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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2012

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Internal Revenue ServiceUnder section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung
benefit trust or private foundation)

► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

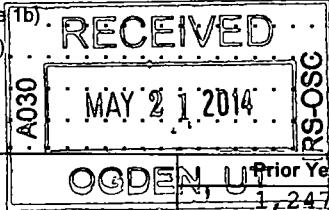
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07/01/2012, and ending

06/30, 2013

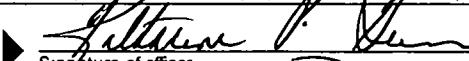
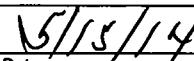
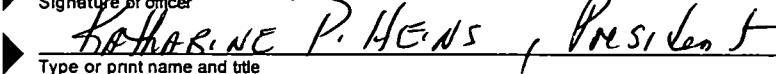
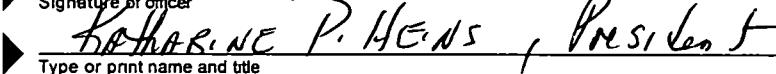
B Check if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA				D Employer identification number 13-1626773		
	Doing Business As				E Telephone number (212) 753-8287		
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 14 EAST 60TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR				Room/suite		
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code NEW YORK, NY 10022				F Gross receipts \$ 9,301,477.		
	F Name and address of principal officer KATHARINE P. HEINS SAME AS C ABOVE				H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
					H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527						If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)	
J Website: ► WWW.GCAMERICA.ORG						H(c) Group exemption number ►	
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►						L Year of formation 1923 M State of legal domicile DE	

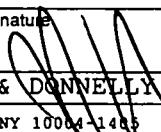
Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO STIMULATE THE KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF GARDENING, TO SHARE THE ADVANTAGES OF ASSOCIATION THROUGH EDUCATION, AND TO RESTORE, IMPROVE, AND PROTECT THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT.					
	2 Check this box ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets					
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	23.			
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	23.			
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	5	9.			
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	1,000.			
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	58,134.			
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0			
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		Prior Year		Current Year		
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	1,247,947.		1,271,374.		
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,716,365.		1,832,070.		
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	760,432.		1,208,487.			
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	16,437.		115,914.			
12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	3,741,181.		4,427,845.			
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	263,700.		510,380.			
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0		0			
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	669,442.		656,094.			
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0		0			
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ►	0		-			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	2,523,915.		3,059,213.			
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	3,457,057.		4,225,687.			
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	284,124.		202,158.			
	Beginning of Current Year		End of Year			
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	27,477,738.		29,404,686.			
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	365,294.		223,901.			
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	27,112,444.		29,180,785.			

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here	► 	Date 
	► 	Type or print name and title 

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name 	Preparer's signature 	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00183769
	Firm's name ► CONDON O'MEARA MCGINTY & DONNELLY L	Firm's EIN ► 13-3628255		
	Firm's address ► ONE BATTERY PARK PLAZA, NEW YORK, NY 10004-1405	Phone no 212-661-7777		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

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Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission.

SEE SCHEDULE O

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code _____) (Expenses \$ 2,708,142. including grants of \$ 42,900.) (Revenue \$ 1,713,511.)

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING, INCLUDING CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS AND TRIPS RELATING TO THE ORGANIZATION'S FOCUS ON GARDENING, HORTICULTURE, FLORAL DESIGN, GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN, AND CONSERVATION/NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

4b (Code _____) (Expenses \$ 461,426. including grants of \$ 281,980.) (Revenue \$ 2,540.)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS, INCLUDING MORE THAN 70 SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED IN THE STUDY OF HORTICULTURE, BOTANY, ECOLOGY AND RELATED FIELDS, AND TEN MEDALS AWARDED TO NATIONALLY OR INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED LEADERS IN FIELDS OF STUDY OR ACHIEVEMENT THAT RELATE TO THE ORGANIZATION'S MISSION.

4c (Code _____) (Expenses \$ 211,347. Including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ 116,019.)

EDUCATIONAL PUBLICATIONS, INCLUDING BOOKS, HANDBOOKS, MANUALS, AND THE MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ 220,090. including grants of \$ 191,787.) (Revenue \$ _____)4e Total program service expenses ► 3,601,005.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1 X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	2 X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3 X	
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4 X	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5 X	
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6 X	
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7 X	
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8 X	
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9 X	
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10 X	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments-other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b X	
c Did the organization report an amount for investments-program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c X	
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d X	
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e X	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b X	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13 X	
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a X	
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b X	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15 X	
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16 X	
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17 X	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18 X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19 X	
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a X	
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.	21	X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	X
24 a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25	24a	X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	
25 a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a	X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.	25b	X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26	X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27	X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a	X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b	X
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29	X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30	X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31	X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32	X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33	X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34	X
35 a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	X
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b	
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36	X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37	X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	X

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V.

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	31	<input type="checkbox"/>
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	9	<input type="checkbox"/>
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <i>Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).</i>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.</i>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ► See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	<input type="checkbox"/>
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	<input type="checkbox"/>
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	<input type="checkbox"/>
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b	<input type="checkbox"/>
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
<i>Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O</i>			
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	<input type="checkbox"/>
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	<input type="checkbox"/>
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	14b	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	23	
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	23	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		X
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?		X
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		X
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code)

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?		X
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13		X
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		X
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done		X
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		X
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		X
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official		X
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization		X
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		
16b			

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► NEW YORK

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► CAROLYN HIMMELROCH, GCA, 14 EAST 60TH STREET, 3RD FL, NEW YORK, NY 10022 212-753-8287

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

 Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII
Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee"

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons

 Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee or director	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated			
(1) MARIAN W. HILL PRESIDENT	50.00	X		X			0	0	0
(2) KATHARINE P. HEINS FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	50.00	X		X			0	0	0
(3) ANNE H. FERRELL TREASURER	35.00	X		X			0	0	0
(4) THEODORA GONGWARE VICE PRESIDENT	30.00	X		X			0	0	0
(5) LINDSAY HARDESTY VICE PRESIDENT	30.00	X		X			0	0	0
(6) KAY KLUNDER VICE PRESIDENT	30.00	X		X			0	0	0
(7) SUSAN LEVY VICE PRESIDENT	30.00	X		X			0	0	0
(8) CONNIE OLIVER VICE PRESIDENT	30.00	X		X			0	0	0
(9) DEBBIE OLIVER VICE PRESIDENT	30.00	X		X			0	0	0
(10) MARGARET W. HALL CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	30.00	X		X			0	0	0
(11) KINGSLEA VON HELMS RECORDING SECRETARY	30.00	X		X			0	0	0
(12) JANE MOORE DIRECTOR SERVING ON EXEC. COMM.	30.00	X					0	0	0
(13) MARGUERITE BORDEN DIRECTOR	10.00	X					0	0	0
(14) MARILYN BRUMDER DIRECTOR	10.00	X					0	0	0

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated	Former			
15) MARY DENNY DIRECTOR	10.00	X						0	0	0
16) TRICIA FOWLER DIRECTOR	10.00	X						0	0	0
17) ANNE GATES DIRECTOR	10.00	X						0	0	0
18) ALICE GOLTRA DIRECTOR	10.00	X						0	0	0
19) CORBIN HARWOOD DIRECTOR	10.00	X						0	0	0
20) DEBBY MELNYK DIRECTOR	10.00	X						0	0	0
21) KATHARINE SCHMIDT DIRECTOR	10.00	X						0	0	0
22) KATHLEEN STRADAR DIRECTOR	10.00	X						0	0	0
23) BETHINE WHITNEY DIRECTOR	10.00	X						0	0	0
1b Sub-total								0	0	0
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0	0	0
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								0	0	0

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ► 0

	Yes	No
3	X	
4	X	
5	X	

3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual

4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual

5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
NONE		
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ► 0		

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a			
	b Membership dues	1b 879,825.			
	c Fundraising events	1c			
	d Related organizations	1d			
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 391,549.			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$	2,955.			
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	► 1,271,374.			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code			
	2a CONFERENCES & MEETINGS	900099	733,999.	733,999.	
	b VISITING GARDENS	900099	421,370.	421,370.	
	c FEES	900099	503,195.	503,195.	
	d FASG WORKSHOP	900099	104,462.	104,462.	
	e ADVERTISING INCOME	541800	58,134.		58,134.
	f All other program service revenue		10,910.	10,910.	
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f	► 1,832,070.			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		848,094.		848,094.
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0		
	5 Royalties		0		
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
	b Less rental expenses				
	c Rental income or (loss)				
	d Net rental income or (loss)		► 0		
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other		
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5,197,560.			
	c Gain or (loss)	4,837,167.			
	d Net gain or (loss)	360,393.			360,393.
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c)				
	See Part IV, line 18	a			
	b Less direct expenses	b			
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		► 0		
	9a Gross income from gaming activities.				
	See Part IV, line 19	a			
	b Less direct expenses	b			
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		► 0		
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	61,695.		
	b Less cost of goods sold	b	36,465.		
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		► 25,230.	25,230.	
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code			
	11a CENTENNIAL DEDICATION DINNER	900099	77,875.	77,875.	
	b OTHER INCOME	900099	12,809.	12,809.	
	c				
	d All other revenue				
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		► 90,684.		
	12 Total revenue. See instructions		► 4,427,845.	1,889,850.	58,134.
					1,208,487.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns All other organizations must complete column (A)

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21	228,400.	228,400.		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22	277,480.	277,480.		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	4,500.	4,500.		
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	0			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7 Other salaries and wages	482,589.	293,607.	188,982.	
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	12,946.	7,876.	5,070.	
9 Other employee benefits	112,258.	68,298.	43,960.	
10 Payroll taxes	48,301.	29,387.	18,914.	
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management	0			
b Legal	39,328.		39,328.	
c Accounting	30,850.		30,850.	
d Lobbying	0			
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17	0			
f Investment management fees	40,518.		40,518.	
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	71,175.		71,175.	
12 Advertising and promotion	0			
13 Office expenses	88,443.	67,429.	21,014.	
14 Information technology	58,824.	44,847.	13,977.	
15 Royalties	0			
16 Occupancy	379,777.	289,542.	90,235.	
17 Travel	0			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,765,590.	1,765,590.		
20 Interest	0			
21 Payments to affiliates	0			
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	8,005.	6,103.	1,902.	
23 Insurance	72,378.	39,808.	32,570.	
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a SPECIAL PROJECT EXPENSES	325,731.	325,731.		
b BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER				
c PUBLICATION	113,506.	113,506.		
d INVENTORY WRITE DOWN	14,626.		14,626.	
e All other expenses	50,462.	38,901.	11,561.	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	4,225,687.	3,601,005.	624,682.	
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	761,161	1	519,044
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,016,888	2	814,137
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	20,787	3	0
	4 Accounts receivable, net	0	4	0
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	5	0
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	6	0
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use	70,624	8	72,145
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	20,543	9	3,113
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 580,070		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 527,115	48,906	10c 52,955
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	24,302,249	11	27,178,021
	12 Investments - other securities See Part IV, line 11	465,252	12	0
	13 Investments - program-related See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	771,328	15	765,271
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	27,477,738	16	29,404,686	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	194,052	17	146,133
	18 Grants payable	0	18	0
	19 Deferred revenue	0	19	0
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	0
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	0
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	22	0
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24	0
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D	171,242	25	77,768
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	365,294	26	223,901
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	14,232,039	27	16,437,281
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	4,010,254	28	3,841,498
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	8,870,151	29	8,902,006
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	30		
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	31		
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	32		
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	27,112,444	33	29,180,785
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	27,477,738	34	29,404,686

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	4,427,845.
2	4,225,687.
3	202,158.
4	27,112,444.
5	1,825,424.
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	40,759.
10	29,180,785.

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual Other _____
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a	X	
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a	X	
3b		

Public Charity Status and Public Support

2012

Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

Employer identification number

13-1626773

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is. (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
 2 A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.)
 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II)
 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II)
 8 A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II)
 9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See section 509(a)(2). (Complete Part III)
 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See section 509(a)(4).
 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h
 a Type I b Type II c Type III-Functionally integrated d Type III-Non-functionally integrated
 e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
 f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box _____
 g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? _____
 (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? _____
 (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? _____

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2012

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants")	1,375,295.	1,591,345.	1,383,583.	1,247,947.	1,271,374.	6,869,544.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	1,375,295.	1,591,345.	1,383,583.	1,247,947.	1,271,374.	6,869,544.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f).						0
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						6,869,544.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	1,375,295.	1,591,345.	1,383,583.	1,247,947.	1,271,374.	6,869,544.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	959,059.	534,272.	714,471.	580,246.	848,094.	3,636,142.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV) . ATCH. 1			132,159.	1,737.	90,684.	224,580.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10 . . .						10,730,266.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	4,149,884.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	64.02%
15 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	60.16%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2012. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b.						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6.						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%
19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2012. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support tests - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2012

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b, and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information (See instructions)

ATTACHMENT 1

SCHEDULE A, PART II - OTHER INCOME

DESCRIPTION	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	TOTAL
OTHER INCOME			132,159.	1,737.	90,684.	224,580.
TOTALS			<u>132,159.</u>	<u>1,737.</u>	<u>90,684.</u>	<u>224,580.</u>

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

2012

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For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
► Complete if the organization is described below. ► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
► See separate instructions.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of organization	Employer identification number
THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA	13-1626773

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV
- 2 Political expenditures ► \$
- 3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955. ► \$
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ► \$
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No

4a Was a correction made? Yes No
b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ► \$
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
(1)	-----			
(2)	-----			
(3)	-----			
(4)	-----			
(5)	-----			
(6)	-----			

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2012

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).

B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures		
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is: The lobbying nontaxable amount is:			
Not over \$500,000		20% of the amount on line 1e	
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000		\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000		\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000		\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	
Over \$17,000,000		\$1,000,000	
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-		
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-		
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes," response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

For each "Yes," response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity		(a)	(b)
		Yes	No
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of		
a	Volunteers?	X	
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	X	
c	Media advertisements?	X	
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?	X	1,000
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?	X	
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?	X	
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	X	
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?	X	
i	Other activities?	X	
j	Total Add lines 1c through 1i		1,000
2 a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?	X	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912		
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912		
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?		

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members

2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).

a Current year

b Carryover from last year

c Total

3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues

4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?

5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, line 2, and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

Employer identification number

13-1626773

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? Yes No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? Yes No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of an historically important land area
 Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure
 Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

a Total number of conservation easements

b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements

c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)

d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► -----

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► -----

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
 ► -----

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
 ► \$ -----

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ -----

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ -----

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items.

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ -----

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ -----

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Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a <input type="checkbox"/> Public exhibition	d <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or exchange programs
b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scholarly research	e <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
c <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation for future generations	

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII.

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	25,576,621.	26,323,039.	22,366,562.	19,810,889.	24,928,483.
b Contributions	360,940.	344,156.	601,742.	671,043.	443,415.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	577,726.	-757,944.	3,810,383.	2,320,934.	-5,073,911.
d Grants or scholarships	239,640.	264,968.	272,883.	200,509.	212,939.
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	523,014.	67,662.	182,015.	232,996.	273,067.
f Administrative expenses			750.	2,799.	1,092.
g End of year balance	25,752,633.	25,576,621.	26,323,039.	22,366,562.	19,810,889.

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► 50.5157 %

b Permanent endowment ► 14.9169 %

c Temporarily restricted endowment ► 34.5674 %

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

Yes	No
3a(i)	X
3a(ii)	X
3b	

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land			- - -	
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		397,459.	391,077.	6,382.
d Equipment		182,611.	136,038.	46,573.
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ► 52,955.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12) ►

Part VIII Investments - Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13) ►

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15) ►

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) DEFERRED RENT	77,768.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25) ► 77,768.

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII.

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	6,330,493.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	1,825,424.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	77,224.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,902,648.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	4,427,845.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	4,427,845.

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	4,262,152.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	36,465.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	36,465.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	4,225,687.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	4,225,687.

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information

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Part XIII | Supplemental Information (continued)

ORGANIZATIONS MAINTAINING COLLECTIONS OF ART, HISTORICAL TREASURERS, OR
OTHER SIMILAR ASSETS

PART III - LINE 1A

GCA'S COLLECTIONS, WHICH CONSIST OF RARE BOOKS AND ARTWORK, ARE NOT
CAPITALIZED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION. PURCHASES OF ITEMS
ARE EXPENSED IN THE YEAR IN WHICH THE ITEMS ARE ACQUIRED. CONTRIBUTED
COLLECTION ITEMS ARE NOT REFLECTED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

PART III - LINE 4

BOTANICAL AND GARDENING LITERATURE, AS WELL AS BOTANICAL DRAWINGS,
FURTHER GCA'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION IN THE FIELDS OF HORTICULTURE AND
GARDEN DESIGN AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, AMONG OTHERS.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

PART V - LINE 4

THE BOARD-DESIGNATED FUND CONSISTS OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR A
VARIETY OF MISSION RELATED PURPOSES AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED, WHICH REPRESENT ASSETS RESTRICTED BY
THE DONOR FOR SPECIFIC TIME PERIOD OR A DESIGNATED PURPOSE. PERMANENTLY
RESTRICTED, WHICH REPRESENT ASSETS THAT HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED BY THE DONOR
TO BE RETAINED BY GCA IN PERPETUITY. IN ADDITION, DONORS CAN LIMIT GCA
TO USE ALL OR PART OF THE INCOME EARNED ON THE RELATED INVESTMENTS FOR
GENERAL OR SPECIFIC PURPOSES.

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)**OTHER LIABILITIES****PART X - LINE 2**

AS OF JUNE 30, 2013, NO AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR UNCERTAIN INCOME TAX POSITIONS. GCA'S TAX RETURNS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 AND FORWARD ARE SUBJECT TO THE USUAL REVIEW BY THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.

RECONCILIATION OF REVENUE**PART XI - LINE 2D**

2D. COST OF PUBLICATIONS: 36,465.

2D. CHANGE IN VALUE OF INTEREST IN CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST:
40,759.

RECONCILIATION OF EXPENSES**PART XII - LINE 2D**

2D. COST OF PUBLICATIONS: 36,465.

SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
► Attach to Form 990.

Name of the organization

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

1	(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1)	CEDAR RAPIDS GARDEN CLUB 115 3RD ST SE STE 500	42-6072708	501(C) (3)	7,500.				CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS
(2)	CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY 14 EAST 60TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10022	13-3022885	501(C) (3)	142,000.				RENOVATIONS
(3)	LADY BIRD JOHNSON WILDFLOWER CENTER 4801 LA CROSSE AVENUE AUSTIN, TX 78739	74-1587488	501(C) (3)	25,000.				GEN. OPP. SUPPORT
(4)	LATE BLOOMERS GARDEN CLUB 1817 BEACH AVE ATLANTIC BEACH, FL 32233	59-3594222	501(C) (3)	7,500.				CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS
(5)	PERENNIAL GARDEN CLUB 12320 STONEY CREEK RD POTOMAC, MD 20854	31-1630132	501(C) (3)	25,000.				CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS
(6)								
(7)								
(8)								
(9)								
(10)								
(11)								
(12)								

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

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Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals In the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

	(b) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
1	SCHOLARSHIPS	76.	277,480.			
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.**GRANTS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE****PART I, LINE 2**

THE GRANTS MADE IN PART II DO NOT REQUIRE A REPORT FROM THE RECIPIENT; FOR THE AWARDS COVERED IN PART III, A SCHOLAR MUST SIGN A CONTRACT WHEN ACCEPTING A GCA AWARD. INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT IS A CLAUSE THAT IF THE SCHOLAR DOES NOT COMPLETE THE FUNDED PROGRAM OR ACADEMIC PERIOD, THE MONIES MUST BE RETURNED TO THE GCA. THE SCHOLAR IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO THE GCA A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE FUNDED WORK.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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STATEMENT OF PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PART III - LINE 1

THE PURPOSE OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA IS TO STIMULATE THE KNOWLEDGE
AND LOVE OF GARDENING, TO SHARE THE ADVANTAGES OF ASSOCIATION BY MEANS OF
EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, CORRESPONDENCE, AND PUBLICATIONS, AND
TO RESTORE, IMPROVE, AND PROTECT THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND ACTION IN THE FIELDS OF CONSERVATION AND CIVIC
IMPROVEMENT.

STATEMENT OF PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PART III - LINE 4D

COMMUNITY SERVICE, INCLUDING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND
BEAUTIFICATION.

GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT, AND DISCLOSURE

PART VI, SECTION B. - QUESTION 6

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA WAS INCORPORATED AS A MEMBERSHIP
ORGANIZATION.

GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT, AND DISCLOSURE

PART VI, SECTION A. - QUESTION 7A

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE PREPARES A SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.
FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED NOMINEES BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AND RATIFICATION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE SLATE IS SUBMITTED TO THE

Name of the organization

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

Employer identification number

13-1626773

MEMBERSHIP AT LEAST SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING. NO OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA MAY BE NOMINATED OR ELECTED EXCEPT FROM THE RANKS OF MEMBERS OF THE INTEGRAL CLUBS.

GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT, AND DISCLOSURE

PART VI, SECTION B. - QUESTION 11B

THE FORM 990 IS PRESENTED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW. FOLLOWING THE REVIEW OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE FORM 990 IS DISTRIBUTED TO THE ENTIRE BOARD PRIOR TO FILING.

GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT, AND DISCLOSURE

PART VI, SECTION B. - QUESTION 12C

THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS DISTRIBUTED FOR SIGNATURE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, DIRECTORS, NATIONAL CHAIRMEN, FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND STAFF. THE FORMS ARE KEPT ON FILE AT HEADQUARTERS.

GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT, AND DISCLOSURE

PART VI, SECTION B. - QUESTION 15A & 15B

IN DETERMINING COMPENSATION, THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THIRD-PARTY COMPARABILITY DATA AS TO SALARY AND BENEFITS, AND DOCUMENTS A DECISION IN WRITING.

GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT, AND DISCLOSURE

PART VI, SECTION C. - QUESTION 19

THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT MAKE ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, OR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

Name of the organization

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RECONCILIATION OF NET ASSETS

PART XI - LINE 9

CHANGE IN VALUE OF INTEREST IN CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST: 40,759.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

OMB No. 1545-0047

2012

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceOpen to Public
InspectionName of the organization
THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.
► Attach to Form 990.
► See separate instructions.Name of the organization
THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA
13-1626773

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

Open to Public
InspectionName of the organization
THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA
13-1626773

Part I

Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(2) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(3) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(4) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(5) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(6) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Part II

Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section (if section 501(c)(3))	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	Yes	No
(1) CASEY TREES 3050 12TH ST. NE WASHINGTON, DC 20017	31-1766444 RESTORATION	DC	501 (C) (3)	11 (C)	THE CLUB	X		
(2) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____		
(3) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____		
(4) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____		
(5) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____		
(6) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____		
(7) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____		

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

Schedule R (Form 990) 2012

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disponente alienacion?	(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?	(k) Percentage ownership	
Yes	No										
(1) _____											
(2) _____											
(3) _____											
(4) _____											
(5) _____											
(6) _____											
(7) _____											

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?
Yes	No							
(1) _____								
(2) _____								
(3) _____								
(4) _____								
(5) _____								
(6) _____								
(7) _____								

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.)**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

- a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties or (iv) rent from a controlled entity
- b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
- c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)
- f Dividends from related organization(s)
- g Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)
- k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
- m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)
- p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses
- r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

	(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37)

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships

(8) Name, address, and EIN or entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under section 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations? Yes No	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations? Yes No	(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner? Yes No	(k) Percentage ownership
(1)										
(2)										
(3)										
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(15)										
(16)										

Part VII Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions).

- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II and check this box ► **X**

Note. Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I (on page 1).

Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. Only file the original (no copies needed).

Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA	Employer identification number (EIN) or 13-1626773
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P O box, see instructions 14 EAST 60TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR	Social security number (SSN)
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions. NEW YORK, NY 10022	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 0 1

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 1041-A	08
Form 990-BL	02	Form 4720	09
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 5227	10
Form 990-PF	04	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 8870	12
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06		

STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- The books are in the care of ► **CAROLYN HIMMELHOCH, GCA**,
Telephone No ► **212 753-8287** FAX No. ► **212 753-0134**.
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ►
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) If this is for the whole group, check this box ► . If it is for part of the group, check this box ► and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

- I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **05/15, 20 14**.
- For calendar year **07/01, 20 12**, and ending **06/30, 20 13**.
- If the tax year entered in line 5 is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return
 Change in accounting period
- State in detail why you need the extension **ALL THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE RETURN IS NOT AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE BY THE DUE DATE. THEREFORE WE RESPECTIVELY REQUEST ADDITIONAL TIME TO COMPLETE THE RETURN.**

8a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions	8a \$
b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868.	8b \$
c Balance Due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	8c \$

Signature and Verification must be completed for Part II only.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature ►

Title ►

Date ►

Form 8868 (Rev. 1-2013)

Application for Extension of Time To File an
Exempt Organization Return

► File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I and check this box ►
- If you are filing for an Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form)

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions) For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete

Part I only ►

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions	Employer identification number (EIN) or
	THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA	13-1626773
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P O box, see instructions	Social security number (SSN)
	14 EAST 60TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR	
City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions		
NEW YORK, NY 10022		

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

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Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
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Telephone No ► 212 753-8287FAX No ► 212 753-0134

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1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until 02/17, 2014, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

► calendar year 20 or

► tax year beginning 07/01, 2012, and ending 06/30, 2013.

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason Initial return Final return
 Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions	3a \$
b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit	3b \$
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions	3c \$

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see Instructions.

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