. Each club can sign up two representatives before mid-November. At that time, the registration opens up to the whole membership, so you can add other club members at that time. But room reservations are tight so please don't delay. I easily signed up through the link on the invitation today.

4. Wait, there's more! The NAL Legislative Update for October is available and great to share with your committee. Follow the attached link to download!

My cell phone is 908-962-2762, in case you need to reach me.

See you Monday morning,
Betsy Uhlman



Follow the footsteps of GCA members who come to D.C. to hear some of the nation's experts address our most pressing environmental issues.

Discuss national initiatives on conservation,

preservation of our natural resources and climate change.

Hear firsthand from key legislators, federal officials, policymakers and national environmental leaders.

Learn how to advocate effectively for these issues both in D.C. and at home.

We look forward to welcoming you to Washington in February.

*Lindsay W. Marshall, NAL Chairman Jennifer Fain,
Conservation Chairman*

Registration Information

[Click Here - Why You Should Attend](#)

Space is limited, so please complete your registration with payment as soon as possible. The deadline is ***November 15th***. We would like to have as many clubs as possible represented so we plan to register ***no more than two members per club*** before the deadline. Others who would like to attend will be placed on a waiting list, and every attempt will be made to accommodate them after ***November 15***.

[Click Here - Register Now](#)

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Accommodations



We are pleased to return again this year to the Renaissance Washington, D.C. Dupont Circle Hotel. *Please reserve your room immediately as hotel rooms and room rates cannot be guaranteed after the registration deadline.* Delegates are responsible for early booking their own rooms with their own individual credit cards. Hotel rooms are unlikely to be available at a later date because other citywide conventions are scheduled in D.C. during this week.

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Or

Call for your reservation at (877) 212-5752
Indicate "2014 Garden Club of America" to receive the special
room rate
of \$229 per night plus 14.5% tax for double or single rooms.

Hotel Information

Renaissance Washington, D.C. Dupont Circle Hotel
1143 New Hampshire Avenue NW

1115 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037
(877) 212-5752
[Hotel Website](#)

The Renaissance is approximately three blocks from both the Foggy Bottom and Dupont Circle Metro stops. It is a 15-minute taxi ride from Reagan Washington National Airport, and 45 minutes from Washington Dulles International Airport or Baltimore-Washington International Airport. There are taxis, buses, and super shuttles from these airports. The hotel is approximately 10 minutes from Union Station.

The Renaissance is within easy walking distance for most Tuesday Zone Dutch treat dinners. Taxis are readily available.

Reminders

Registration Deadline

November 15, 2013

Refunds

No refunds for registration or optional events after January 11, 2014

In-Club Substitutions

An in-club substitution for cancellation of an existing registration may be made until January 25, 2014. No in-club substitution may be made without sending in a completed registration form.

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Contact Information

For General Questions

*If you are a first-time attendee, your Con/NAL Zone
Representative
should be especially helpful as a resource.*

[Click Here for a List of Con/NAL Zone Representatives](#)

For Online Registration Questions

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See You In February!





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The Garden Club of America

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Update #7

Please find the latest Legislative Update attached as a pdf. It will also be available online on the NAL Committee page under Current Information.

Questions or comments can be emailed to nal@gcamerica.org.

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