

## NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. AWARDS

Please retain this awards listing and awards rules for 2015-17 awards years.

This list will appear in *The National Gardener*, fall issue, 2015.

### AWARD RULES 2015-2017

1. **AWARDS YEAR:** January 1 to December 31 annually. This applies to all projects submitted with application form. All awards may be presented annually, if merited. Any exceptions will be noted.

2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Only National Garden Clubs members are eligible to apply for NGC awards unless otherwise stated in the award description. Members are: member garden clubs, groups of member clubs, State Garden Clubs, NGC Regions, and individual members of garden clubs.

Junior, Intermediate, High School Garden Clubs, Individual Youth must be sponsored by a member garden club to be eligible for specific NGC awards.

National Affiliates, Affiliate Members, and International Affiliates are eligible to apply for Awards as noted.

3. **APPLICATION FORMS:** NGC has an application form and procedure for applying for awards. The application form contains topics to be addressed along with any supporting photographs.

- There is a three (3) page limit, using only the front of the page. Exceptions noted.
- Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer required or allowed. Exceptions noted.
- Applications will not be returned.
- Applications may be submitted electronically or by hardcopy to the State Awards Chairman and National Awards Chairman where applicable.
- Forms are available on the NGC website, [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org), and from State Awards Chairmen, IA Awards Chairman, Flower Show Achievement Awards Chairman, and Award of Excellence Chairman.
- Awards of Excellence and Flower Show Achievement Awards each have application forms of their own. These forms do not have the 3 page limit. Instructions are printed on each form.

#### 4. PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING AND DEADLINES:

##### APPLICANTS:

- Complete the application form. Submit the original form (3 pages, only) to your State Awards Chairman by the deadline set by your state. (See 1<sup>st</sup> bullet on page 2 for exceptions to number of pages). If submitting by mail, **include original and one copy.**
- When the same project is eligible for various awards, submitting exact duplication of the application is not acceptable. A significant change must be evident in the summary regarding the projects.
- Keep one copy of the completed application for your records.
- **YEARBOOKS** – complete the necessary information on the NGC Application Form. Do not answer the questions. Firmly clip two copies of the completed application form to the inside front cover (send only 1 yearbook). No envelope necessary. Mail to State Awards Chairman.
- **PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS** – complete the necessary information on the NGC Application Form. Do not answer the questions. Prepare a Book of Evidence. No limit on number of pages. Submit to your State Awards Chairman by deadline set by your state.
- **PUBLICATIONS:** Submit entries for #3, #12, or #13 in an envelope with one Application Form secured to outside and one enclosed inside envelope if sending by mail. Questions on Application Form must be answered. Details are important. Electronic submissions permitted. Submit entries to your State Awards Chairman by deadline set by your state.

##### STATE AWARDS CHAIRMAN:

- First place winners in each category must be sent by mail or e-mail by the State Awards Chairman to the **NGC Awards Chairman, Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, 1166 Broadview Road, Tallmadge, OH 44278, [mafr43@hotmail.com](mailto:mafr43@hotmail.com), (330)630-9625**, to arrive no later than **January 15**, or to the **Awards Committee member designated in the rules**. Exceptions are noted below. A complete list of entries

from your state must be included with submissions. If submitting entry by mail, **send original application and one copy** for NGC judging purposes. (NGC Awards Chair will keep one and the other application will be mailed for judging).

- If your state Awards Application Form has same requirements as the NGC Awards Application Form, the State Awards Chairman may **choose one** of the methods below prior to sending to national level.
  - 1) Insert (write/type) necessary NGC information which is required at the top of your state's award application.
  - 2) Attach a sticky label with needed NGC information to top of first page of your state's Award Application Form.
  - 3) Complete the top of the NGC Award Application Form with the necessary award/contact information and attach to your state's Award Application Form. (This would allow you to place a 4<sup>th</sup> sheet on top of the entry).
- National Affiliate and Affiliate Members apply directly to: **Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich** - no later than January 15.
- International Affiliates: Apply to IA Awards Chairman: **Ursula B. De Gomez**, **Paseo de la Soledad 123, La Herradura Estado de Mexico 52784**, [ursulabeick@hotmail.com](mailto:ursulabeick@hotmail.com) by January 15.
- **FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** winning entries in your state are sent to **Jeanne Nelson**, 143 S. Harrison Ave., Congers, NY 10920 [j.t.nelson7@gmail.com](mailto:j.t.nelson7@gmail.com) (845)268-6220, to arrive no later than **January 15**.
- **PUBLICATIONS** – Send winning entries for #3, #12, and #13 in all categories (except International Affiliates) to **Carol Keefe**, [tkeefe4779@aol.com](mailto:tkeefe4779@aol.com). Mailing address is **446 Woodlawn Drive, Eufaula, AL 36027**. Phone (334)687-5120. To arrive no later than **January 15**. Electronic submissions are acceptable if they are in either PDF or Word format.
- **YEARBOOKS AND PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS** – First place winning entry in each category should be submitted by the State Awards Chairman to the Regional Awards Chairman according to regional deadlines. Each Region decides to accept or decline electronic submissions.

#### **REGIONAL AWARDS CHAIRMAN:**

- **MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR** – Forward winning entry to NGC Awards Committee Member, **Debbie Hinchey**, 1474 Virginia Court, Anchorage, AK 99501. [dhinchey@alaskan.com](mailto:dhinchey@alaskan.com). Information concerning winning entry is due by Feb. 20.
- **YEARBOOKS AND PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS** – Selection of regional first place winner in each category will be made at regional level. Forward name of winner in each category to NGC Awards Committee Member, **Debbie Hinchey**, 1474 Virginia Court, Anchorage, AK 99501. [dhinchey@alaskan.com](mailto:dhinchey@alaskan.com), no later than Mar. 23. (No yearbooks or publicity press books should be sent to the National level). These should be returned to states at regional meetings.

#### **5. NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS:**

**Garden Clubs:** One application for each size category (based upon membership) for each award may be submitted for evaluation to the NGC Awards Committee.

**State Garden Clubs:** One application for any award category may be submitted for evaluation to the NGC Awards Committee.

Note entry limitations on Awards: #20, #71-74, and Flower Show Achievement Awards #5, and #25.

#### **6. CATEGORIES BY SIZE:**

Garden Club applications shall be judged according to size determined by number of members on whom NGC and state dues are paid, including Active, Associate, Inactive, Honorary, etc.

- i Small Club: 29 members and under
- ii Medium Club: 30-59 members
- iii Large Club: 60-99 members
- iv Ex-Large Club, 100 members +

State Garden Clubs applications shall be judged according to size determined by number of members on whom NGC dues are paid, including garden club members, Affiliates, State Life Members, etc.

- i. Small State: 999 members and under
- ii. Medium State: 1,000-2,999 members
- iii. Large State: 3,000-7,999 members
- iv. Ex-Large: 8,000 members or more

7. **TROPHIES, MONETARY AWARDS, CERTIFICATES OF MERIT:** Trophies and/or monetary awards shall be awarded to highest scoring entry among all applicable categories. The winner of a trophy or monetary award is determined from first place entries in each category. (Must score 90 or more to be awarded first place recognition). Certificates of Merit shall be presented to overall winners, Runners-up receive Certificates of Commendation (by category/size/type), and other award submissions receive Certificates of Appreciation. Awards and Certificates shall be presented at the NGC Convention.

8. **A BOOK OF EVIDENCE should be prepared for the following only:**
- a) **Flower Show Achievement Awards (10 pages [20 surfaces front & back])**
  - b) **Publicity Press Book (no limit on number of pages)**
  - c) **Member Award of Honor, (not to exceed 3 pages)**

**Information for preparing a Book of Evidence for the above may be found in guidelines that follow.**

9. **SCALE OF POINTS FOR ALL NGC AWARDS:** (exceptions: Promotions, Publications, Yearbooks, Flower Show Achievement Awards, Publicity Press Books, Website, as noted).

**Presentation 5 pts.** - neat, concise, includes all required information on the NGC Awards Application Form (3 sheets allowed), or the Book of Evidence, if required.

**Achievement 65 pts.** - scope of project; need and fulfillment; benefit; accomplishment; comprehensiveness of work; activities to attain goals; evaluation of goals reached; educational; prior planning; very brief history if continuing project; financial report; other.

**Participation 15 pts.** - size of club; involvement of members, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, residents in facilities, others. Not all of these have to be involved.

**Record or Documentation 15 pts.** - supporting data (as applicable), clear, well-labeled and neatly attached before & after photographs if applicable, landscape plan (does not have to be professionally drawn), financial report, letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles (if possible), radio or TV script (if possible), etc. Photocopies are permitted.

**TOTAL 100 points**

## **NGC AWARDS 2015-2017**

**~ AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE ~**

### **AWARD REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. **NGC Award of Excellence Application Form** – found on NGC website, [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)
- 2. **Maximum of 4 pages (front of page only)** of text and photos/photocopies to cover all requirements in award description and Scale of Points for achievement, participation and record. No binders, vinyl sheet protectors, or staples are allowed. Counting the Award of Excellence Application Form plus the 4 pages, you may have a total of 5 pages.

**DEADLINE:** All applications must be received by the NGC Award of Excellence Chairman by **January 1**. All will be judged by members of the Award of Excellence Committee at the Winter Executive Committee Meeting. Winners will be selected by a vote of the Executive Committee.

Mail or e-mail to NGC Award of Excellence Chairman:

**Mary Warshauer**

**(732)530-1310**

**(732)513-2671 cell**

**oonie56@aol.com**

**57 Buena Vista Avenue Rumson, NJ 07760-1202**

**#23 Award of Excellence** is the highest award of National Garden Clubs presented to a non-member of NGC and sponsored by a State Garden Club. It may be awarded to an individual, organization, or institution that has made a significant contribution toward the advancement of goals and purposes of National Garden Clubs. The application for a NGC Award of Excellence may be obtained from the NGC website or the Award of Excellence Chairman. Text and photos/photocopies to substantiate the applicant's qualifications for this award is limited to four (4) pages, front of page only. (The application form plus the 4 pages, equals a total of 5 pages).

**SCALE OF POINTS FOR #23**

Presentation .....	5	
Achievement and Scope of Accomplishment .....	50	
Advancement of NGC, Inc.'s Goals .....	35	
Supporting Data .....	10	TOTAL 100 points

**#24 Award of Excellence for State Garden Clubs** - A State Garden Club may apply for the Award of Excellence for an outstanding project and may be submitted only ONCE unless a significant new phase has been added. A monetary award of five hundred dollars (\$500) will be given to the winner from each membership division. If there are no applications in one membership category, that award may be given to another outstanding applicant in another category. A maximum of four (4) NGC Awards of Excellence may be awarded per year. States will be divided into four (4) groups, according to membership numbers.

- a. Membership up to 999.
- b. Membership from 1,000 to 2,999.
- c. Membership from 3,000 to 7,999.
- d. Membership 8,000 members or more.

**SCALE OF POINTS FOR #24 and #25**

Presentation .....	5	
Outstanding, Unusual or Distinctive Project .....	60	
Advancement of NGC, Inc.'s Goals .....	25	
Supporting Data .....	10	TOTAL 100 points

**#25 Award of Excellence for Regions** - One Certificate of Merit and \$500 may be awarded for distinguished work in a Region for coordinated activity in accordance with the programs and objectives of NGC in which all states in the Region have participated. Application is made in the second year of an Administration.

**CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT**

**#1 Civic Achievement** - The Kellogg Civic Achievement Award and a silver tray donation by Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. may be awarded for distinguished civic or conservation work making permanent improvement for public benefit, e.g. establishing sanctuaries, experimental forests, municipal gardens, landscaping public buildings, etc. No commercial project is eligible.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)

**#2 Garden Center** - The Fisher Garden Center Award and silver tray in honor of Mrs. Frederick T. Fisher may be awarded for a garden center, maintained by members, which in proportion to size has performed the greatest service to the community, e.g. library, lectures furthering NGC objectives, courses, exhibits, trial garden, youth involvement, networking with other civic organizations. Text to include days/hours center is open to public and activities held at center.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)

**#7 Special Achievement** - A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for outstanding civic work furthering NGC objectives and projects throughout club year or special project not provided for in another NGC Award.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- C. Individual garden club member
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state
- E. National Affiliates (dues paid directly to NGC)

### **CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT**

**#6 Conservation** -The Lucile Droege Mauntel Conservation Award in honor of Shirley Nicolai, \$50 donation by National Capital Area of Garden Clubs, Inc., may be awarded for conservation activities, e. g. education or legislative activity; conservation field project; natural resource development, such as a watershed, erosion control, reforestation, wildlife refuge; overall excellence and well-balanced year's conservation activities.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- C. Individual garden club member
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

**#20 Roadside Beautification** - The Natural Lands Trust Roadside Beautification Award and \$100 donation by California Garden Clubs, Inc. in memory of Hilda Fox may be awarded for outstanding, permanent roadside beautification within the state. The project may be continuous, but must have advanced degree of completion prior to making application. This award may be given only once for the same project.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state
- E. National Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)

**#39 Litter/Recycling/Reclamation** -The Harriet Thomas Award and a \$100 donation by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. may be awarded for the most outstanding community project on litter prevention, reclamation and/or recycling, e.g. year-long program, organizing recycling program, establishing community composting site.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

**#41 Conservation Education** - The Hazel Johnson Award and a silver tray donation by June Ashworth may be awarded for the most comprehensive work and/or study in conservation education.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club- i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state
- I. Region

**#42 Bird Protection** -The Nannine C. Wallis Award and a \$50 donation by The Garden Club of Kentucky, may be awarded for conducting the most comprehensive and effective project for bird protection and welfare, e.g. sanctuaries, providing food, houses, and promoting law enforcement relative to bird welfare.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

**#43 Butterfly** - A Certificate of Merit in honor of Deen Day Sanders and a \$500 donation by Alice and LeRoy Overton may be awarded for conducting the most comprehensive and effective project on butterflies, e.g. habitat protection, protection of migratory routes, public education, establishment of butterfly garden at school or community site, other.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club

- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION/HISTORIC OR MEMORIAL GARDENS**

**#50 Historic Preservation** - The May Duff Walters Achievement Award for Preservation of Beauty and silver snack tray donated by The Garden Club of New Jersey may be awarded for historic preservation project such as the restoration of a park, a building and/or garden of importance to local, state or national heritage.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

**#51 Decoration of Historic Building** - A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for tastefully decorating a historic building/house/mansion. Decorations are not required to be of the period of the building, but should be creative, distinctive, and harmonize with the building's style. Designer's choice of all materials within purview of curator, official, or owner of the building.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)

### **HORTICULTURE**

**#4 Horticultural Achievement** - The Evelyn Mooney Award for Creative Horticulture Achievement. A Purple Rosette and a Certificate of Merit may be awarded for the successful hybridizing of a new plant cultivar or for horticultural achievement of permanent importance. A statement from the respective plant society (if one exists) must be submitted to verify development of new plant cultivar.

- C. Individual garden club member
- F. Individual National Affiliate member
- H. Individual International Affiliate member

### **HORTICULTURE THERAPY/GARDEN THERAPY**

**#19 Horticulture Therapy** -A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for an outstanding project working with the physically or learning challenged in nursing homes, schools, prisons, etc.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- C. Individual garden club member
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

**#46 World Gardening** - The Dean World Gardening Award in honor of Mrs. Charles O. Dean, silver tray donated by The Garden Club of New Jersey, in honor of Helen Hull may be awarded for the most outstanding program or activity in other countries, e. g. continued support of international organizations that provide health, food, housing, fresh water, etc.; disaster relief; donations of seeds and animals; support of children in school or orphanage; conservation, reforestation, habitat restoration; support for student/s in study of conservation or horticulture related field; other.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

**#48 Horticulture Therapy Garden Project** - A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for establishment of a garden/s to benefit the physically or learning challenged, residents in nursing home, school, prisons, low income housing, Habitat for Humanity, etc. Includes barrier free garden, accessible gardening, community garden, meditation garden at hospital, etc.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- C. Individual garden club member
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

## LANDSCAPING AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN

**#26 Landscape Design Education** -The Lorena M. Spillers Award and silver tray donation by The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc., may be awarded to a state garden club for the most comprehensive and effective state program of education in landscape design, informing the public of proper landscape design practices, and benefits derived from developing plants for proper homes, schools, parks, roadsides, communities, cities, regions, etc.

- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

**#28 Landscape Design for Church Gardens** - The May Duff Walters Achievement Award and silver tray donation by Nancy Voyles, may be awarded for planning and/or planting of a church or synagogue garden that meets the needs of the congregation.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- C. Individual garden club member

**#29-1, #29-2, or #29-3 - Blue Star Memorial Landscaping** Certificates of Merit may be awarded for the most outstanding Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker landscaping projects. The marker and landscaping may be part of a highway department rest area maintained by the department. The project may have been continuous, but major landscaping must be completed within two years. The project may be a replacement of a destroyed or long neglected landscape.

**29-1. Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker**

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

**29-2. Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker**

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

**29-3. Blue Star Memorial Marker**

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

**#40 Landscape Design Consultants** - The Hubert Bond Owens Silver Trophy donated by Robert H. Rucker may be awarded to a Council of Landscape Design Consultants for the most outstanding program of continuing landscape design education. The trophy may be displayed at the State Garden Club's headquarters, if any, or placed in custody of the Council's president.

**#49 Community Landscape Design** - The Dr. William C. Welch Award may be awarded for the most significant contribution in providing planning and planting for: commercial property, church or synagogue, hospital, library, civic center, park, waterfront, etc. Copy of landscape plan must be included with application.

- A. Single member club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club

**#62 Landscape Design** -A Certificate of Merit and silver tray donated by The Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs, may be awarded for an outstanding project in the field of landscape design.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

### NON-COMPETITIVE AWARDS ~ #15, #31, #52 only

**No Application Necessary ~ Determined by information at NGC Headquarters**

**#15 Membership** - The Violet N. Gose Silver Trophies may be awarded to:

- A. A State Garden Club showing the greatest increase in paid membership, as of October 31.
- B. A State Garden Club showing the greatest per capita increase in paid membership, percentage-wise, as of October 31.

**#31 The National Gardener Award** -The Hazel O’Hern *The National Gardener* – A silver snack tray may be awarded to the State Garden Club having the greatest number of subscriptions to *TNG* as of December 31, figured on a state membership percentage basis and officially recorded number of paid subscriptions. The state must have a minimum of 150 paid subscriptions and a 10% increase for the year. No state may win the award for a third consecutive year. (Winner for 2014, Arkansas).

**#52 Life Membership Award.** A Certificate and \$100 each will be presented to:

- A. State Garden Club with the greatest increase in NGC Life Memberships from May 1 through April 30.
- B. State Garden Club with the greatest per capita increase in NGC Life Memberships from May 1 through April 30.

### **OPERATION WILDFLOWER AWARDS**

Awards of up to \$1,000, may be awarded to winners. Entries must include supporting information as applicable: Before and after photos; safety must be considered in all plantings; educational value as well as aesthetic beauty should be shown; unique aspects and/or unusual features; financial statement; other. No project may receive an award for two consecutive years.

**#71 Roadside Award** may be awarded for notable environmental preservation and enhancement of roadsides and rest areas using wildflowers and native plants to your region. Project may be sited on rural byways, urban highways, roadside rest areas, entrances to towns, medians, etc.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large state, iv ex-large state

**#73 Civic Projects with Native Plants** Award may be awarded for establishing wildflower gardens, memorial gardens, or the restoration of historic gardens with emphasis on native plant material to your region.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

**#74 Outdoor Classrooms, Nature Trails** may be awarded for establishing outdoor classrooms, nature trails, wildflower walks, etc. with the emphasis on wildflowers and native plants to your region.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

### **PROMOTION**

**#27 Radio and/or TV** - A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for the best garden-oriented programming. Submit date/s aired, length of programs and typewritten script/s of series or guest appearance. Submit date/s aired, length of program and typewritten scripts of public service announcements. Submit audio or video tape of any one program or public service announcements.

1. Radio: A series of programs, a series of Public Service Announcements (10, 20, 30, 60 seconds), guest appearance/s, or other.
2. Television: Series of programs on local or community access cable stations, series of Public Service Announcements (10, 20, 30, 60 seconds), guest appearance/s, or other.
  - A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
  - B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
  - C. Individual garden club member
  - D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state
  - E. National Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)
  - F. Individual National Affiliate Member (member of NGC Affiliate)



**#44 Publicity Press Book** - Certificates may be awarded to winning books of evidence exhibiting quality, quantity and diversity of coverage in the print media promoting garden clubs and NGC goals and objectives. Deadline: to State Chairman by your state's deadline; first place winner in each category sent to Region by February 23; name of winning entry of first place books in each category sent to NGC Awards Committee member, **Debbie Hinchey, 1474 Virginia Court, Anchorage, AK 99501, [dhinchey@alaskan.com](mailto:dhinchey@alaskan.com) 907-278-2814** by March 23. (Do not send Press Books to NGC chairman).

Application: NGC Application Form with required information attached to inside front cover; second form clipped to outside. These books of evidence should be returned to states at Regional meetings.

Categories: A. Single member garden club: i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club  
B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)  
E. National Affiliated Garden Center

#### **Requirements for Preparing Publicity Press Book**

1. Label on outside cover: number and name of NGC award, category, name of club/s, city and state.
2. Submit in report cover or folder; 8 ½ x 11" or 9 x 12". No heavy scrapbooks or oversized portfolios. There is no limit on the number of pages. Plastic page protectors may be used.
3. Material must consist of any of the following: Newspaper, magazine, newsletter, notices or flyers for one-time event, or any printed publication clippings (e.g. Your state or regional official publication, *The National Gardener*, etc.), with the name and date of publication over each article. Clear photocopies are permitted; reduced photocopies of large or lengthy articles are permitted. Downloading of published newspaper articles from the Internet is permitted. *Judges take into consideration the difficulty in securing newspaper publicity.*
4. No page numbering or Table of Contents needed. Affix contents in chronological order January 1 through December 31.
5. Clippings evenly cut. No loose clippings permitted.
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. where applicable; publicity should relate to organization's or individual's projects and/or activities; promotion of NGC objectives and goals.

#### **SCALE OF POINTS for #44**

**Presentation 15 pts.** - meets all requirements, neatly presented

**Quality 40 pts.** - articles well written; publicity related to projects and/or activities

**Quantity 25 pts.** - articles for each month (take in consideration dark months), use of varied publications and media (newspaper coverage is difficult, especially in larger cities), magazines, newsletters, notices/flyers, journals, etc.)

**Diversity 20 pts.** - local, council, district, state, national, other

**TOTAL 100 pts.**

**#53 National Garden Week** - A Certificate of Merit and a \$100 donation by The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. may be awarded for best overall promotion of National Garden Week; entry to show community awareness throughout the entire week and include local and/or state proclamations.

A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club

B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)

D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

**#63-1 and #63-2, Website** - A Certificate of Merit and a \$100 donation (divided) by The Garden Club of Georgia may be awarded for the most outstanding website promoting the sponsoring organization and NGC objectives. Provide on the NGC Awards Application Form your website address, who maintains site, how often updated, and cost. Ease of navigation will be considered while judging from the current site.

**#63-1**, Designed and managed by club member/members

**#63-2**, Professionally designed

A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club

B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)

- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state
- E. National Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)      G. International Affiliate

**SCALE OF POINTS FOR WEBSITE JUDGING #63**

<b>Presentation:</b> Design/Appearance: attractive, engaging, easy to view; layout	<b>25 pts.</b>
<b>Navigation:</b> Ease of navigation, navigation system (bar, map, etc.), logical flow of pages, clear page headers, links active	<b>35 pts.</b>
<b>Achievement:</b> Club/group information present/ease to find, educational	<b>20 pts.</b>
<b>Promotion:</b> Promotes NGC objectives	<b>10 pts.</b>
<b>Maintenance:</b> Does it appear to be updated?	<b>10 pts.</b>

TOTAL 100 points

**#68 Video/CD/DVD/Flash Drive -** A Certificate of Merit and a \$100 donation by The Garden Club of Georgia may be awarded for the best video/CD/DVD/flash drive production on any NGC objective as listed below.

- 1) History/Archives
- 2) Garden Tours (private)
- 3) Garden Tours (public)
- 4) Flower Shows
- 5) Projects
- 6) Programs
- 7) Other
  
- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state
- E. National Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)
- I. Region

**SCALE OF POINTS #68**

**Presentation, 60 points:** Includes required information on NGC Awards Application form (3 pages allowed). Design/appearance/audio: Memorable content and delivery; creativity; images clear, concise, easy to view and comprehend; logical order of sequence; all visual effects contribute to rather than detract from the message.

**Achievement, (10 points each, 20 points total):** Overall impact (educational, inspiring, persuasive); club/group information present and accurate.

**Promotion, 20 points:** Clear message; promotes NGC objectives or projects; means of distribution, profits realized if applicable.      TOTAL = 100 points

**PUBLICATION AWARDS**

**Rules 1-7 apply** except no limit on number of pages

Send all Publication entries to Awards Committee Member, **Carol Keefe, 446 Woodlawn Drive, Eufaula, AL, 36027 [tkeefe4779@aol.com](mailto:tkeefe4779@aol.com) 334-687-5120.**

Submit entry for #3, #12 and #13 in an envelope; attach one application to outside of envelope and place one inside envelope. Electronic entries are acceptable. Must be in PDF or Word format. If you wish for submitted books or CDs to be returned, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They will be returned following the NGC convention.

**SCALE OF POINTS #3, #12, #13**

**Presentation (as applicable) 5 pts.** Application includes brief description of publication, club membership. No limit on number of pages in publication.

**Achievement (as applicable) 65 pts.** - educational, informative, accuracy, clarity of subject; quality of printing, photography, and/or graphics; coverage received; general appeal; **indicates that your organization is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.**

**Promotes NGC Objective/s 15 pts .**

**Record or Documentation (as applicable) 15 pts.** - number of copies distributed/sold, how distributed, financial information: cost of publishing, price if sold, market seen. TOTAL 100 points

**#3 Literary Horticultural Interest** - The Helen Hull Award may be awarded for a literary production of horticultural interest, written within last three years. Eligible publications include: book, booklet, brochure, study course, or other similar publications.

**C. Individual garden club member**

**E. National Affiliate** (dues paid directly to NGC)

**F. Individual National Affiliate member** (member of NGC Affiliate)

**H. Individual IA member**

**#12 Publications** - A Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit may be awarded in each category 1-4 for publications that are published at least three times per year under one-editorship or management. Notices and flyers for one-time events do not apply. Newsletters: submit only three sample issues and state number issues per year. Printed publications or those prepared for electronic distribution are acceptable entries. Categories:

1) Newsletter - one 8 ½ x 11" or one 8 ½ x 14" sheet of paper

2) Newsletter or Magazine of 3-12 pages

3) Newsletter, Magazine or Bulletin of 13-24 pages

4) Newsletter, Magazine or Bulletin over 24 pages

Eligibility for Categories 1-4:

A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club

B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)

D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

E. National Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)

G. International Affiliate (send entry to Ursula B. de Gomez)

I. Region

**#13 Publications** - A Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit may be awarded to the entry judged best in each category 1-8. Notices and flyers for one-time events are not eligible. Printed publications or those prepared for electronic distribution are acceptable entries. Categories:

1) manuals, handbooks (examples: procedural, duties of officers, awards)

2) educational (examples: environmental, landscape, gardening, horticulture therapy)

3) horticulture, design (examples: judging, guide to exhibiting, floral design, mechanics)

4) history

5) membership (examples: brochure, leaflet)

6) calendars

7) cookbooks

8) other

Eligibility for Categories 1-8:

A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club

B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)

D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

E. National Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)

G. International Affiliate (send to Ursula B. de Gomez)

I. Region

### **SERVICE & RECOGNITION AWARDS**

**Award of Distinguished Service** may be presented by local garden clubs to businesses, industrial establishments, schools, youth clubs, civic organizations, etc., who are not affiliated with a garden club, for on-going or completed projects. Award Certificates #5234 may be purchased from NGC Member Services in St. Louis.

**#9 Citation for Distinguished Service** will be awarded to a National Garden Clubs, Inc. President. NGC owes much of its program and development to wise leadership. In grateful appreciation of notable achievement and guidance by the NGC President, a citation for distinguished service and token of appreciation will be awarded upon completion of the President's term of office.

**Member Award of Honor** may be awarded to one member in each region whose volunteer efforts during a period of five or more years, has made outstanding contributions to club and community, in one or more of the following areas: civic development, horticulture therapy, youth activities, conservation, landscape design, horticulture, floral design, or all around excellence. Eligibility: any member of a State Garden Club, who has never been a member of NGC Board of Directors. Eligibility and Rules listed on NGC Website, 'Awards' – Member Award of Honor. A book of evidence should be submitted not to exceed 3 pages. Obtain information from State or Regional Awards Chairman. Entries are submitted to State Awards Chairman by state's deadline date. State Awards Chairman forwards one entry to Regional Awards Chairman by February 1. Region forwards one winner to National Awards Committee member, **Debbie Hinchey, 1474 Virginia Court, Anchorage, AK, 99501** [dhinchey@alaskan.com](mailto:dhinchey@alaskan.com) 907-278-2814 or 907-529-4811(cell) by February 20. The eight Regional Winners will receive a NGC Certificate and a pin at the NGC convention. They will be recognized in *The National Gardener*.

**#37 Presidential Citations** will be given by the NGC President to persons who have performed outstanding service to NGC.

**#56 NGC Award for Major Non-Standard Flower Shows** - A medal depicting the NGC Seal hung on a green ribbon may be presented at a major non-standard flower show, e.g. The New England Spring Flower Show (Massachusetts), The Southeastern Flower Show (Atlanta), etc., if the committee for the shows agrees to the presentation. Two medals will be available, one for the exhibit judged to be the finest in the Horticulture Division and one for the exhibit judged to be the finest in the Design Division. Winning exhibits must be blue ribbon winners scoring 95 or more and selection made by three NGC Accredited Flower Show Judges. Presentation to winners shall be by the President of the State Garden Club or an NGC Officer when possible. **Make application in writing to NGC Headquarters six months in advance of the Flower Show date.**

**STANDARD FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (SFSAA) – Complete the Flower Show Achievement Award Application Form. State Awards Chairman submits to NGC Flower Show Achievement Awards Chairman, Jeanne Nelson, 143 S. Harrison Ave. Congers, NY 10920, [j.t.nelson7@gmail.com](mailto:j.t.nelson7@gmail.com) 845-268-6220 or 845-642-1343 (cell).**

1. AWARDS YEAR - January 1 to December 31 annually.
2. PROCEDURE - State or IA country designated Chairman must be notified of club/s' or organization/s' intent to apply, well in advance of show. See *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2007 edition, page 55.
3. DEADLINE - observe state deadlines. All applications must be sent by the State Awards Chairman to the NGC Flower Show Awards Chairman, **Jeanne Nelson**, to arrive no later than January 15.
4. ELIGIBILITY - Only National Garden Clubs members are eligible to apply for NGC awards unless otherwise stated in the award description: Single member garden clubs, Groups of member clubs, Councils of Accredited Flower Show Judges, State Garden Clubs. Junior, Intermediate and High School Garden Clubs must be sponsored by a member garden club. Affiliate Members and International Affiliates are eligible to apply for Awards as specified.
5. REQUIRED SCORE - When an organization is applying for a NGC Standard Flower Show Achievement Award the show must score 95 or more points, as determined by the Judges' Evaluating Panel. Adjusted value of averaged Evaluations - 75%, Book of Evidence - 25%.
6. ROSETTES, CERTIFICATES OF AWARD OF MERIT, CERTICATES OF EXCELLENCE - shall be recognized at the NGC Convention. Rosettes and runner-up certificates for Award #11 shall be presented at NGC Convention. Winning Standard Flower Shows sponsored by five or more clubs will

receive five rosettes; additional rosettes for sponsoring clubs may be purchased from Member Services.

7. **APPLICATION FORMS** - All applications must be on current NGC Flower Show Achievement Application Forms obtained from the State or IA Awards Chairman. The form must be signed by the State President and State Awards Chairman. One application form should be permanently attached to inside cover of the Book of Evidence and a duplicate form attached with paper clip.

8. **PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING** - Clubs, Groups of Clubs, State Garden Clubs: All applications for NGC Awards must be made through the State Awards Chairman (except as specified).

International Affiliates apply directly to IA Awards Chairman, **Ursula B. De Gomez, Paseo de la Soledad 123, La Herradura Estado de Mexico 52784 [ursulabeick@hotmail.com](mailto:ursulabeick@hotmail.com)** by January 15.

9. The NGC Awards Committee will consider only one application for each numbered award or category within a numbered award. Each State Garden Club may receive all awards merited in any given year, provided all qualifications are met. See exception #10.

10. Awards #5 and #25 may not be applied for or won by the same organization in two consecutive years.

11. **Requirements for Preparing a Book of Evidence** for Flower Show Achievement Award - refer to Handbook for Flower Shows, 2007 edition, pp 61 - 63 for detailed information.

You may compile the Book of Evidence for Flower Show Achievement Awards and save in PDF format, then put on a CD/DVD. Any format such as Power Point, Publisher, Word, etc. may be used as long as it is saved in PDF format. Label should be placed on CD/DVD. Place CD/DVD along with a copy of the Flower Show Schedule, the Awards Application Form Sheets, and Evaluations in an envelope. Submit entry to your State Awards Chairman. If mailing CD/DVD as an entry, DO NOT send the book of Evidence.

If you do not choose to copy to CD/DVD, you will need to mail the Book of Evidence, Flower Show Schedule, Awards Application Form Sheets, and Evaluations. Include return postage for return of entry following judging. (Priority mailing fees are recommended).

**STANDARD FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (SFSAA)  
OFFERED COMPETITIVE ONLY WITHIN EACH STATE  
NON-COMPETITIVE BETWEEN STATES**

Refer to Rules and Requirements as published in *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2007 edition.

Councils of Garden Clubs must consist of at least three (3) NGC Member Clubs and recognized by the State Garden Club to be eligible for a NGC Standard Flower Show Achievement Award.

**#5 A, B, C, D Club Standard Flower Show** - Purple Rosette

Winning club is not eligible to receive this award in consecutive years.

- A. Membership fewer than 21. Minimum of one (1) Special Exhibit required.
- B. Membership 21-49. Minimum of two (2) Special Exhibits required.
- C. Membership 50-99. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.
- D. Membership 100 or more. Minimum of four (4) Special Exhibits required.

**#17 A, B, C, D, E Home Standard Flower Show** – Blue Rosette

- A. One (1) member club, one or more homes; garden/s optional. Minimum of two (2) Special Exhibits required.
- B. One (1) member club, one or more homes, in combination with some exhibits staged in a public building; garden/s optional. Minimum of two Special Exhibits required.
- C. Two (2) or more member clubs, one or more homes; garden/s optional. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.
- D. Two (2) or more member clubs, one or more homes, in combinations with some exhibits staged in a public building; garden/s optional. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.
- E. Council of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, NGC District/s of Garden Clubs, one or more homes; garden/s optional. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.

**#18 A, B Council Standard Flower Show** – Rose Rosette. Minimum of three Special Exhibits required.

A. Council of Garden Clubs Standard Flower Show, sponsored by at least three (3) NGC members clubs belonging to an association, federation, group, circle, etc. and recognized by the State Garden Club. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.

B. Judges Council/s Standard Flower Show. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.

**#21 A, B, C Patriotic Standard Flower Show** – Red/White/Blue Rosette

May be held in home/s and/or public building/s. Requirements: US flag must be correctly and prominently displayed. Exhibitors are not limited or required to use patriotic colors.

A. One (1) member club. Minimum of two (2) Special Exhibits required.

B. Two (2) or more member clubs. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.

C. Council of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, District of Garden Clubs. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.

**#22 A, B, C Holiday Standard Flower Show** – Red/Green Rosette.

May be held in home/s and/or public buildings. The spirit of a holiday/s must be featured.

A. One (1) member club. Minimum of two (2) Special Exhibits required.

B. Two (2) or more member clubs. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.

C. Council of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, State District of Garden Clubs. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.

**#25 A, B, C Petite Standard Flower Show of Miniature and/or Small Exhibits** – Small Yellow Rosette.

May be held in home/s and/or public building/s. Show must qualify as a Petite Standard Flower Show in both Design and Horticulture Divisions. See Handbook, p 120 for definition of acceptable horticulture. Winning organization is not eligible to receive this award in consecutive years.

A. One (1) member club. Minimum of two (2) Special Exhibits required.

B. Two (2) or more member clubs. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.

C. Council of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, District of Garden Clubs. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.

**#30 A, B. District Standard Flower Show** - Green Rosette

Area named may be either District or Region as defined by the State Garden Club. Award is based on total number of clubs within the area. There must be a participation of at least 75% of those clubs.

A. District/region consisting of fifteen (15) or fewer NGC member garden clubs. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.

B. District/region consisting of sixteen (16) or more NGC member clubs. Minimum of four (4) Special Exhibits required.

**#34-3 A. B. Plant Society Standard Flower Show** - Orange and White Rosette

Certificate of Award of Merit. May be held in home/s and/or public building/s. Show must fulfill all requirements of a Standard Flower Show, except that the Horticulture Division may be judged by plant society judges. Minimum of one (1) Special Exhibit required.

- Plant Society affiliated with NGC on local, state, regional or national level.
- NGC organization co-sponsored with non-NGC affiliated Plant Society.

**#35 A. Near-Club Standard Flower Show** – Blue/White Rosette.

May be held in home/s and/or public building/s. Near clubs must share sponsorship of the show not merely be exhibitors in the show. Two (2) or more member clubs located near one another. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required. (*Councils of Garden Clubs, Judges Councils, State Districts of Garden Club are not eligible for this award.*)

**#47 A, B, C. Youth Flower Show or Youth Section of an Adult Standard Flower Show** - Red Rosette.

Youth organization/s or group/s e.g., Youth Garden Club, Scouts, Campfire Girls, school class, etc. Number of classes and exhibits in horticulture and design must satisfy the minimum requirements of a Small-Standard

Flower Show. Minimum of two (2) judged Education Exhibits require. Evaluating panel of judges must use *Scale of Points for Evaluating Standard Flower Shows* and Book of Evidence or CD/DVD must be submitted.

- A. Youth Flower Show held by one (1) NGC Youth clubs or groups, sponsored by an NGC member club.
- B. Youth Flower Show held by two (2) or more NGC Youth clubs or Youth groups, sponsored by an NGC member club.
- C. Youth participation in an adult Standard Flower Show.
  - a. Youth section/sub-sections must be evaluated independently from the adults on a separate Scale of Points for Evaluating Standard Flower Shows by a panel of three Accredited Flower Show Judges judging the show.
  - b. Book of Evidence must provide evidence of Youth participation in writing the Youth section of the flower show schedule and in staging or in clerking in the Youth Section. (Pictures may serve as evidence.)

**#57 A, B Standard Flower Show Staged in Public Building** – Burgundy/Pink Rosette

Show must be staged in an historical landmark (home, historical restoration, etc.), museum, church, business, shopping center, mall, housing development, fair (world, state, or county), garden center, or other commercial building.

- A. One (1) member club. Minimum of two (2) Special Exhibits required.
- B. Two (2) or more member clubs. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.

**(SFSAA) COMPETITIVE BETWEEN STATES**

**#11 A, B State Standard Flower Show** – Gold Rosette

The first runners-up for State Standard Flower Show (one in A. and one in B.) that scores 95 or above on the National evaluation will receive Certificates of Excellence.

- A. Small state, no more than 100 member clubs with ten percent (10%) of adult clubs participating. Minimum of five (5) Special Exhibits required.
- B. Large state, more than 100 member clubs with ten percent (10%) of adult clubs participating. Minimum of fifteen (15) Special Exhibits required.
  1. Horticulture Division: Minimum of 20 classes required with at least 80 exhibits, any number per class.
  2. Design Division: Minimum of 20 classes with at least 4 exhibits in each class. A minimum of 80 exhibits overall.

**(SFSAA) COMPETITIVE REGIONAL FLOWER SHOW  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**#12 A, B, Regional Flower Show Achievement Award** – Rosette of Turquoise ribbons.

The runner-up Regional Standard Flower Show in each category scoring 95 or above in the national evaluation will receive a Certificate of Excellence.

- A. Small Region, 649 or less member clubs within the region with ten percent (10%) of adult clubs participating. Minimum of five (5) Special Exhibits required.
  1. Horticulture Division: Minimum of 12 classes with at least seventy (70) exhibits with any number per class.
  2. Design Division: Minimum of 12 classes required with at least 4 exhibits in each class for a minimum of 48 overall exhibits.
- B. Large Region, 650 members or more member clubs within the region with ten (10) percent of adult clubs participating. Minimum of fifteen (15) Special Exhibits required.
  1. Horticulture Division: Minimum of 20 classes required with at least 100 exhibits, with any number per class.
  2. Design Division: Minimum of 20 classes with at least 4 exhibits in each class, minimum of 80 overall exhibits.

## VISION OF BEAUTY CALENDAR

Submit to NGC Calendar Chairman, Brenda Bingham, 7 Lenape Trail,  
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 [bbing@comcast.net](mailto:bbing@comcast.net) (973)433-0243 or (201)738-4204, cell

**#38 Calendar Flower Arranger of the Year** - The Helen S. Hull Calendar Flower Arranger of the Year shall be determined by the NGC Vision of Beauty Calendar Committee. Garden club members and members of clubs affiliated with NGC may submit digital photos of all types of designs – traditional, contemporary, new trends and those appropriate for seasons of the year and holidays. Entries are submitted directly to NGC Calendar Chairman no later than **July 1**, each year.

Entry form and requirements are found in current Vision of Beauty Calendar.

- C. Flower Arranger of the Year (Individual) (donation of silver snack tray by Calendar Committee)
- F. International Affiliate Flower Arranger of the Year (Individual) (donation of silver snack tray by Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.)

## YEARBOOKS

**#16 A (Clubs) or #16GA (International Affiliates): Yearbooks for Clubs and IA Garden Club**, a Certificate of Commendation with First Place recognition may be awarded for outstanding yearbooks in each of the following categories, determined by number of members, including Life Members, on whom NGC dues are paid. Yearbooks may be accepted for competition on the calendar year or the club year (the same yearbook may be submitted only one time in awards year). No envelope necessary. State Awards Chairman submits Yearbook winner in each category to Regional Awards Chairman. Regional Awards Chairman sends name of winning entry in each category to NGC Awards Committee Member, **Debbie Hinchey, 1474 Virginia Court, Anchorage, AK, 99501** [dhinchey@alaskan.com](mailto:dhinchey@alaskan.com) 907-278-2814 or 907-529-4811 (cell).

A. Categories: Single member garden club

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|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. Club under 20 members | 2. Club 20-29 | 3. Club 30-44   |
| 4. Club 45-69            | 5. Club 70-99 | 6. Club 100-299 |
| 7. Club 300 or more      |               |                 |

- G. 1A International Affiliate, Federations and Associations
- 1B International Affiliate, Single member garden club

## SCALE OF POINTS - A or GA

**FORMAT:** TOTAL of 100 points

- **Book Structure:** Practical, convenient size for membership, durable, neat. Yearbooks may be stapled, spiral, or 3-ring binders. Material should be well placed with ample margins, and font size suitable for members to read. 2 pts.
- **Cover:** Include name of club, town, state organization, year, and appealing design. If 3-ring binder cover is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information listed above, and so note. 2 pts.
- **Title page:** Include name of club, town, state organization, year, number of dues paying members, and affiliated organizations (district, region, NGC, other). If state and national dues are paid on associate/inactive/honorary members, they are counted in total membership. 2 pts.
- **Table of Contents:** Number the yearbook pages and list topics on Contents Page. 1 pt.
- **Subsequent pages:** In any order most useful to members and best fit for page placement. Information in a club yearbook should be in logical order. National and State information does not have to be in front.



**Membership Roster** with complete mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses (if applicable). Avoid crowding. Suggestion to save space, "All area codes are \_\_\_ and postal zip codes are (\_\_\_, nine digits) unless otherwise noted". 2 pts.

**List of Club Officers and Committee Chairmen** 1 pt.

**NGC Information:** Name of NGC President with home and e-mail address, theme, and projects. List address and phone number of NGC Headquarters in St. Louis. List NGC website address. (Locate above information at [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)) 1 pt.

**Other information:** Name, address, phone number, and e-mail of Region Director, State President, State District Director, Council President (if applicable). List themes for Region Director and State President. List website addresses for state and region. 2 pts.

**Calendar of Events:** List dates and locations for district/state/region/national meetings and events to encourage members to attend and to eliminate the setting of conflicting dates. 2 pts.

**Programs:** Topics should cover a variety of NGC goals and objectives such as Birds, Blue Star Memorials, Butterflies, Conservation, Environment, Floral Design, Horticulture, Therapy, Recycling, NGC and State President's projects, etc. (Indicate if special interest club. e.g. Horticulture, only; Design, only; Faith Based; etc.)

1. Meets minimum number of meetings required by state 3 pts.
2. List date and time of meeting, location with address 3 pts.
3. List name of speaker/s, qualifications (brief), program title 4pts.
4. Variety of program topics (theme not required) 14 pts.
  - a. Variety of styles of programs (lectures, slides, power point, tours, etc.) 12 pts.
  - b. Variety of speakers (specialists, members, panel, etc.) 14 pts.

**Projects:** Projects involve actual membership participation that benefit the community and further NGC Goals and Objectives. Some fund raisers (sale of bulbs, bedding plants, herbs, etc.) may help to beautify the community, as well as produce revenue for clubs. Some fund raisers may help promote NGC Member Services as well as publicize our organization and goals. Certain social activities may lead to membership increase. State such in descriptions.

1. List Continuing and New Projects (a club is not required to have new projects) 15 pts.
2. Give brief word description of projects: Include location, name of chairman, how members participate, list of donations if applicable, in-kind donations if applicable, plans for maintenance if applicable, etc. 20 pts.

e.g. Establish a Teaching Garden at Atkins Elementary School, afterschool program with planned curriculum, 4 days a week from 3:30-5:00 p.m., Laurie Benson, Chairman.

**Options:** (no points given) Could fill available space.

Some clubs include bylaws, budget, fund raising, roll call, former club presidents.

Club theme: If theme is used, it should be evident throughout the book. Themes may be interpreted with monthly program topics and/or titles, graphics, quotes. Projects do not need to be limited to theme.

NGC Mission Statement

NGC Conservation Pledge

NGC Environmental Mission Statement

NGC Water Conservation Platform

Club Collect

List of members who are Life Members in state, region, NGC

Awards received previous year

**#16 B: Yearbook, (Group of Member Clubs, Council, District,)**

**#16GB – Yearbook (International Affiliates Group, Federation Yearbooks)**

**B:** Group of member clubs, council, district

**SCALE OF POINTS – B or GB**

**FORMAT:** TOTAL of 100 points

- **Book Structure:** Practical, convenient size for members, durable, neat.  
Yearbook may be stapled, spiral, or 3-ring binders. Material should be well placed with ample margins and font size suitable for members to read. 3 pts.
- **Cover:** Include name of organization, state, year, and appealing design.  
If 3-ring binder cover is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information listed above, and so note. 3 pts.
- **Title Page:** Include name of group, number of clubs involved, affiliations including NGC, region, state, other. Include name of NGC President, Regional Director, State President with each affiliation. 2 pts.
- **Table of Contents:** Number the yearbook pages and list topics with respective page number. 2 pts.
- **Subsequent Pages:** Order that is pleasing to your organization and best fit for page placement.
  - Organizational Information:** List organizational officers and committee chairmen. Include complete mailing addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and club affiliation for each. List addresses for state garden club website, Regional website, and NGC. 10 pts.
  - Calendar of Events:** List meeting dates for your organization, for your state meetings, region, and national meetings, as well as schools, symposiums, and special events. This will eliminate the setting of conflicting dates. 10 pts.
  - Bylaws, policies, and objectives.** 10 pts.
  - Programs:** List meeting topics, include dates, time, and place (give address). Give name of speaker. Indicate if program is a presentation, tour, workshop, sharing activity, etc. 20 pts.
  - Projects:** List projects as continuing or new, including name of chairman, location and description of project. Indicate if fundraising is a part of the project. (Some fund raisers may help with beautifying the community or education of public, as well as produce revenue for your organization). 20 pts.
  - Member Club Information:** List of member clubs, including club president names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses. Include meeting dates for each club. List total number of dues paying members. 20 pts.
  - Options:** (no points given)
    - Former presidents
    - Yearly themes
    - Collect
    - Mission Statement

**#16 D Yearbooks for State Garden Club**

D. State Garden Club Yearbooks

1. With Advertisements
2. Without Advertisements

## SCALE OF POINTS - D

**FORMAT:** TOTAL of 100 points.

- **Book Structure:** Practical, convenient size for membership, durable, neat. Yearbooks may be stapled, spiral, or 3-ring binders. Material should be well placed with ample margins and font size suitable for members to read. 2 pts.
- **Cover:** Include name of State Garden Club, year, appealing design. If 3-ring binder cover is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information listed above, and so note. 2 pts.
- **Title Page:** Include name of State Garden Club, year, total membership, number of clubs, affiliation including NGC, region, other. Include name of NGC President, Regional Director, State President with each affiliation. 3 pts.
- **Table of Contents:** Number the yearbook pages and list topics with respective page numbers. 3 pts.
- **Subsequent Pages:** In any order most useful and best fit for page placement.
  - State Information:** List names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of state officers, Committee Chairmen, and District Directors (if applicable). List State President's theme and project/s. List business office address, phone number, and e-mail address, if applicable. List state website address (if applicable). 10 pts.
  - National and Regional Information:** List name, theme, and projects of NGC President. List address, phone number, e-mail address of NGC Headquarters in St. Louis. List NGC website address: [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) and Regional website address. List Regional Director's name, address, phone number, e-mail address. Include theme and projects. 10 pts.
  - Calendar of Events:** Include list of state meeting dates, schools, symposiums, workshops, and special events. Include national, regional, state and district conventions/board meetings. This will eliminate conflicts in scheduling. 10 pts.
  - Projects:** List projects as continuing or new, including name of chairman, location, and description of project. New projects are not required. 20 pts.
  - NGC Sponsored Schools:** Course information should be listed and explained. 20 pts.
  - Member Club Information:** Roster to include name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of each club president (choice of alphabetical, by district, etc.). List Youth Garden Clubs along with a person's name and contact information. List Affiliates and Plant Societies along with a person's name and contact information. 20 pts.
- **Options:** (no points given)
  - Budget
  - Bylaws
  - Former State Presidents
  - Duties of Chairmen
  - List of NGC Consultants and NGC Judges
  - NGC and Regional Awards Chairmen with contact information

**#16 E Yearbooks for Club of Judges, Council of Judges, or Consultants**

**#16GE Yearbooks for International Affiliates Club of Judges, Council of Judges, or Consultants**

E. Judges or Consultants Yearbooks

## SCALE OF POINTS - E or GE

**FORMAT:** TOTAL of 100 points

- **Book Structure:** Practical, durable, neat. Yearbooks may be stapled, spiral, or 3-ring binder. Material should be well placed with ample margins and font size suitable for members to read. 2 pts.
- **Cover:** Include name of organization, state, year, and appealing design. If 3-ring binder is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information listed above, and so note. 2 pts.
- **Title Page:** Include name of organization, number of members, affiliation including NGC, region, state, other. 3 pts.
- **Table of Contents:** Number the yearbook pages and list topics with respective page numbers. 3 pts.
- **Subsequent Pages:** In any order most useful and best fit for page placement.
  - **Organizational Information:** List Officers and Committee Chairmen (club affiliations optional). 10 pts.
  - **National and Regional Information:** List name, address, and e-mail address of NGC President, Regional Director, and State President. List website of NGC, Region, and State. 10 pts.
  - **Calendar of Events:** Include list of national, regional, and state conventions, schools, and special events. 10 pts.
  - **Policies and Objectives:** Include policies and objectives of organization. (Bylaws, history are optional). 10 pts.
  - **Member Information:** Include membership roster with complete addresses, e-mail, telephone numbers. (Status, refresher dates, club affiliations optional). 10 pts.
  - **Projects:** List projects as continuing or new, including name of chairman. State location and description of project, sponsored courses, donations. 20 pts.
  - **Meetings/Programs:** List meetings, include date, time and place of meeting. Give title of program, speaker with brief qualifications. Describe program as workshop, tour, panel, etc. 20 pts.
- **Options:** (no points given)
  - Collect
  - Mission Statement
  - Former Presidents

## YOUTH AWARDS

Entry Award Rules 1-5, 7-9 apply for Youth Awards - **J.** Youth Garden Club; **K.** Individual Youth **#10-J, Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club** - Augusta H. Brewer Certificate/s of Merit may be awarded to the Junior/Intermediate club and the member garden club sponsoring the youth club, which through its own efforts has been most successful in promoting all phases of garden club work. Indicate grade/s, sponsor, list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved. Do not duplicate with other junior/intermediate awards.

- A. Grades 1-3      B. Grades 4-6      C. Grades 7-9      D. Other

**#14-J, Horticulture Achievement by a Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club** - The Hessie Thomson Morrah Award and a \$50 donation by Alaska Garden Clubs may be awarded for outstanding horticulture activity to the member garden club sponsor of a Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club. Indicate grade/s, sponsor, list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved. Do not duplicate with other junior/intermediate awards.

**#32-J, Conservation Award for Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club** - A Certificate of Merit and a \$10 donation by Judi Davis, may be awarded to the member garden club sponsor of a Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club, which has successfully carried out the most outstanding conservation project. Include list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved.

**#33-J, High School Gardeners Accomplishment** - The Carrie Buhrman Nettleton Award and a \$100 donation by Jeanne Nelson may be awarded to the member garden club sponsor of a High School Gardeners Club that has carried out the best all-around gardening project. Indicate grade/s, sponsor, and include list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved.

**#55-J, Youth Environmental Concern Award** - The Winifred F. Fink Award and a \$25 donation by The Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. may be awarded to the member garden club sponsor of a youth garden club, for the most outstanding project in the field of environmental concern, e. g. horticulture, landscaping, anti-litter, restoration, others.

**#65-J, Junior Garden Club Horticulture Award** - A Certificate of Merit and \$50, donated by Wisconsin Garden Club Federation, may be awarded to the member garden club sponsor of a Junior Garden Club, for the most significant effort in planting and growing horticulture in an outdoor area. Participants may seek advice from any source, but must do the actual gardening themselves.

**#76-K, High School Distinguished Service Project** - The High School Distinguished Service Project Award and \$100 for first place, donated by The Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc. and \$50 for second place, donated by Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. may be awarded to a high school student, grades 9-12, for an outstanding civic project making a significant improvement for public benefit, e.g. environment, conservation, landscape, horticulture, recycling, horticulture therapy, others. A single member garden club, group of member clubs, districts, or a State Garden Club must sponsor the contest.

#### **YOUTH-RELATED – ADULT WORK WITH YOUTH**

**#8 Youth Horticulture Education** - The Helen Hussey Champlin Award and a \$50 donation by the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs may be awarded for the best promotion of gardening among youth; based on belief that youth should be educated to become future horticulturists.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

**#54 Environmental Education** - The Jesse M. Connor Award and a \$100 donation by Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. may be awarded for the most outstanding project in the field of environmental education involving youth.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state

**#60 Junior Leadership Award** - The Mary Louise Michie Award and a \$100 donation by Former Presidents of Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. may be awarded to an individual who has given outstanding service to youth as a leader of a Junior Garden Club.

- C. Individual garden club member

**INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATES AWARDS**  
send to **IA Awards Chairman, Ursula B. De Gomez, Paseo de la Soledad 123,**  
**La Herradura Estado de Mexico 52784, [ursulabeick@hotmail.com](mailto:ursulabeick@hotmail.com)**

**Application Procedure:** Rules 1-5 and 7-9 apply.

International Affiliates: IA Awards Chairman: name, address by January 15.

**#66 Civic Achievement Award** - A silver snack tray, donated by Esther P. De Salinas, may be awarded for the most outstanding contribution with civic improvement projects, community plantings, landscaping public areas (design and plants), growing projects, horticulture workshops for children or adults, comprehensive program in environmental concern.

**#69 Youth Award** -The Violet Dawson Youth Award and a \$100 donation by Gloria Remedi may be given to an IA member club for an environmental education and/or garden project for youth. Monetary award to be divided equally if more than one applicant qualifies.

**#70 Wildflower Award** -The Eleanor Yates Wildflower Award (a silver bowl) donated by Eleanor Yates and a Certificate of Merit may be awarded to an IA member club for establishing the most comprehensive planting of wildflowers and native plants in a public area such as school grounds and roadsides.

**IA are also eligible to apply for awards #3, #4, #12, #13, #16-G, #38, #63**

**IA FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

**International Affiliates** apply directly to IA Awards Chairman, **Ursula B. De Gomez** by January 15.

Requirements for Preparing a Book of Evidence for Flower Show Achievement Award - refer to *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2007 edition.

**#36 A International Affiliates Standard Flower Show** - Sunburst Rosette.

1. One (1) or more International Affiliate member club. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.

**#36B Standard Flower Show Promoting NGC Objectives** - The Winifred Fink Silver Trophy, a silver snack tray donated by Bobbie Verser, may be awarded for the most outstanding Standard Flower Show that promotes the objectives of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

**#36C Standard Flower Show Schedule** - The Junne Johnsrud Schedule Award, a silver snack tray donated by Idalia Aguilar, may be awarded for the best Standard Flower Show schedule.

**#36D Standard Flower Show Staging Award** - The Ellen Griffin Staging Award, a silver snack tray donated by Sylvia Wray, may be awarded for the most creative staging in a Standard Flower Show. At least six color photographs and a description of the special staging must accompany application.

**#67 International Floral and/or Horticulture Show Award** - A certificate may be awarded to an International Specialized Floral and/or Horticulture Show, sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc. in recognition of outstanding achievement.