

PLANT-A-TREE

NEW OPTIONS FOR DONATIONS

AS OF January 2025

Thank you for your generous support of the Penny Pines Program over the years. Your gift of trees has helped play a vital role in reforestation and revitalizing our national forests and will be enjoyed by generations to come.

As you may know, the US Forest Service has made some recent changes to the program including a new name known as “Plant-A-Tree” and now offers an easier way to donate and support reforestation projects across the United States. As a result, National Garden Club has revised their donation method as well.

The good news is there are now two ways to donate. Either through National Garden Club, Inc., (NGC) or direct to the US Forest Service (USFS).

US FOREST SERVICE DONATION METHOD

1. **WHERE TO DONATE** To make a USFS donation and select a certificate, go directly to the USFS Plant-A-Tree webpage. Click on the URL address below (Control & Click) OR copy and paste the URL address into your search engine.

<https://plantatree.fs.usda.gov/tree-donation>

2. **WHAT TYPES OF PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED?** On the USFS donation webpage, donations are accepted through the secure government platform titled www.Pay.gov. Users can select to pay with your bank account (ACH), debit or credit card.
3. **DONATION AMOUNT** You can contribute any amount from \$10.00 to \$10,000.00. No service fee is applied to your donation.
4. **CERTIFICATES** In recognition for your donation, an optional customized “Plant-A-Tree” certificate can be sent to you or to another person named by you. You can choose from three styles of certificates and select to have the certificate honor, memorialize, or celebrate a loved one. And, you have *delivery preferences*: The USFS will email you a link to a downloadable PDF or ship you a printed certificate (only in the United States.)
5. **DONATING TO A SPECIFIED FOREST** Like the NGC program, you may choose to have your donation go to where it’s needed most or you may select a National Forest; however, the USFS reserves the right to utilize funds based on need.
6. **REPORTING** The amount of these donations will have to be tracked by each Garden Club and then reported to the District Director who will gather and then report the collected information to the Plant-A-Tree Chairman (currently Julie Darby) at email: kungfujulie@comcast.net to be combined with totals from NGC.

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NGC DONATION METHOD

1. **DONATE ONLINE** Donating online is the preferred way to reduce paper waste. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about donating through NGC.
2. **DONATE BY MAIL** For those who wish to donate by check, please [CLICK HERE](#) for further NGC Instructions on this donation method. All checks are payable to “NGC Plant-A-Tree.”
3. **DONATION AMOUNT** Previously, donations were made in increments of \$68.00. Donors can now contribute any amount, starting from as little as \$50.00 to as large as \$10,000.00. Donations through NGC are now subject to a 10% service fee.
4. **CERTIFICATES** As of May 31st, 2025, *mailed* certificates will no longer be provided in efforts to “Go Green.” However; if you provide an email address, NGC will send a “digital” certificate that donors can customize and print out themselves.
5. **DONATING TO A SPECIFIED FOREST** You may choose to have your donation go where it’s most needed or you may select a National Forest; however, the USFS reserves the right to utilize funds based on need. If you specify a National Forest where there is no tree planting need, then the donation may be used for planting trees on another forest.
6. **REPORTING** The amount of these donation will be tracked by NGC and reported to the state Plant-A-Tree Chairman so we all can see the impact we’re having on planting trees.

Both methods have been updated to streamline the donation process ensuring your support makes an immediate impact on our reforestation projects.

Again, thank you to our Garden Clubs for your ongoing commitment to our National Forests. Your generosity has and will continue to make a significant difference. Together, let’s nurture the “green heart” of our country through the “Plant-A-Tree” program.