

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** *Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel.*

**CONTACT:** Hampton Inn & Suites Portsmouth at (603) 430-3033

Located at 23 Portwalk Place (100 Deer Street) Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

**Be sure to mention:** “NGC” in order to receive your discounted double room (2 beds) rate of \$149 + tax. **NOTE:** This room rate includes a complimentary hot breakfast buffet.

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVING ROOMS IS SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>** *(to guarantee lower rate).*  
Check-in time: 3 PM / Check-out time: 11 AM

**PARKING:** This hotel and its neighboring event center have the convenience of valet parking. Just drive up to the hotel or conference center, unload your car and it will be whisked away until you need it! Overnight parking is \$18 per night and you may take your car in and out of the garage as needed at no extra cost. “Day trippers” pay \$10 for all day parking. *(Split the cost with your fellow carpoolers)!*

**NOTE:** The Portsmouth Harbor Events & Conference Center (our event location) is located directly across the street from the hotel, literally steps away at 22 Portwalk Place.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE HAMPTON INN & SUITES PORTSMOUTH DOWNTOWN**  
23 Portwalk Place, Portsmouth, NH 03801

GPS Alternative: 100 Deer Street, Portsmouth, NH

**From the South:** Take Interstate 95 North to Exit 7 (Market Street). Make a right and follow for approximately 1 mile where you make a right hand turn onto Deer Street. Follow for 1/8 mile until you see Portwalk Place (and the blue awnings) and make a left hand turn.

**From the North:** Take Interstate 95 South to the first exit in NH which is Exit 7 (Market Street). Make a left and follow for approximately 1 mile where you make right hand turn onto Deer Street. Follow for 1/8 mile until you see Portwalk Place (and the blue awnings) and make a left hand turn.

## 81<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW ENGLAND REGION

### OUR STATE PRESIDENTS 2015 – 2017

*Jane W. Goodwin*  
New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

*Jane Waugh*  
The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.

*Suzanne Bushnell*  
The Garden Club Federation of Maine, Inc.

*Betty Sanders*  
The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

*Catherine Moore*  
Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

*Susan Hinkel*  
Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont, Inc.

81<sup>st</sup> New England Regional  
Annual Meeting

OCTOBER 20-21, 2015

Connecticut Maine Massachusetts

National Garden Club



New Hampshire Rhode Island Vermont

Presented by  
NEW HAMPSHIRE FEDERATION  
OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.  
President, Jane W. Goodwin

NEW ENGLAND REGION  
Director, Vera E. Bowen  
Theme: “Let’s Protect Tomorrow Today”

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.  
President, Sandra H. Robinson

PORTSMOUTH HARBOR EVENTS  
& CONFERENCE CENTER  
22 Portwalk Place  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

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**NEW ENGLAND REGION  
ANNUAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 20, 2015**

**2:00 – 4:00 PM REGISTRATION (Lobby)**

**AFTERNOON ON YOUR OWN:**

- Strawbery Banke
- Portsmouth’s Historic Homes
- Moffatt-Ladd House & Gardens
- Prescott Park Gardens
- Portsmouth Harbor
- Market Street area Boutiques & Gift Shops
- Unique Coffee Houses and many, more. (See listings).

*Be sure to visit our vendors located inside the function room*

**6:00 – 7:00 PM COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

In honor of: NER Director Vera E. Bowen and our Special Guest, NGC President Sandra H. Robinson.

**7:00 PM DINNER & PROGRAM**

*An Historical Journey Through the Evolution of Floral Design in New England*”. Erik Wochholz, Curator of Portsmouth’s *Strawbery Banke* will take us through several eras of floral history, from Early America through the Victorian era and up to the present while interspersing historical benchmarks and happenings of note in Portsmouth’s colorful history into his presentation. Mr. Wochholz will provide examples of these historical trends with floral pieces created by experienced Strawbery Banke volunteers, utilizing plant material grown at Strawbery Banke from heirloom seeds and naturally preserved. Some of the floral designs will be displayed in antique vases authentic to the time period from Strawbery Banke’s prized collection.

**Wednesday, October 21, 2015**

*NOTE: A hot breakfast buffet is included with your room reservation. Hours: 6 - 10 AM*

**7:00 – 9:00 AM REGISTRATION (Lobby)**

**9:15—10:30 AM 81<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL BUSINESS MTG—NER Director Vera Bowen, presiding**

**10:45 – 11:45 AM PROGRAM**

*Celia Thaxter’s Theatre Garden*”, in film. Our presenter will be **Peter E. Randall**, acclaimed photographer, author and the producer of this short film. Mr. Randall is also a noted historian and has published fourteen books, many specific to New England history and its coastal landscapes. Mr. Randall will delight us with the film he photographed while conducting research for his book *“Out on the Shoals: Twenty Years of Photography on the Isle of Shoals”* and he will discuss the making of it with us.

**12 – 1:00 PM SOCIAL TIME, SHOPPING & OPPORTUNITY DRAWING  
TICKET SALES**

**1:00 – 2:45 PM AWARDS LUNCHEON**

A buffet luncheon of New England favorites will be provided followed by the annual New England Region Awards presentations.

**3:00 PM OPPORTUNITY DRAWING**

***“WE URGE YOU TO TAKE PART IN  
YOUR NEW ENGLAND REGION  
ANNUAL MEETING”!***

**81<sup>st</sup> NER ANNUAL MTG. COMMITTEE**

NER Meeting Chairman: *Joyce Kimball*  
Meeting Registrar: *Mary Kaltenbach*  
Treasurer: *Jean Lawrie*

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**81<sup>st</sup> NEW ENGLAND REGION ANNUAL MEETING**  
*Please return this portion with your check made payable to:*

**NGC-NER 2015 ANNUAL MEETING**

**Mary Kaltenbach**

**121 Tuck Drive**

**Fremont, NH 03044**

Questions? Phone (603) 679-8853 or E-mail:

[mjkaltenbach@yahoo.com](mailto:mjkaltenbach@yahoo.com)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**Tuesday, OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**NER MEETING REGISTRATION FEE**

*(Required.....)* \$ 30.

**For Late Registration (after October 6<sup>th</sup>), please add a \$10 late fee.....**\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TUESDAY EVENING DINNER.....** \$ 40.\*

Locally-caught Baked Haddock \_\_\_\_\_

Herb Crusted Breast of Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your choice**

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON\*:** “Comfort Zone Buffet” consisting of Tomato Soup, Cobb Salad, Roasted Asparagus Salad, Steak tips, Macaroni & Cheese, Chicken Pot Pie & Fruit Cobbler for dessert.....\$ 28.

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Medical diet considerations:** \_\_\_\_\_

*[RE: Cancellations, please note that no refunds will be given after October 16<sup>th</sup>]*

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE#s:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

***Please note your current member status below***

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ___ NGC Board Member         | ___ State President       |
| ___ NGC Life Member          | ___ Club President        |
| ___ Regional Director        | ___ Club Member           |
| ___ Former Regional Director | ___ Guest                 |
| ___ Regional Board Member    | ___ Speaker or ___ Vendor |