

Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

2017

Open to Public
Inspection

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning JUL 1, 2017 and ending JUN 30, 2018

B Check if applicable

C Name of organization

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

D Employer identification number

13-1626773

Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)
14 EAST 60TH STREETRoom/suite
3RD FLCity or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
NEW YORK, NY 10022

E Telephone number

(212) 753-8292

G Gross receipts \$ 33,937,114.

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes NoH(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ►

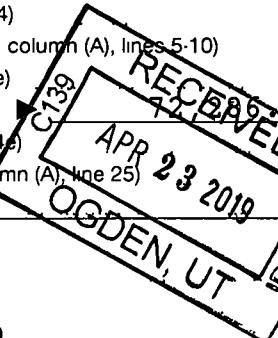
I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c)() (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ► GCAMERICA.ORG

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association 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	
	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	12
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	12
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	5	10
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	400
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	112,588.
Revenue	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	3,044.
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	2,459,654.	4,215,377.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,664,630.	1,687,187.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	765,500.	6,655,755.
Expenses	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	74,356.	145,939.
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	4,964,140.	12,704,258.
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	396,618.	509,642.
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	0.	0.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	907,860.	841,351.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	0.	61,225.
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	2,854,558.	3,087,876.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	4,159,036.	4,500,094.
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	805,104.	8,204,164.
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	35,399,074.	40,551,849.
Part II Signature Block	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	1,366,022.	2,107,531.
		34,033,052.	38,444,318.



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

Signature of officer

7-18-19

Date

► ANNE NEAL PETRI, PRESIDENT

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name FREDERICK MARTENS	Prepare a signature UML	Date 4/4/19	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN P00298107
	Firm's name ► LUTZ AND CARR, CPAS LLP			Firm's EIN ►	13-1655065
	Firm's address ► 551 FIFTH AVENUE, SUITE 400 NEW YORK, NY 10176			Phone no.	212-697-2299

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

 Yes No

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SEE SCHEDULE O FOR ORGANIZATION MISSION STATEMENT CONTINUATION

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

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

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 \$ **2,688,603.** including grants of \$ **51,552.**) (Revenue \$ **1,787,042.**)

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

THE GCA OFFERS A VAST ARRAY OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT GCA CLUBS, THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THE PUBLIC. THESE PROGRAMS, DEVELOPED AND OVERSEEN BY GCA COMMITTEES, INCLUDE: EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND PUBLICATIONS RELATED TO HORTICULTURE, CONSERVATION, LEGISLATIVE ISSUES, FLORAL DESIGN, PHOTOGRAPHY AND GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN; FLOWER SHOWS WHICH ADVANCE THE UNDERSTANDING OF FLORAL DESIGN, HORTICULTURE, PHOTOGRAPHY, CONSERVATION AND GARDEN HISTORY; AND INITIATIVES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO NATIONAL EFFORTS AND EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND WHICH HAVE BROAD EXTERNAL IMPACT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ARCHIVES OF AMERICAN GARDENS AT THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, THE GCA RARE BOOKS COLLECTION AT THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN AND SEED

4b (Code _____) (Expenses \$ **430,863.** including grants of \$ **326,890.**) (Revenue \$ _____)

SCHOLARSHIPS

THE GCA AWARDS NUMEROUS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS IN MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES INCLUDING BOTANY, ENVIRONMENTAL, CONSERVATION, LANDSCAPE DESIGN, POLLINATOR RESEARCH, URBAN FORESTRY AND HORTICULTURE. APPLICANTS INCLUDE UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, PHD AND PROFESSIONAL CANDIDATES. APPLICATIONS OF CANDIDATES ARE REVIEWED BY MEMBERS OF THE GCA OR COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS WITH RELEVANT AND TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE TO EVALUATE THE CANDIDATE'S SCHOLARLY BACKGROUND AND PROPOSED RESEARCH. PROGRAM EXPENSES INCLUDE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS AND IN CERTAIN CASES SMALL ADMINISTRATIVE FEES TO COLLABORATING NON-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS.

4c (Code _____) (Expenses \$ **206,869.** including grants of \$ **131,200.**) (Revenue \$ _____)

CIVIC PROJECTS

THE GCA SUPPORTS CLUB AND NATIONAL CIVIC PROJECTS THROUGH SEVERAL INITIATIVES: FOUNDERS FUND AWARDS ARE GIVEN ON AN ANNUAL BASIS TO SELECTED GCA CLUBS WHO SUBMIT PLANS FOR A LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT. THESE AWARDS ARE MANAGED BY A COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD; PARTNERS FOR PLANTS FUND IS A HABITAT RESTORATION PROGRAM THAT FACILITATES AND FUNDS PROJECTS BETWEEN LOCAL CLUBS AND LAND MANAGERS ON PUBLIC LANDS; THE RESTORATION INITIATIVE OFFERS GRANTS FOR PUBLIC LANDSCAPE RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION PROJECTS IN COMMUNITIES DEVASTATED BY NATURAL DISASTERS; AND THE ROSENGARTEN FUND IS DEDICATED TO SCENIC BEAUTIFICATION.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ **82,574.** including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ **400.**)

4e Total program service expenses ► **3,408,909.**

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)?
If "Yes," complete Schedule A

2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?

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

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

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

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

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

8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III

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

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

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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part 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

12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII

- 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

13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?

- 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

15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV

16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV

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

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

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

	Yes	No
1	X	
2	X	
3		X
4	X	
5		X
6		X
7		X
8	X	
9		X
10	X	
11a	X	
11b	X	
11c		X
11d		X
11e	X	
11f		X
12a	X	
12b		X
13	X	
14a	X	
14b	X	
15		X
16		X
17	X	
18		X
19		X

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H
 b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?

21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II

22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III

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

24a 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 25a
 b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?
 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?
 d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?

25a **Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
 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

26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II

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

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
 b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV
 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

29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M

30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M

31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations?
 If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I

32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II

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

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

35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
 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

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

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

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

	Yes	No
20a		X
20b		
21	X	
22	X	
23	X	
24a		X
24b		
24c		
24d		
25a		X
25b		X
26		X
27		X
28a		X
28b		X
28c		X
29	X	
30		X
31		X
32		X
33		X
34	X	
35a		X
35b		
36		X
37		X
38		X

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	25	
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	0	
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
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	10	
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	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	X	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No," to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	X	
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)?	X	
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ► See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	X	
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	X	
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
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?		
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
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?		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	X	
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	X	
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <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	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
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	

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 or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year
 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

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?

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?

4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?

5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?

6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?

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?

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?

b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?

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

	Yes	No
1a	12	
1b	12	
2		X
3		X
4		X
5		X
6		X
7a		X
7b		X
8a	X	
8b	X	
9		X

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

10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?

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?

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

b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?

c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done

13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?

14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?

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

b Other officers or key employees of the organization

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?

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?

	Yes	No
10a		X
10b		
11a	X	
12a	X	
12b	X	
12c	X	
13	X	
14	X	
15a	X	
15b		X
16a		X
16b		

Section C. Disclosure

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

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, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: ►

THE ORGANIZATION - 212-753-8287

14 EAST 60TH STREET, 3RD FL., NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

 Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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 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 employee			
(1) ANNE NEAL PETRI <u>PRESIDENT</u>	50.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(2) DEBBIE EDWARDS <u>FIRST VICE PRESIDENT</u>	50.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(3) CRISSY CHERRY <u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	30.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(4) LINDA HOLDEN <u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	30.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(5) MISSY JENSEN <u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	30.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(6) GRETCHEN DOWNS <u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	30.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(7) MARGUERITE BORDEN <u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	30.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(8) WENDY SERRELL <u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	30.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(9) CINDY HILSON <u>TREASURER</u>	35.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(10) JESSIE SHELBYNE <u>CORRESPONDING SECRETARY</u>	30.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(11) LORILL HAYNES <u>RECORDING SECRETARY</u>	30.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(12) MARY HARMAN <u>ZONE DIRECTOR</u>	30.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(13) JENNIFER BARNETTE <u>CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER</u>	50.00			X			151,811.	0.	20,547.

Part

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

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 ►

1

	Yes	No
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	3	X
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	4	X
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	5	X

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.

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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b	1,099,812.			
	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	3,115,565.	SEE SCHEDULE O		
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		123,666.			
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			4,215,477.		
Program Service Revenue	2 a REGISTRATION FEES	Business Code 900099	1,497,776.	1,497,776.		
	b ADVERTISING INCOME	541800	106,315.	106,315.		
	c OTHER EVENT INCOME	900099	83,096.	83,096.		
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		1,687,187.			
	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	▶	902,426.		6,273. 896,153.
4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	▶				
5	Royalties	▶				
6 a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
b	Less rental expenses					
c	Rental income or (loss)					
d	Net rental income or (loss)	▶				
7 a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	26,920,382.				
c	Gain or (loss)	21,167,053.				
d	Net gain or (loss)	5,753,329.	▶	5,753,329.	SEE SCHEDULE O 5,753,329.	
8 a	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	▶				
9 a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a				
b	Less direct expenses	b				
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	▶				
10 a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	165,658.			
b	Less cost of goods sold	b	65,803.			
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	▶	99,855.	99,855.		
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11 a	OTHER INCOME	900099	46,084.		46,084.	
b						
c						
d	All other revenue					
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d	▶	46,084.			
12	Total revenue See instructions.	▶	12,704,258.	1,680,727.	112,588. 6,695,566.	

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 or note to any line in this Part IX

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	200,858.	200,858.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	308,784.	308,784.		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	164,214.	82,107.	77,181.	4,926.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	511,966.	346,527.	165,211.	228.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	19,202.	13,203.	5,999.	
9 Other employee benefits	91,885.	59,397.	32,006.	482.
10 Payroll taxes	54,084.	34,434.	19,263.	387.
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	32,772.		32,772.	
c Accounting	185,597.		185,597.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	61,225.			61,225.
f Investment management fees	101,970.		101,970.	
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	236,225.	183,319.	52,906.	
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	271,820.	195,357.	75,087.	1,376.
14 Information technology	57,956.	41,652.	16,011.	293.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	469,006.	337,073.	129,558.	2,375.
17 Travel	544,564.	532,326.	12,238.	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,031,977.	963,199.	68,564.	214.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	77,333.	55,580.	21,361.	392.
23 Insurance	76,656.	55,093.	21,175.	388.
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 OTHER EXPENSES	2,000.		2,000.	
b _____				
c _____				
d _____				
e All other expenses _____				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	4,500,094.	3,408,909.	1,018,899.	72,286.
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 if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	916,840.	1	683,683.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	530,614.	3	763,787.
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	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 instr) Complete Part II of Sch L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	550,065.	9	1,058,224.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	1,057,174.		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	520,285.	10c	536,889.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	28,603,326.	11	32,481,384.
	12 Investments - other securities See Part IV, line 11	3,232,744.	12	4,090,514.
	13 Investments - program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	932,094.	15	937,368.
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	35,399,074.	16	40,551,849.
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	199,385.	17	416,634.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	562,829.	19	1,090,807.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	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		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	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	603,808.	25	600,090.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,366,022.	26	2,107,531.
	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	3,700,235.	27	4,002,667.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	18,901,287.	28	20,126,323.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	11,431,530.	29	14,315,328.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	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	34,033,052.	33	38,444,318.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	35,399,074.	34	40,551,849.

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	12,704,258.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	4,500,094.
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	8,204,164.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	34,033,052.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-3,807,879.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	14,981.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	38,444,318.

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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

b 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		

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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Public Charity Status and Public Support**Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section
4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
► Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

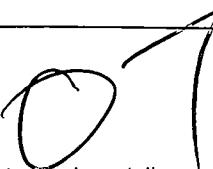
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2017Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICAEmployer 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 12, 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 (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)

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 agricultural research organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix) operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions) Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university _____

10 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.)

11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See section 509(a)(4).

12 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 in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.

a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.

f Enter the number of supported organizations _____

g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

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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) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")	1144606.	1232079.	1320867.	2459654.	4215377.	10372583.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	1144606.	1232079.	1320867.	2459654.	4215377.	10372583.
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)						959,489.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						9413094.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►

	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	1144606.	1232079.	1320867.	2459654.	4215377.	10372583.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	665,541.	999,661.	713,669.	751,112.	896,153.	4026136.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on					986.	986.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)	7,380.	1,595.	1,572.	69,216.	46,084.	125,847.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						14525552.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)				12		8,507,165.

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 ► **Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	64.80	%
15 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	64.00	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2017. 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 - 2016. 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 - 2017. 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 VI 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 - 2016. 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 VI 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"/>	

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2017

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 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) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(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) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(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 VI)						
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 2017 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2017 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2017. 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 ►

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2016. 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 ►

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ►

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," *describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain*

2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," *explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2)*

3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below

b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," *describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination*

c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," *explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use*

4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below

b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," *describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations*

c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," *explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes*

5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).

b **Type I or Type II only.** Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?

c **Substitutions only.** Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?

6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.

7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.

b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.

c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.

10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer 10b below.

b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3a		
3b		
3c		
4a		
4b		
4c		
5a		
5b		
5c		
6		
7		
8		
9a		
9b		
9c		
10a		
10b		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

- A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?
- A family member of a person described in (a) above?
- A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.

Yes	No
11a	
11b	
11c	

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year

2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization

Yes	No
1	
2	

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s)

Yes	No
1	

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?

2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s)

3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard

Yes	No
1	
2	
3	

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).

- The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below
- The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below
- The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions)

2 Activities Test Answer (a) and (b) below.

a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities

b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement

Yes	No
2a	
2b	

3 Parent of Supported Organizations Answer (a) and (b) below.

a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.

b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.

Yes	No
3a	
3b	

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI.) **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Net short-term capital gain	1		
2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
3 Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
4 Add lines 1 through 3	4		
5 Depreciation and depletion	5		
6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
7 Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
8 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8		
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)			
a Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b Average monthly cash balances	1b		
c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d		
e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):			
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2		
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3		
4 Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4		
5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5		
6 Multiply line 5 by 035	6		
7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7		
8 Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8		
Section C - Distributable Amount		Current Year	
1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1		
2 Enter 85% of line 1	2		
3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3		
4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4		
5 Income tax imposed in prior year	5		
6 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6		
7 <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)			

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Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2017	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2017 (reasonable cause required- explain in Part VI) See instructions			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017			
a			
b From 2013			
c From 2014			
d From 2015			
e From 2016			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2012 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2017 from Section D, line 7. \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2017, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2017 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a Excess from 2013			
b Excess from 2014			
c Excess from 2015			
d Excess from 2016			
e Excess from 2017			

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Part VI

Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10, Part II, line 17a or 17b, Part III, line 12.

Supplemental Information: Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part III, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information (See instructions.)

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														
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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 separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(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 on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
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.
2a 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).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?	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	1
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	2a
b Carryover from last year	2b
c Total	2c
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3
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)	4
	5

Part IV Supplemental Information

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, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information

PART II-B, LINE 1, LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:

ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA ARE CONDUCTED
LARGELY THROUGH THE NATIONAL AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION (NAL) COMMITTEE.

THE NAL KEEPS THE GCA MEMBERSHIP CURRENT ON FEDERAL POLICY INITIATIVES

THAT RELATE TO THE GCA'S MISSION AND POSITION PAPERS; IDENTIFIES

ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES BASED ON THE GCA'S POSITION PAPERS; ENCOURAGES

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

PERIODIC MEMBERSHIP CALLS TO ACTION, AND PLANS AND EXECUTES THE ANNUAL NAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE NAL MEETING IS HELD ANNUALLY FOR APPROXIMATELY 300 CLUB PARTICIPANTS. PARTICIPANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THEIR RESPECTIVE CONGRESSPERSONS REGARDING THE INITIATIVES ON WHICH THE NAL HAS FOCUSED. LOBBYING ACTIVITIES ARE LIMITED TO ISSUES THAT AFFECT THE ENVIRONMENT, ARE NONPARTISAN AND DO NOT SUPPORT ANY CANDIDATES FOR OR CURRENT HOLDERS OF POLITICAL OFFICES.

THERE ARE MINIMAL MAILINGS TO CLUB MEMBERS; MOST COMMUNICATIONS TO CLUB MEMBERS ARE EFFECTED THROUGH THE CONSTANT CONTACT ("CC") WEB SERVICE. THIS SERVICE COSTS THE GCA \$1,000 PER YEAR, AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT NO MORE THAN HALF OF THE COMMUNICATION THROUGH CC IS FOR LOBBYING EFFORTS. THEREFORE IN AN EFFORT TO BE CONSERVATIVE, WE ARE ESTIMATING NO MORE THAN THE \$1,000 SUM.

SCHEDULE D

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

► Attach to Form 990.

► Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Name of the organization

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICAEmployer identification number
13-1626773**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> 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
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►	
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, 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)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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" on 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) Revenue included on 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 Revenue included on 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 Public exhibition
b Scholarly research
c Preservation for future generations

d Loan or exchange programs
e Other _____

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" on 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

c Beginning balance
d Additions during the year
e Distributions during the year
f Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No

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

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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	30,711,626.	27,431,429.	28,721,333.	28,426,446.	25,752,633.
b Contributions	2,666,517.	645,086.	196,853.	150,266.	311,648.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	2,693,898.	3,487,103.	-302,365.	518,362.	2,955,152.
d Grants or scholarships			328,700.	313,131.	287,439.
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	-1,356,038.	851,992.	855,692.	60,610.	205,548.
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	34,716,003.	30,711,626.	27,431,429.	28,721,333.	28,426,446.

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► 5.50 %
b Permanent endowment ► 55.46 %
c Temporarily restricted endowment ► 39.04 %

The percentages on 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

(i) unrelated organizations
(ii) related organizations

b If "Yes" on line 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

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(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		768,098.	401,203.	366,895.
d Equipment		122,532.	45,874.	76,658.
e Other		166,544.	73,208.	93,336.

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) ► 536,889.

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Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b 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) VENTURE CAPITAL &		
(B) PARTNERSHIPS	3,216,961.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(C) CASH HELD FOR INVESTMENT	873,553.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ►	4,090,514.	

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c See Form 990, Part X, line 13

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ►		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d See Form 990, Part X, line 15

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15) ►	

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f See Form 990, Part X, line 25

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value	
(1) Federal income taxes		
(2) LIABILITY UNDER CHARITABLE		
(3) REMAINDER UNITRUST	149,822.	
(4) DEFERRED RENT	450,268.	
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25) ►	600,090.	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions 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

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	8,875,193.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-3,807,879.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	80,784.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-3,727,095.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	12,602,288.
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	101,970.
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	101,970.
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	12,704,258.

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	4,463,927.
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	65,803.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	65,803.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	4,398,124.
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	101,970.
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	101,970.
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	4,500,094.

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

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

PART III, LINE 1A:

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA'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:

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA'S LIBRARY, RARE BOOKS AND BOTANICAL DRAWINGS ARE AVAILABLE TO GCA CLUB MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR VIEWING BY APPOINTMENT. THEY ARE MAINTAINED AS PART OF THE GCA'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION IN THE FIELDS OF HORTICULTURE, GARDEN DESIGN, AND RELATED AREAS

OF INTEREST.

PART V, LINE 4:

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA'S ENDOWMENT FUNDS CONSIST OF BOARD-DESIGNATED ENDOWMENTS AND DONOR-RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUNDS ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT SPECIFIC PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS, AND TO SUPPORT THE GCA'S ANNUAL OPERATIONS.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

CHANGE IN VALUE OF INTEREST IN CHARITABLE REMAINDER

UNITRUST 14,981.

COST OF GOODS SOLD SHOWN AS EXPENSE IN AUDITED FINANCIAL

STATEMENTS 65,803.

TOTAL TO SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 2D 80,784.

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

COST OF GOODS SOLD SHOWN AS EXPENSE IN AUDITED FINANCIAL

STATEMENTS 65,803.

SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Statement of Activities Outside the United States**

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

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Name of the organization

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICAEmployer identification number
13-1626773**Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

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

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

3 Activities per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in the region	(d) Activities conducted in the region (by type) (such as, fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in the region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in the region
CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN - ANTIGUA & BARBUDA, ARUBA, BAHAMAS,			INVESTMENT		627,559.
3 a Sub-total	0	0			627,559.
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0.
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			627,559.

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Schedule F (Form 990) 2017

Part II: Gra

Migrants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or council has provided a section 501(c)(2) contribution letter.

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has

301 (c)(3) equivalence letter

School Year 2008-2009

Part IV Foreign Forms

1 Was the organization a U S transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U S Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)* Yes No

2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A, don't file with Form 990)* Yes No

3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U S Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471)* Yes No

4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621)* Yes No

5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U S Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)* Yes No

6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713, don't file with Form 990)* Yes No

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds), Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method, amounts of investments vs expenditures per region), Part II, line 1 (accounting method), Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information. See instructions.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col (c))
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts				
	2 Less. Contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses				
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				►
	11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				►

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				►
	8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)				►

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states?

Yes No

b If "No," explain _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year?

Yes No

b If "Yes," explain _____

11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a The organization's facility	13a	%
b An outside facility	13b	%

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ► _____

Address ► _____

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ _____

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ► _____

Address ► _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ► _____

Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____

Description of services provided ► _____

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ _____

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information. See instructions

SCHEDULE G, PART I, LINE 2B, LIST OF TEN HIGHEST PAID FUNDRAISERS:

(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: JOHNSON, GROSSNICKLE AND ASSOCIATES

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER: 29 S PARK BLVD, GREENWOOD, IN 46143

PART I, LINE 2B, COLUMN (V):

JOHNSON, GROSSNICKLE AND ASSOCIATES ("JGA") WAS PAID \$61,225 FOR

CONSULTING SERVICES RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH AN ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN
UNDERTAKEN BY THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA. JGA PROVIDED ONLY CONSULTATION.

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

SERVICES REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DONOR DATABASE, AND THE PROCESS OF SOURCING, TRACKING AND SOLICITING DONORS. JGA PERFORMED NO FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES, DID NOT SOLICIT DONATIONS, AND RECEIVED NO FUNDS, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM DONORS. JGA DID NOT PRODUCE ANY PRINTED MATERIALS FOR THE GCA.

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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

► Attach to Form 990.

Name of the organization
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Part I	General Information on Grants and Assistance	Employer identification number 13-1626773
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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 Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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 noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
AUGUSTA GARDEN CLUB 503 MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE STAUNTON, VA 24401	54-1237540	501(c)3	10,000.	0.			APPROVED PROJECT
KETTLE MORaine GARDEN CLUB PO BOX 22 NASHOTAH, WI 53058	39-6081392	501(c)3	30,000.	0.			APPROVED PROJECT
LATE BLOOMERS GARDEN CLUB 3725 MCGIRTS BLVD. JACKSONVILLE, FL 32210	59-35594222	501(c)3	10,000.	0.			APPROVED PROJECT
LONGWOOD GARDENS, INC. P.O. BOX 501 KENNETT SQUARE, PA 19348	51-0110625	501(c)3	18,106.	0.			APPROVED PROJECT
MAGNOLIA GARDEN CLUB 148 S DOWLEN ROAD BEAUMONT, TX 77707	27-4374251	501(c)3	10,000.	0.			APPROVED PROJECT
PORLAND GARDEN CLUB 3096 NW 126TH PLACE PORTLAND, OR 97229	93-0427037	501(c)3	10,000.	0.			APPROVED PROJECT
2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table							10.
3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table							0.

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2017)

Part II Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States (Schedule I) (Form 990, Part II)

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
 Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) 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 noncash assistance
SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS	73	308,784	0		

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

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 J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

► Attach to Form 990.

► Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items

<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as, maid, chauffeur, chef)

1b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization

a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?

b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III

	Yes	No
1b		
2		
4a	X	
4b	X	
4c	X	
5a	X	
5b	X	
6a	X	
6b	X	
7	X	
8	X	
9		

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of?

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2017

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii).

Do not list any individuals that aren't listed on Form 990 Part VII

Note: The sum of columns (B)-(E) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990 Part VII Section A line 1a applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) JENNIFER BARNETTE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER	(i) 136,304.	15,507.	0.	0.	7,907.	12,640.	172,358.
	(ii) 0.	0.			0.	0.	0.
	(iii) 0.						
	(i) 0.						
	(ii) 0.						
	(iii) 0.						
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Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II Also complete this part for any additional information

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**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

OMB No 1545-0047

2017

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Internal Revenue Service

- Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- Attach to Form 990.
- Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

Name of the organization

Employer identification number
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Part I | Types of Property

(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
X		2,880.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
X		89,586.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
X	1	15,300.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
X	1	9,600.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
X	1	6,300.	FAIR MARKET VALUE

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

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30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

b If "Yes," describe in Part II

33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II

	Yes	No
30a		X
31	X	
32a		X

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Schedule M (Form 990) 2017

Part II

Supplemental Information. Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information

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.

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

EDUCATION, AND TO RESTORE, IMPROVE, AND PROTECT THE QUALITY OF THE
ENVIRONMENT.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND ACTION
IN THE FIELDS OF CONSERVATION AND CIVIC IMPROVEMENT.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

YOUR FUTURE.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

MEDALS & AWARDS

THE GCA AWARDS BRONZE MEDALS FOR NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND FOR CERTAIN
HONORS AT GCA FLOWER SHOWS.

EXPENSES \$ 82,574. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 400.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

THE FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE COO, AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. FOLLOWING
THAT REVIEW, THE FORM 990 IS DISTRIBUTED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD PRIOR TO
FILING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

ANYONE IN A VOLUNTARY OR PAID POSITION WITH THE GCA AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL
AND ALL OTHERS ACTING ON ITS BEHALF MUST AVOID ANY ETHICAL, LEGAL AND
FINANCIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST; THIS INCLUDES ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2017)

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ZONE DIRECTORS, ZONE CHAIRMEN, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND STAFF. THOSE SERVING IN SUCH A POSITION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL ARE REQUIRED TO REVIEW A POLICY ON CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INTERESTS ANNUALLY, PROHIBITING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN MATTERS IN WHICH THEY HAVE A CONFLICT. ANNUALLY, THEY MUST ALSO COMPLETE A DISCLOSURE FORM ON WHICH POSSIBLE CONFLICTS (I.E., SERVICE AS A DIRECTOR OR A CONSULTANT TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT MIGHT PROVIDE GOODS OR SERVICES TO THE GCA) ARE DISCLOSED. NO CONFLICTS WERE REPORTED OR REALIZED IN 2018. WHILE NO CONFLICTS WERE REPORTED OR REALIZED IN 2018, ANY REPORTED OR REALIZED CONFLICTS WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE COO AND THE BOARD FOR REVIEW.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A:

IN DETERMINING COMPENSATION OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THIRD-PARTY COMPARABILITY DATA AS TO SALARY AND BENEFITS, AND DOCUMENTS A DECISION IN WRITING. THIS PROCESS WAS LAST UNDERTAKEN IN 2018. THE ORGANIZATION HAS NO OTHER COMPENSATED OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA DOES NOT MAKE ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, OR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

FORM 990, PART VIII, LINE 1F

GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$3,115,565 PRIMARILY INCLUDE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THROUGH AN ON-GOING ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN. \$2,880,958 OF THE ABOVE SUM REPRESENTS CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH ARE PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED AND CANNOT BE USED FOR PROGRAM SERVICES OR OPERATING EXPENSES. ONLY THE EARNINGS ON THE PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED MONIES MAY BE USED FOR PROGRAM

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SERVICES OR OPERATING EXPENSES.FORM 990, PART VIII, LINE 7D

THE NET GAIN ON THE SALE OF SECURITIES OF \$5,753,329 REPRESENTS SALES OF SECURITIES WHICH ARE IN A POOLED INVESTMENT ACCOUNT. APPROXIMATELY 39% OF THE POOLED INVESTMENTS REPRESENTS PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED MONIES WHICH CANNOT BE USED FOR OPERATING OR PROGRAM EXPENSES. APPROXIMATELY 56% OF THE POOLED INVESTMENTS REPRESENTS TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED MONIES OF WHICH A MAXIMUM OF 4.75% MAY BE WITHDRAWN ANNUALLY FOR PROGRAM SERVICES OR OPERATING EXPENSES . THE NET GAIN ON THE SALE OF SECURITIES WAS THE RESULT OF A REBALANCING OF THE PORTFOLIO BY THE GCA'S INVESTMENT MANAGERS, AND WAS FULLY REINVESTED.

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9, CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:CHANGE IN VALUE OF INTEREST IN CHARITABLE REMAINDERUNITRUST

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Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

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Part II : Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations during the tax year

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

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Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership treated as a partnership during the tax year

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

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 related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
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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

Part VII **Supplemental Information.**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions