

DESCRIPTION OF RIFGC STATE AWARDS – 2015 revised.

ENVIRONMENTAL CATEGORY

1. **ELIZABETH McCaffrey ARBOR DAY AWARD:** (originated 2004). \$25.00 may be awarded to the club presenting the most outstanding Arbor Day program. An additional \$75 gift, donated by Elizabeth McCaffrey, past president of RIFGC, may be awarded starting in 2004. Application must include description, pictures, and publicity.
2. **BIRD AWARD:** An award of \$25.00 may be given to the one club or individual who stages an exhibit of birds at a flower show or who has had a planned course of study or project. The award will be based on educational value, accuracy, and originality. (A club wishing to apply should notify the State Bird Chairman if the exhibit is included in a flower show.)
3. **JO MACINTOSH AWARD FOR CONSERVATION EDUCATION:** (award originated in 1957 - by Chatham Village Garden Club in 1980 in memory of Jo) \$25.00 may be awarded to an individual or club for an outstanding program, project or exhibit for Conservation Education for the current year.
4. **GORHAM AWARD FOR CONSERVATION EXCELLENCE:** (originated in 1968). \$25.00 may be presented to an individual or club of the RI Federation of Garden Clubs for the most outstanding work in either conservation of natural resources or promoting energy conservation awareness for the current year.
5. **PORTSMOUTH GARDEN CLUB MEMORIAL AWARD FOR LITTER CONTROL** (originated in 1980). \$25.00 may be awarded to the Garden Club that has activated the most community involvement in their litter control projects.
6. **KATHRYN M. SHEEHAN AWARD** (originated 1961). \$25.00 may be awarded to the club which has shown progress in an established program of Civic Beautification. Definite plans must be presented and some progress made toward completion. It may be a long-term project. The same club is not eligible for this award two years in succession.

FLOWER SHOW CATEGORY: **No Applications Necessary**

The following are judged by members of the RI Judges' Council:

- 7a **AWARD OF MERIT FOR FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT:** The RIFGC offers this award and \$25.00 to clubs who present a Standard or Small-Standard Flower Show according to the rules specified by NGC (refer to the current *Handbook for Flower Shows*) and to affiliates of RIFGC who hold Plant Society Shows.
- 7b **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION:** A Certificate of Recognition may be awarded to member clubs and affiliates of RIFGC for their presentation of, or participation in a non-Standard Flower Show.
- 8a **BARBARA SPRING LOWNES AWARD:** (first awarded in 1965). A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded if merited, to the club whose Horticulture Division, Education or Conservation (Special Exhibits Division) within a Standard or Small-Standard Flower Show is of exceptional quality. In house flower shows, not open to the public are ineligible.

- 8b HORTICULTURE AWARD:** This award of a certificate and \$25.00 may be given, at the discretion of the RI Judges' Council to a club of 39 members or less, who Horticulture Division with a Standard or Small-Standard Flower Show is of outstanding quality. In-house flower shows not open to the public, are ineligible.
- 9a FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARD:** (originated in 1970). This award of a certificate and \$25.00 may be presented to the garden club that created the most outstanding Standard Flower Show schedule. The award must go towards the registration fee for one club member to attend Flower Show School or Symposium. It is valid for two years from the date of issue. The winning club must contact the Chairman of the Judges' Council with the name of the recipient. Accredited Judges are not eligible to receive this award.
- 9b FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARD:** as above, but for a Small-Standard Flower Shows. A certificate and \$25.00 will be given to the garden club having the most outstanding Small-Standard Flower Show Schedule.
- 10a JUDGES' COUNCIL AWARD FOR STAGING A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW IN A PUBLIC BUILDING:** (originated in 1970). A certificate and \$50.00 may be awarded to a club for outstanding excellence and beauty in staging a Standard or Small-Standard Flower Show in one or more public buildings. **MOST** of the staging **MUST BE CREATED**. In-house flower shows, not open to the public are ineligible.
- 10b JEAN T. WHITAKER AWARD FOR A STANDARD HOME SHOW OR A STANDARD PLACEMENT SHOW:** A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded to a club for outstanding excellence and beauty in staging a Standard or Small-Standard Home Show or Standard Placement Show. **MOST** of the staging **MUST BE ACTUAL**. In-house flower shows not open to the public are ineligible.
- 10c RUTH F. ANDERSON AWARD:** (Originated in 2003) \$75.00 may be awarded to a club exhibiting overall excellence in a Small-Flower Show, staged in a home or a public building and conforming to the standards established by NGC.
- 10d IN-HOUSE FLOWER SHOW AWARD:** (Originated in 2014). A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded to a Standard or Small-Standard Flower Show for overall excellence in all Divisions according to the rules specified by NGC and judged by NGC judges.

GENERAL CATEGORY

- 11. MARYELLEN BLOUNT AWARD FOR GARDEN THERAPY** (originated 1978). \$25.00 may be awarded to the club sponsoring the most outstanding program of garden therapy whereby handicapped, disabled, homebound, or institutionalized individuals within the state have received noteworthy benefit according to the accepted meaning of garden therapy. Clubs applying for this award should present program plans, a record of personal services by members, and any other visual evidence.
- 13. FRANCES M. POITIER MEMBERSHIP AWARD** (originated 1972). \$25.00 may be awarded to the club with the greatest increase in RIFGC dues-paying members (actual number of paid members added) from the beginning to the end of the current awards year. If more than one club qualifies under the above provision, the award will be given to the club with the greatest percentage of increase. **NO APPLICATION NECESSARY.**

HORTICULTURE CATEGORY

14. **HORTICULTURE PROGRAM AWARD** (originated 1970). \$25.00 may be awarded to the club presenting the best SINGLE horticultural program at a club meeting during the year. Application should give details describing special or unusual features of the program such as exhibits or demonstrations.
15. **COMPREHENSIVE HORTICULTURE AWARD** (originated 1980). A book, donated by Sybil Simon, may be presented to the garden club which has had the best Comprehensive Program emphasizing Horticulture throughout their calendar year. The application should outline the horticultural project or projects, and must have visual evidence, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, or sketches.
16. **VIRGINIA M. GREENE AWARD** (originated 1985 by Angle Tree Garden Club). \$25.00 may be awarded to the club having the best in-depth study on herb culture.

JUNIOR CATEGORY

17. **JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.** This award of a book on gardening may be given to the senior garden club which does **NOT** sponsor a Junior Club, yet has achieved the most outstanding work with juniors in one or more projects during awards year. Application must include pictures and description of project including number of juniors participating and length of time project involved.
18. **JUNIOR OR INTERMEDIATE GARDENERS AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE.** This award of \$25.00 may be given to a senior garden club which sponsors a Junior or Intermediate Club that fulfills the NGC directives: a program of nine or more meetings on the subject of horticulture, conservation, nature study, flower arranging and flower show practice, with additional programs of two or more from other fields of endeavor. Applications should include description of each program and be accompanied by pictures.
19. **MARY N. SANTOPIETRO GARDEN THERAPY YOUTH AWARD** (originated 1983) \$25.00 may be awarded to the senior garden club, which may or may not have a sponsored Youth Garden Club, for presenting an exceptional garden therapy program by its youth reaching out to the elderly, handicapped, shut-ins, or institutionalized citizens. Applications must include description of the program for the year, number of meetings, pictures of youth actually performing the therapy, and newspaper clippings.

PROGRAM CATEGORY

All Program, Yearbook, and Newsletter applications are judged according to club size, determined by number of members on whom RIFGC dues are paid, and based on a report from the RIFGC Treasurer. \$25.00 to each class winner.

Membership classifications:

- Class 1 Clubs fewer than 20 members
- Class 2 Clubs of 20 – 29 members
- Class 3 Clubs of 30 – 44 members
- Class 4 Clubs of 45 – 69 members
- Class 5.Clubs of 70 – 99 members
- Class 6.Clubs of 100 –300 members

20. EDITH FRICKER PROGRAMS OF THE YEAR AWARD.

Mrs. Cyril Fricker was the RIFGC Program Chairman for many years. A certificate and \$50.00 may be awarded annually to those garden clubs which present the overall yearly Programs of greatest merit in their class. The Book of Evidence should include the following:

- (1) One copy of the **completed club year** Yearbook with an explanation of the Programs.
- (2) Any material pertaining to the Programs, or one copy of flower show schedule and/or one copy of garden tour program.
- (3) All material to be securely contained in an Oxford brief or presentation binder.
No more than 6 pages, both sides (12 sides) are allowed. Title page counts as page 1.

Evaluation Scale of Points: (A minimum of 75 pts. is required for an award.)

Program Content:

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| 1. Theme: | 5 pts |
| 2. Monthly Programs: | |
| a. Minimum of SEVEN meetings a year | 5 pts |
| b. Programs should support the theme including some of the following subjects: birds, civic beautification, conservation, design with plant material, flower shows, garden therapy, youth activities, horticulture, landscape design, legislation, litter control, memorial gardens, roadside development, visiting public gardens or projects of National Garden Clubs, Inc. | 20 pts |
| 3. Evidence of "member-leader" participation – such as speakers, exhibits of horticulture and/or flower arranging, workshops or field trips. | 10 pts |
| 4. Evidence of activities and/or study on listed community projects. These may include any community service project: such as civic beautification, garden therapy, flower show, etc. | 20 pts |
| 5. Workshops in horticulture and/or flower arranging | 10 pts |
| 6. Demonstrations of flower arranging (open meeting optional) | 5 pts |
| 7. Involvement with youth activities (describe) | 5 pts |
| 8. Minimum of one environmental program (or its equivalent). (Equivalent may be a part of every meeting, or a larger part of a specified number of meetings.) | 5 pts |
| 9. Minimum of one Bird Program (or its equivalent, described above). | 5 pts |
| 10. Presentation for Award: neat, concise, and coherent. | <u>10 pts</u> |
| TOTAL | 100 pts |

21. GARDEN CLUB YEARBOOK AWARDS. Certificates of Merit and \$25.00 may be awarded to clubs in the six membership classifications. Two Copies of the yearbook must be submitted to the State Awards Committee by the **RIFGC October Board Meeting**. They become the property of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs. **NGC APPLICATION FORM IS REQUIRED**, the following rules must be observed carefully in order that all of the requirements are fulfilled in your yearbook. Clubs may apply for Program and Yearbook Awards in the same year.

YEARBOOK JUDGING CRITERIA

SCALE OF POINTS

FORMAT:

15 pts

A. BOOK STRUCTURE

3 pts

Practical, convenient size, durable, neat

B. ARRANGEMENT OF CONTENTS

1. Cover

2 pts

Name of club, town, state, year, (design optional); If permanent binder cover is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information on cover and so note.

2. Title Page

2 pts

Name of club, town, state, year, number of members, affiliated organizations (district, state, region, NGC, other)

3. Subsequent pages (in any order most useful to members)

6 pts

Club officers; club membership roster with complete mailing addresses and telephone numbers; names and addresses of NGC President, NGC Regional Director, State President; Calendar of events.

C. OPTIONS: club's choice to include bylaws, budget, fund raising, roll call.

2 pts

NGC/Region/State themes; club theme, if used, should be evident throughout the book.

D. PROGRAMS (judged upon quality and balance of programs)

50 pts

Study and variety of NGC Goals and Objectives such as:

Birds, Blue Star Memorials, Butterflies, Civic Achievement, Conservation, Environment, Floral Design, Flower Shows, Historic Preservation, Horticulture, Horticulture Therapy, Landscape Design, Legislation, Litter Control, Roadside Beautification, US and World Gardens, Wildflowers, World Gardening, Youth, etc.

- 1. At least seven meetings per year. 3pts
- 2. Date, location/address, time of meeting 3pts
- 3. Speaker's name, qualifications, (brief) program title 4pts.
- 4. Programs, workshops, tours, furthering NGC goals and objectives 4pts
Give brief word description (lecture, slides, demonstration, Power Point, hands on workshop

 - a) Variety of program topics (Theme not required) video 14pts
 - b) Variety of styles of programs (lectures, power-points, demos. 12pts
 - c) Variety of speakers (specialists, members, panels, etc. 14pts

E. PROJECTS (judged upon scope of projects)

35 pts

Projects involve actual membership participation that benefit the community and further NGC Goals and Objectives (does not include fund-raising or social activities)

- 1. List continuing projects and new participating projects 15pts
- 2. Give brief word description of projects: who benefits, 20pts
Location, how community benefits, how members are expected to participate, chairman, etc. List donations:

amount, in-kind donations, to whom, sale of state/NGC products.

TOTAL: 100pts

Winners in each class may be submitted to the New England Region Awards Committee for a Regional Award given by NGC.

SPECIAL CATEGORY

22. CAROLYN B. HAFFENREFFER AWARD. - NO APPLICATION NECESSARY (Revised 2004)

This award was given by Mrs. Carl W. Haffenreffer to encourage and promote activity in the garden clubs of RIFGC. The club earning the greatest number of points during the year will be awarded \$50.00. The same club is not eligible for this award two years in succession. Eligibility will be determined from information provided in the submitted Edith Fricker Books of Evidence.

(1) Community Service (social agencies, holiday participation, garden therapy, Habitat for Humanity, Blue Star Memorial, etc.)	10 pts
(2) Civic Beautification (outdoor plantings and improvements)	10 pts
(3) Standard Flower Show, Small-Standard Flower Show, or Garden Tour	15 pts
(4) Course of study of planned program on Horticulture and Conservation	12 pts
(5) Garden related Field Trip (planned part of club program)	4 pts
(6) RI Federation activities	5 pts.
a. Book Service (percentage of members ordering)	
b. Representation at annual Meetings (based on percentage of membership)	
c. Participation in State Ways and Means Projects	
(7) RI Federation Executive Board Attendance	5 pts
(8) Yearbook (National Garden Club requirements)	10 pts
(9) Junior Activities	8 pts
(10) Awards won previous year	5 pts
a. RI Federation of Garden Clubs	
b. NGC	
(11) Constitution and Bylaws (include copy)	3 pts
(12) Litter and Pollution Control	6 pts
(13) Percentage of Members subscribing to <i>The National Gardener</i>	4 pts
(14) Edith Fricker Book of Evidence presentation	3 pts
TOTAL	100 pts

23. ELY MEDAL OF BEAUTY (originated 1961). The Ely Medal of Beauty may be awarded to a club member or an individual for any outstanding contribution of beauty in any phase of garden club activity. **NO APPLICATION NECESSARY.**

24A. THE SYLVIA STREET AWARD. This award of a certificate and \$25.00 was established by the Dirt Gardeners Garden Club to be given to the most creative arranger of the year. Design must have been exhibited at an NGC or RIFGC related function. Send a photo 4x6 or larger and a description of the design, stating date, and place, to the **RI Judges' Council Chairman** by **February 1st** **These applications are judged by out-of-state judges.**

24B. THE JOAN F. PESOLA AWARD. (originated 2003) by the Barrington Garden Club in memory of Past President, Joan Pesola. A Certificate and \$25.00 is awarded to the arranger of the best design in the Traditional or Oriental manner. Design must have been exhibited at an NGC or RIFGC related function. Send a photo 4x6 or larger and a description of the design stating date and place, to the **RI Judges' Council Chairman** by **February 1st.** **These applications are judged by out-of-state judges.**

25. RI FEDERATION PROJECT OF MERIT AWARD. An Award of \$25.00 may be given to the club sponsoring the most outstanding project. A three page (one side) application with a photograph of the completed project should be submitted.

26. THE SILVER TROWEL GARDEN TOUR AWARD (originated 2003). This award is given for a garden tour sponsored by one or more member clubs that includes five or more gardens. Public gardens

maintained by club/s may be included; open homes are optional, and a Standard Flower Show may be included. A book of evidence with a maximum of six pages front and back, shall be submitted. Include a descriptive tour program with a concise map showing locations of gardens, and details supporting how the theme was carried throughout. The award will be a check for \$50.00

27. NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK AWARD. (originated 2004). This award of \$25.00 may be given to an individual club with the best overall promotion of National Garden Week.

28. NEWSLETTER AWARD (originated 2004). A check for \$25.00 will be awarded to clubs in each class category that publish a newsletter that:

- a) promotes RIFGC goals and activities;
- b) is informative about club goals and activities.

Newsletters must be published at least quarterly (four times a year). To apply send **three** club newsletters and 2 copies of the state application form.

Scale of Points for Evaluation:

(1) Newsletter Presentation (meets all requirements, neat)	40 pts
(2) Quality (articles well written; related to projects and/or activities)	40 pts
(3) Diversity (local, council, district, state, national other information)	20 pts
TOTAL	100 pts

NGC AWARD #44 PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK AWARD - Regional competition sponsored by NGC, Inc.

\$50.00 and a certificate may be awarded for the quality, quantity, and diversity of coverage in the print media.

Deadline: to State Awards Committee by **RIFGC January Board Meeting.**

First place winners in each category are sent to Regional Chairman by **February 23.**

The names of First Place winners in each category in NE REGION are sent to NGC Publicity Press Books Chairman.

Application: **NGC Application Form x 2** with required information attached to inside front cover.

No limit on the number of pages.

Categories:

- A. Single member garden club**
 - Small Club: 29 and under Large Club: 60-99 members
 - Medium Club: 30-59 members Extra Large Club: 100+ members
- B. Group of member clubs, councils, and districts**
- C. Affiliated garden center**

Requirements for Preparing Publicity Press Book

1. Label on outside cover: number and name of NGC award, category, and name of club/s, city, and state.
2. Submit in report cover or folder; 8 1/2 x 11" or 9 x 12". No heavy scrapbooks or oversized portfolios.
3. Material must consist of newspaper, magazine, newsletter or any printed publication clippings with the name and date of publication over each article. Photocopies are permitted.
4. Affix contents in chronological order January 1 through December 31.
5. Clippings evenly cut. No loose clippings permitted. Attractive order of placement.
6. Each published item must contain the name of organization and/or individual/s identified as a member of the organization. Underline first use of name of organization and/or member in each article.
7. Articles should include who, what, when, where, etc.; publicity should relate to organization's or individual's projects and/or activities; promotion of NGC objectives and goals.

Scale of Points for Evaluation:

(1) Presentation (meets all requirements, neat)	15 pts
(2) Quality (articles well written; publicity related to projects and/or activities)	40 pts
(3) Quantity (articles for each month - take in consideration dark months, use of varied publications and media - newspaper, magazines, newsletters, journals, etc.)	25 pts
(4) Diversity (local, council, district, state, national other)	20 pts
TOTAL	100 pts