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# America's Largest Open House Welcomes the Next Generation: Historic Garden Week 2027 Highlights Children's Tickets

**RICHMOND, VA — November 18, 2026.** The Garden Club of Virginia's next Historic Garden Week will run April 17-24, 2027. To encourage families to explore the Commonwealth's rich botanical and architectural heritage together, the statewide event features a specially priced Child's Ticket for ages 5 to 17, priced at just $15, making it more accessible than ever and inspiring a lifelong love of nature and history in the next generation.

Now entering its 94th year, Historic Garden Week is widely known as "America's Largest Open House." As the nation's oldest house and garden tour and the only statewide event of its kind, it features 28 unique tours, from the rolling hills of the Shenandoah Valley to the scenic coastlines of the Tidewater region. Most tours are designed as full-day experiences and offer access to the interiors and exteriors of three to five private properties per tour.

Over eight days, visitors can step behind the garden gates of more than 100 private homes, along hidden pathways and amid manicured landscapes at the peak of spring bloom. Attendees will also experience more than 1,000 breathtaking, custom floral arrangements, handcrafted by the Garden Club of Virginia's dedicated volunteers.

"Historic Garden Week has always focused on education and community," said Jennifer Kelley, President of the Garden Club of Virginia, the event's organizer. "By offering a dedicated youth rate, we invite parents, grandparents, and mentors to share this immersive experience with young people. Walking through these stunning properties gives children a unique, up-close look at Virginia's history and environment."

- **Youth Ticket Options:** The Child's Ticket is $15 for ages 5 to 17 on participating tours. Children under age 5 are admitted free of charge when accompanied by a paying adult.
- **Family-Friendly Highlights:** Many 2027 tours feature highly engaging environments for younger minds, including the whimsical gardens of the Northern Neck, the peaceful koi pond and waterfall on the Petersburg/Hopewell tour, and the family playhouse, giant oak carvings, and barnyard animals on the Winchester-Clarke County tour.
- **Important Guidelines:** For safety and to avoid damaging the interiors of private properties, strollers are not permitted inside tour properties. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Advance tickets for individual tours go on sale online on February 15, 2027. For those planning an expansive itinerary, the Flower Magazine Statewide Pass is an option. Purchasing tickets in advance saves visitors $10 per adult ticket compared with day-of prices. Child tickets are available only online.

"The Child's Ticket was introduced last year, and many tours offered it. This year, our hosting clubs have responded positively, with 19 tours offering this special ticket," said Michelle Jennings, Historic Garden Week State Chairman. All proceeds from Historic Garden Week are reinvested directly in the community, funding the ongoing restoration of Virginia's historic public gardens and landscapes and supporting graduate-level landscape architecture research fellowships. "It's so nice to have an affordable way to welcome young families to this popular springtime event, which makes so much good work in our beautiful state possible," Jennings continued.

For a complete overview of the 2027 tour schedule, tour guidelines, and itinerary planning tools, please visit www.GCVirginia.org/historic-garden-week.