

THE TRYON GARDEN CLUB
New Member Application
2023-2024

Welcome to the Tryon Garden Club! Not your typical garden club, our mission is to protect, beautify, educate, and collaborate. We own, operate, and maintain Pearson’s Falls and Glen, a national treasure. Club members are actively involved in beautification projects in Polk County, including maintaining the Depot Garden in Tryon. We provide informative, nature- and garden-related lectures that are open to the public, as well as education for children and adults at the Falls. Our board collaborates with other County and State organizations to accomplish projects that fit within our mission.

Dues for adults are \$50.00 a year. Junior memberships are available for youth ages 12-18 as of January 1 of the date of application. Dues for junior members are \$25.00 a year. Memberships include an individual annual admission to Pearson’s Falls and Glen. Dues are tax deductible.

We have a number of resources available to you. Please visit www.pearsonsfalls.org, where you can find the members login within the Tryon Garden Club section. You will be given the password when we receive your application.

Please make your check payable to Tryon Garden Club.

Mail your check and form to: Tryon Garden Club
 336 Woody Circle
 Tryon, NC 28782
 ATTN: Jackie Weedon, Membership

Name (how you want it listed in the roster):					
Mailing address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Home phone:		Cell phone:			
Email:		Name of your significant other for the roster:			

Dues: <input type="checkbox"/> Adult \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Junior \$25		
I wish to make a further tax-deductible contribution. Please earmark the donation to one of the following:		
<input type="checkbox"/> TGC General Fund		
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Grant Program Fund (see description on page 2)		
Total:		

RELEASE FOR PUBLICATION AND WEBSITE

Before sharing a name, information, and/or photograph in a publication or on our website, the Tryon Garden Club requires a signed release form from all adults or from the parent or legal guardian of any youth under 18 as of January 1 of the application date. The signature grants us the right to use the name, photograph, biography, city, state, country, and article information, without compensation, on our website and in any publication or written material.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If this is not your application, relationship to member: _____

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Volunteer Information

To keep the Tryon Garden Club a flourishing and vibrant organization, we depend on our club members to volunteer on one or more of our committees. Your experiences and interests are welcome additions, and we appreciate your time and talent to make this a great organization. You will work with the committee chairs for your volunteer duties.

Plan to devote five to ten hours per year to each committee you select.

Depot Garden Committee: Do you love gardening and learning from others? Join the team that maintains the Depot Garden in Tryon.	
Pearson's Falls Education/Docents Program: Share your love for Pearson's Falls and Glen's flora by joining the Docent Program. Assist the Pearson's Falls Chair with identifying and coordinating educational opportunities for adults and children outside of our general meetings. We'll provide an orientation and materials to help you learn more about the uniqueness of the Glen.	
Pearson's Falls Gate Volunteers: Do you enjoy interacting with the public? Be a welcoming gatekeeper when our employees are on vacation or have other duties. An orientation is included for new gatekeepers.	
Pearson's Falls Projects Team: If you are physically able and willing to get your hands dirty, there are many projects that you can help with. Join the Wednesday morning volunteer crew who work with Andy Ruff, our terrific operations manager, to maintain our mountain treasure.	
Historian/Archives Committee: Do you love our history? Work with the Tryon Garden Club's Historian to help maintain historical records, preserve TGC archives, and share our story with others.	
Hospitality/Events: Provide a warm welcome to our members and the public by providing snacks and beverages at our general meetings. Assist with planning our May membership meeting and other celebrations. No, you won't be asked to do something every month!	
Member Outreach: Having a vibrant membership is a high priority. Use your welcoming attitude and social skills to encourage new membership and engage with new and current members.	
Promotion/Publicity: Sharing our story and upcoming events is important to our mission, both as a club and for Pearson's Falls and Glen. There are a variety of ways for you to get involved, including connecting with local resorts and welcome centers to distribute rack cards or writing publicity articles.	
Community Grant Program: This program focuses on beautification and educational projects. Beautification projects focus on our area and the natural world. Educational projects focus on the youth in our area. Join this committee to help identify needs and work with other organizations to award these grants.	

If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Jackie Weedon at weedon@windstream.net.