

A SPRINGTIME GARDEN

English Teas and beautiful gardens go together. Using "A Springtime Garden", I would like to give you an illustration to help you plant your _____ Club Garden. ^{shown}

I can best explain by telling you about my garden. Through the center of my garden runs a path of flowers on both sides. A large bed of patience, a bed of hope, with a little vine of cheerfulness, some sprigs of gratitude and a huge crop of smiles. The bare spots are filled with clumps of faith and the soil is nurtured with prayer. Someday, my garden will become a place of true beauty.

Two Year Directors - _____ & _____ and One Year Directors _____ & _____, you will represent yellow flowers in the club garden. You are to use vision and foresight in the help you will give to your president. Through you, your club and members can look for ideas and knowledge . . . you will be responsible for keeping the vine of cheerfulness growing.

DO YOU ACCEPT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES?

Treasurer _____ you will represent pink flowers in the club garden. By electing you, our club has expressed their faith in your integrity and responsibility. It is your duty to collect dues, deposit funds in a savings and loan, pay authorized bills and administer the regional finances in an honest and business like manner. You will often need to walk the path between the flower beds of patience and hope.

DO YOU ACCEPT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES?

Secretaries _____ & _____, you must represent two colors of flowers in the regional garden since your responsibilities are recording minutes and answering correspondence. The lavender flowers represent efficiency and promptness in dealing with regional correspondence and the blue flowers represent accuracy and truth in your records of board meetings and conferences. You must also be willing to take charge of the clump of smiles.

DO YOU ACCEPT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES?

Vice President _____, you will represent peach flowers in the club garden. You are to be ready to serve in _____'s absence and perform additional duties as the club may require.

DO YOU ACCEPT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES?

President _____, your garden bouquet is composed of flowers of your officers; and most importantly, white which represents your members. Just as each officer is necessary to complete the planning, the growing and production our club's garden, each member of our club offers its own foliage, scent and color as well, and each is a beautiful reproduction of God's hand. You, President _____, above all will be responsible for nurturing the soil, with hard work, with enthusiasm and with prayer.

DO YOU ACCEPT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES?

(NAME THE OFFICERS) I know you will plant your garden well, may I suggest the following steps for your garden planting:

FIRST, PLANT 5 ROWS OF PEAS:

PATIENCE .. PRESENCE .. PURITY .. PROMPTNESS .. PREPARATION

THEN, 3 ROWS OF SQUASH:

SQUASH GOSSIP, SQUASH CRITICISM, SQUASH INDIFFERENCE

THEN, PLANT 5 ROWS OF LETTUCE:

LET US BE FAITHFUL TO DUTY
LET US BE UNSELFISH
LET US BE LOYAL
LET US BE HAPPY
AND LET US BE TRUE

AND, FINALLY NO GARDEN IS COMPLETE WITHOUT TURNIPS:

TURN UP FOR MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES
TURN UP WITH A SMILE
TURN UP WITH NEW IDEAS
TURN UP WITH NEW IDEAS
TURN UP WITH DETERMINATION TO MAKE EVERYTHING COUNT FOR
SOMETHING AND WORTHWHILE.

Members of _____, these are officers you have chosen for your region ... PLEASE SUPPORT THEM ... WORK WITH THEM ... AND TOGETHER, MAKE YOUR GARDEN GROW.

I hereby declare you duly installed for the 199 - 199 Biennium.

GOOD LUCK!

Props: Packages of flower seeds or silk flowers representing birthday of recipient