

President's Project 2011-2013 Plantings for Public and Special Places

Plantings for Public and Special Places is a 2011-2013 President's Project. Representing three areas of interest; **Gardens with Edibles, Container Gardens, Trees and Shrubs**, this project recognizes ALL garden club service to communities when members provide **Plantings for Public and Special Places**. These plantings can beautify, have environmental value or provide sustenance. Possibilities exist for every garden club, regardless of its size, resources, and energy levels. Clubs, districts and regions will be awarded Certificates of Appreciation and Participation by the NGC President. Details regarding categories and monetary awards will be printed on the NGC website. To receive this recognition, participants are asked to submit an online form, available on the NGC website, along with a *before* and *after* digital photo. Check the NGC website under the *Special Projects* section to review updates and TIPS that will inform and stimulate your creative gardening minds!

Garden clubs may submit online forms for any or all of the three (3) areas of interest listed below. Submission deadlines are April 1, 2012 and April 1, 2013. **Plantings for Public and Special Places** aligns extremely well with other areas of interests of our garden club outreach: Blue Star Memorial Markers, Habitat for Humanity Gardens, Penny Pines, Plant It Pink, Sage and Roses, and Arbor Day ceremonies, to name a few. Imagine the possibilities!

Gardens with Edibles: Chairman: Patricia Rupiper (arupiper@bright.net)

Have you heard about Truck Farming? This interesting concept has legs (wheels) that offer a mobile teaching tool, right on the spot! Check the NGC website for more information.

Container Gardens: Chairman: Susan Robinson (rerob@mac.com)

Think outside of the box! Endless opportunities for teaching children to grow their own greens, right in a pot! Condo dwellers design unique containers and install a unique drip watering system. Much, much more to think about!

Trees and Shrubs: Chairman: Lissa Williamson (erw510@aol.com)

Encourage plantings of shrubs to accent your Blue Star Markers. Research your state tree and promote plantings in your community and schoolyard gardens. Consider plantings for erosion prevention. Endless ideas!

Visit the NGC website www.gardenclub.org to review tips and details regarding **Plantings for Public and Special Places**. All State Presidents received a fact sheet in their NGC folders at the NGC Convention in Washington, DC. If you have questions, contact your individual State President or anyone listed in this article for more details. Your State could be recognized for outstanding participation. It all starts with you and your garden club!!

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