

Edelweiss Garden Club, Inc. (EGC) Membership Form

2022 - 2023

www.edelweissgardenclub.com

For Club Use

Amt. _____ # _____

Roster ___ File ___

To make sure that your name is included in the Yearbook, please remit dues (if applicable). **Make check to EGC (\$6.00) and return to Edelweiss Garden Club, Membership Chair, P.O. Box 264, Gaylord, Michigan 49734-0264 by May 1. Questions? edelweissgardenclub@gmail.com**

Name: _____

For club year May 1 through April 30. (Proposed Updated Membership categories - see definitions on Page 3.)

Membership Type **New** **Renewal**

Active and Associate Dues: \$6.00 (For National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. dues)

Active (Full Time Resident) **Active (Part Time, Summer Friend)**

Active (Business, Employed, Family Manager) **Associate**

Non-dues:

Honorary **Emeritus** **Emeritus** (with \$6.00 dues for National and Michigan Garden Clubs membership)

Membership Information for Yearbook:

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip Code +4** _____ - _____

PRIMARY

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Birthdate: MM/DD (Optional) _____

Providing your email allows EGC to send you monthly announcements, special notices and electronic newsletters.

For renewals, please verify existing information in the Yearbook.

Check a box if you are a:

- Master Gardener
- NGC Gardening, Landscape, or Environmental Consultant (circle)
- NGC Flower Show Judge

Check one:

- I hereby grant the EGC to use my name and/or photograph in publications (announcements and newsletters) and other written materials, on its website or in news releases to the media.
- I do not grant the EGC the right to use my name and/or photograph.

Experience you would like to contribute to EGC:

- Book Keeping/Accounting Fundraising Computer (Specify) _____ Event Coordinator
- Writing/Public Relations Photography Other Board Experience Willing to serve on the Board?
- Previous Garden Club Member : Club Name _____

Signature

____/____/____
Date

Club Committees and Projects offer opportunities to get involved and are described on the back of this form.

Please check one or more which interest you.

Name _____

ACTIVE MEMBER (Community Gardening Requirement)

Time commitment May-October (8 -15 hours overall in one of 9 gardens with other team members)

Choose location:

- Otsego County Courthouse (East, Center and West)
- Otsego County Sportsplex Energy Outlet Quarter Mile Walking Track (Native Plant, Daisy, Lilac and Hydrangea, Hosta, Memorial and Entrance)

ACTIVE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (Choose one or both 2022 Community Events)

- All Community Trunk Plant Exchange** (Saturday, June 18, Sportsplex Parking Lot, 10-Noon.)
- Gaylord in Bloom** Residential and Business Front Yard Awards (The week before Alpenfest which is being held July 12-17, Members will work as teams with other club members, neighbors and friends to judge on assigned streets. (3-5 hours to walk a neighborhood or drive by, and can be done over several days' time.)

ACTIVE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (Choose one 2022 Committee or available Officer Position.)

- Archiving and Preservation of Historical Records** - Inventory, scan some contents for website and prepare documents for permanent location Otsego County Library - Archive Room.
- Awards and Grants** - Work with Board to identify and write annual State Award applications.
- Coffee Committee** - When Meetings are held at the Library, make coffee before meeting and clean up kitchenette after and arrange snacks if needed. Can volunteer for month of choice.
- Event Storage** - Garden Walk and Plant Exchange signs, tent.
- Fundraising Committee** - Although in 2022, there will be no fundraisers, the committee can recommend ideas to the Club for 2023 and 2024.
- Hospitality** - Greeters at Meetings (depends on health regulations).
- Membership and Holiday Get Togethers** - Plan venue with 1st Vice President and inform Members.
- Mentoring** - Go over Yearbook and Membership materials with new members.
- Monthly e-Blasts (Newsletters)** - Work with Board Members to provide up to date information on club activities and events, education and projects
- Photography** - Take pictures of gardens and events for publicity, history and yearbook.
- Program and Speakers** - Contact speakers, greet, assist with special set-ups and introduce Speaker to Club. Members may share these duties with other members on the committee.
- Social Media (Facebook)** - Send out information for all club events including meetings.
- Website** - Work with Otsego County Library to keep our website up to date, adding and removing items.
- Yearbook** - Assist in collecting information, proof reading, typing and getting ready for print.

Or instead of Serving on a Committee, be a Board Director.

- Board Director Positions (Three needed. Consultants that can work online or from home)

From EGC Bylaws: Article IV Officers: Definition of Directors

Directors serve as advisers, overseeing the policy and direction of EGC.

PROPOSED ACTIVE AND ASSOCIATE REQUIREMENTS FOR BYLAWS REVISION

1. **ACTIVE (Full Time Resident)** Shall be limited to those who pay their annual dues and share fully in the activities of EGC, Inc. Active Members are expected to attend a minimum of five (5) monthly meetings and shall have full voting rights.
2. **ACTIVE (Part Time Resident)** A Member who is unable to fulfill the yearly meeting attendance requirements due to living part of the year in a distant location. Part Time Residents are required to attend a minimum of three (3) monthly meetings, pay dues and shall have the full voting rights and responsibilities of an Active Member.
3. **ACTIVE (Business, Employed, Household Manager)** A Member who has limited ability to attend monthly meetings due to their work schedule or home responsibilities, but, supports the objectives of the club through gardening duties and committee work. (This person may hold office in a flexible position in lieu of a committee requirement.) This is a dues and voting membership category.
4. **ASSOCIATE** A Member who meets all Active Member requirements, but is unable to perform gardening duties due to medical or extenuating circumstances. A member may make a written request to the First Vice President, Membership Chairperson for change of status. This is a dues and voting membership category. An Associate Member may hold office.

NON-MEMBERS OR PREVIOUS ACTIVE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

5. **HONORARY** A Non-Member recognized for their outstanding contribution to EGC, Inc.'s objectives. An Honorary Member shall have none of the obligations of membership in the club, but, will have all of the privileges except those of making motions, voting, holding office or payment of dues. This status is approved by vote of the EGC, Inc. membership.
6. **EMERITUS** A Member who held a previous membership status and has rendered notable service to the Club. An Emeritus Member will have all rights and privileges of members except voting, making motions and shall have no dues obligations. This status is approved by vote of the EGC, Inc. membership.
 - An Emeritus Member may elect to pay Michigan and National Garden Clubs, Inc. dues to maintain consultant and flower show judge credentials; and/or to attend meetings, schools and conferences.
 - If the status of an Emeritus member changes such that the individual meets the requirements for Active Membership, voting rights may be restored by action of the Executive Board.
 - Emeritus members for whom voting rights have been restored shall continue to retain their Emeritus standing.