

GARDEN CLUB OF ALABAMA, INC.

AWARDS BOOKLET

Effective 2021*

Check your current *Hortensia* Yearbook for the current Committee Chairman name and address for the appropriate GCA Committee Chairman listed at award description. The Yearbook edition of *Hortensia* has the current president's picture on the cover and should be kept for the full term of office which is normally 2 years. An up to date listing can also be found on the GCA website.

*This booklet is designed to last until major changes occur. **DO NOT DESTROY** pass along to the Club President and/or Club Awards Chairman of your garden club, or responsible party for awards applications for your club. This booklet is available on the GCA website at: gardenclubofalabama.org along with the listing of GCA Committee Chairman

GCA AWARDS INFORMATION

There shall be presented only one first (blue), one red (second), one yellow (third) and as many honorable mention as deemed worthy by the Chairman, per award number. Exception: Flower Show awards shall have only first place ribbons. Winners to be announced at the GCA Annual Convention and printed in the Awards Program Booklet.

AWARDS RULES EFFECTIVE 2021

A. **AWARDS YEAR:** January 1, to December 31, annually. All awards may be presented annually if merited. This applies to all projects submitted with an application form. Exceptions will be noted at award description. (See yearbook and publications rules)

B. **ELIGIBILITY:** Only Garden Club of Alabama members are eligible to apply for GCA awards unless otherwise stated in the awards description. Members are member garden clubs, groups of garden clubs, and individual members of garden clubs. Junior, Intermediate and High School Garden Clubs and individual Youth must be sponsored by a member garden club to be eligible for specific GCA awards.

C. **APPLICATION FORMS:** The application for awards form contains topics to be addressed along with any supporting photographs or printed material. Application Form is on the GCA website at www.gardenclubofalabama.org. This form is fillable online or can be downloaded. Please answer the questions in the order given and number your answers. These must be typed/hand printed below the numbered questions and are to be answered in order. It must be neat and legible.

1. There is a three (3) page limit, using the front of the page only. Exception: Flower Shows, Award #43 Garden Club Membership (replacing Publicity Press Book), Award # 80 Member of Honor, and Publications #49-51 which all have specific requirements as noted at the awards description.

2. Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are not allowed. Exception: Flower Show and Award #80 Member of Honor as noted at the awards description.

3. Forms are available on the GCA website and must be printed on line, either as a blank form or typed on line and printed. Three copies (3) must be submitted to the State Awards Chairman and it is highly recommended that the applicant retain one copy for their own file. After completion, the application can be photocopied. Paper clips may be used, **NO STAPLES! NO EXACT APPLICATION CAN BE SUBMITTED FOR MORE THAN ONE AWARD**

4. Flower Show and Award #80 Member of Honor have their own unique application forms and do not have a three page limit. Refer to the award description for details.

D. PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING AND DEADLINES: Deadline for all awards is **November 15th**, to the appropriate State Awards Committee Chairman unless stated otherwise.

1. Complete the application form using the numbering format given, **points will be deducted for failure to follow this outline**. DO NOT start answering the questions on the second (2) page. Start immediately below the numbered questions, and number your answers .Be specific. No vague answers. Submit by mail the original and two copies (**3 total copies**) of the application to the appropriate **State Awards Committee Chairman by November 15**, unless otherwise stated in the awards description. **Note: AWARDS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN will submit all 3 copies to the State Awards Chairman by December 1, with NO notations/writing on the application and NO STAPLES**. Sticky notes are acceptable.

2. Garden Clubs keep a copy of the application for your records and submit 3 copies to the appropriate chairman. **Do not submit** the same exact application for multiple awards. It can be the same project, but the wording must be changed to better reflect the information required for the application with appropriate pictures as proof of project. Label pictures.

3. The GCA Committee Chairman will have the applications judged and will submit the first and second place winners, along with a winners listings of all award applications received (First Place through Honorable Mention). Chairman also take note of the number of members in the club, as this will result in multiple placements (such as two or three first and second place winners, depending on club size). Mail list and the **3 copies** of the applications to the GCA Awards Chairman by **December 1**, or date specified on the awards description.

4. The GCA Awards Chairman will forward to Deep South and/or to NGC per awards instructions, if you are chosen by the State Awards Committee to go forward.

5. EXCEPTIONS: FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS requires a book of evidence. Award #80 MEMBER OF HONOR has a six page limit. **READ before applying!** Due January 1. Award # 43 GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP, replacing Publicity Press Books is limited to 3 pages, but has specific instructions about attaching publications which allows for more than the 3 pages. See the awards descriptions for each for details on applying.

E. CLUB CATEGORIES BY SIZE:

A. Garden Club applications shall be judged according to size determined by the number of members on whom State Dues are paid. **Exception: Yearbooks** see description at listing

- i Small Club: 29 members and under
- ii Medium Club 30-59 members
- iii Large Club 60-99 members
- iv Extra Large Club 100 members and over

B. Group of member clubs, councils, or districts

- F. **BOOK OF EVIDENCE**: Should be prepared for the following:
1. Flower Show Achievement Awards (limit of 20 pages, front and back /10sheets)
 2. #80 Member of Honor (award description and instructions at NGC web site 6 page limit - see web site (www. gardenclub.org for details)

G. **GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING A BOOK OF EDIVENCE** (Required for Flower Show and Award #80 Member of Honor)

Use a **lightweight, solid color, theme type binder, size not to exceed 9'x12"**. See rules for number of pages. **NO RING BINDERS.**

Label, Outside Cover

Outside label should include number and name of award applied for, along with size of club, club name, city, and state. (example, Patriotic Flower Show #FS-4B, if Council or District)

Awards Application Form

Complete the necessary information on the top of the Application form. **Do Not** answer the questions 1-6. Firmly paperclip a copy of the completed application form to the inside front cover.

Presentation

- Sheets must be placed in top loading sheet protectors
- Use standard 8.5"x11" paper
- All material must be attached to pages, no loose material, fold-outs, etc.
- Do not add extra information in back pocket
- Secure all photographs and/or other material neatly

Written Text

- All text must be typed or neatly printed.
- Be concise. Follow all requirements and award description and Scale of Points.
- BOE must include text and not just photos with labels.
- Photos may be interspersed throughout or following text and must have description at photo.
- Photocopies are permitted.
- Trim all items neatly.

H. **SCALE OF POINTS FOR MOST GCA AWARDS**; (Exceptions Flower Shows, Yearbooks, Publications, Award #45 Social Media/Website, Member of Honor, etc)

PRESENTATION - 5pts: neat, concise (be specific with details), includes all required information on the GCA application form (must be numbered to follow outline on form). **NO STAPLES**

ACHIEVEMENT - 65pts: scope of the project: define the need and fulfillment, activities to attain goals, state benefits of goals reached, accomplishment with details on participants, full financial report, who was involved, brief history if continuing project, etc.

PARTICIPATION - 15pts: club size and number of members involved, other involvement (youth, community, government agencies, professionals, residents in homes or neighborhood, etc.)

DOCUMENTATION - 15pts: supporting data, before and after photos well labeled and neatly attached, good quality (clear), landscape plan (does not have to be professional), letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles, radio or TV script, facebook postings. Photocopies are permitted.

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Awards Listing and Rules

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & CONSERVATION

Award # 1 Birds – Club or group of clubs reporting the most comprehensive and effective project for bird protection and welfare such as promotion of legislation establishing sanctuaries (must have copy of ordinance), providing care and protection of birds, food, housing, identifying, etc. If a continuing project, detail the plans. **Send Award Application (3 pages) to the GCA Birds Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #2 Butterfly Conservation (ds) – Club doing the most outstanding work in the field of butterfly conservation STRESSING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. **Send Award Application (3 pages) for Awards #2-3 to the GCA Butterflies/Pollinators Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)

Award #3 Pollinators – (formerly Butterflies) Club or group of clubs reporting the most comprehensive and effective project on pollinating insects or animals such as habitat and/or migratory routes protection, public education, establishment of pollinator gardens at schools or community sites, etc.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #4 Conservation - Club or group of clubs reporting the most comprehensive and effective project for conservation activities with education (ENERGY AWARENESS, ETC) or legislative activity; conservation field project; natural resource development (watershed, erosion control, reforestation, wildlife refuge, etc., overall excellence and well-balanced year's activities). **Send Award Application (3 pages) for Awards #4-5 to the GCA Conservation Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)
- C. Individual garden club member

Award #5 Conservation Using Native Plants (ds) – Club reporting the most outstanding conservation project using “NATIVE” and/or “TOUGH PLANTS”. Project must be completed within the year in which application is made, but may be started any time. Consideration given to appropriateness of plant material, quality of project, member participation, and community involvement.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)

Award #6 Conservation Education - Club or group of clubs reporting the most comprehensive work and/or study in conservation education. **Send Award Application (3 pages) to the GCA Conservation Education Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v))

Award #7 Litter/Recycling/Reclamation – Club or group of clubs reporting the most outstanding community project on litter prevention, reclamation and/or recycling. Such as; year-long program, organizing recycling program, establishing community composting site, etc. **Send Award Application (3 pages) for Awards #7-8 to the GCA Litter/Recycling/Reclamation Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v))

Award #8 Litter Control (ds) – Club or group of clubs reporting the most outstanding project in the field of litter prevention, waste reduction, reclamation and/or recycling, any endeavors for a quality environment. **Youth involvement to be emphasized.**

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v))

Award #9 Water - Club or group of clubs reporting the most outstanding project with an emphasis on water conservation and/or clean water. **Send Award Application (3 pages) to the GCA Water Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v))

Award #10 Organic Gardening Practices - Club or group of clubs reporting the most outstanding project emphasizing and employing the use of organic materials and methods in a gardening project, or educational activity. **Send Award Application (3 pages) to the GCA Organic Gardening Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v))

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

Award #11 Community Beautification – for outstanding beautification project in a city, town, or a neighborhood done as a continuing project or as a special one-time event. **Send Award Application (3 pages) for awards #11-12 to the GCA Beautification/School Grounds Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

- A. Special, One-Time event – (club size, i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Continuing Project - (club size, i, ii, iii, iv)

Award #12 School Grounds Improvement (ds)– for the beautification and improvement of the grounds of any school (old or new).

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v))

Award #13 Roadside Beautification (ds) - for outstanding, permanent roadside beautification. The project may be continuous, but must have an advanced degree of completion prior to making application. Award only given once for the same project. **Send Award Application (3 pages) for awards #13-14 to the GCA Roadside Beautification Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #14 Yard of the Month (al) – Club with the most outstanding Yard of the Month project for the year of application.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Award #15 Community Service – for the most outstanding community garden project, providing green space, and/or opportunities for social gatherings, beautification, education, recreation or the growing of food. Specify size of club or group with appropriate letter. **Send Award Application (3 pages) for awards #15-20 to the GCA Community Service Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

- A. Establishment of a new community garden – (i, ii, iii, iv, v)
- B. Establishment of a new community garden w/partnering organization - (i, ii, iii, iv, v)
- C. Continuing participation in a community garden - (i, ii, iii, iv, v)
- D. Continuing participation in a community garden w/partnering organization - (i, ii, iii, iv, v)

Award #16 Community Action (ds) – For a club with the most outstanding program/project relating to garden club objectives (NOT COVERED BY ANOTHER AWARD). Involvement of community groups is a major consideration. If a continuing project, the major portion of worthiness must be accomplished within the application year.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #17 Adopt-A-Park (ds) – For a Club with the establishment of a city, mini, pocket, or subdivision park and/or enhancement of specific areas in existing parks.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)

Award #18 Civic Achievement – most distinguished civic or conservation work making a permanent improvement for public benefit. Such as; establishing sanctuaries, children’s gardens, municipal gardens, butterfly gardens, etc. No commercial projects.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #19 Garden Center Award – May be awarded for a garden center, maintained by members, which has performed the greatest service to the community through, lectures and/or courses furthering NGC objectives, exhibits, library, trial garden, youth involvement, networking with other civic organizations. Must include days/hours center is open to the public and activities held at the center.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #20 Food Bank Donations – Club with the most outstanding contribution of freshly grown and/or non-perishable food to a food bank, pantry or other organization providing food to those in need in a community. (food needs to be weighed with total for the year)

- A. Club members growing food in garden and/or gardens, and donate as above – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Produce from a community garden the club is involved with, and donate as above – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- C. Club donating the most non-perishables as above - (i, ii, iii, iv)

Award #21 Blue Star and/or Gold Star Families Memorials Awards (ds) - Establishment of a Blue Star or Gold Star Families Memorial Marker. Consideration will be given to money raising efforts, club participation, publicity, dedication events, and overall appearance of finished project. **NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH AWARD # 32** which is the landscaping for such project. You cannot use the exact application for both awards. Focus on this award is listed above. **Send Award Application (3 pages) to the GCA Blue/Gold Star Markers Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #22 Special Achievement – Club or group of clubs with the most outstanding garden club related project furthering NGC objectives (one-time or on-going, or a special project not provided for in another award. Youth involvement will be an asset. **The identical project is not eligible to win this award for two consecutive years. Send Award Application (3 pages) to the GCA Special Achievement Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

- A. Project involving Club Members and/or community - (i, ii, iii, iv, v)
- B. Project involving Youth - (i, ii, iii, iv,v)
- C. Individual garden club member

GARDENING

Award #23 Container Gardening – Individual or club with the most outstanding container or containers of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, or combination thereof. **Send Award Application (3 pages) for Awards #23-25 to the GCA Gardening Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

- A. Single container grown by an individual member
- B. Multiple containers in one location grown by an individual member
- C. Single container grown by a club - (i, ii, iii, iv)
- D. Multiple containers in one location grown by a club - (i, ii, iii, iv)

Award #24 Edible Gardening – Individual or club with the most outstanding garden of edibles (fruits, vegetables, edible flowers)

- A. Garden of edibles grown by an individual
- B. Garden incorporating edibles in an ornamental landscape grown by an individual
- C. Garden of edibles grown by a club - (i, ii, iii, iv)
- D. Garden incorporating edibles in an ornamental landscape grown by a club - (i, ii, iii, iv)

Award #25 Therapy Gardens – for the establishment or restoration of a garden or gardens to benefit the physically or learning challenged, residents in nursing homes, schools, prisons, low-income housing, cancer centers, etc. includes barrier free gardens, accessible gardening, community gardens, meditation gardens at a hospital, etc. The goal of the gardens can be to increase awareness or to give hope. Consideration will be given to cooperation between club and institution, number of persons reached and value to disabled.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)
- C. Individual garden club member

Award #26 Horticulture (ds) – For a garden club with the most outstanding activities in the field of horticulture. The award is given to promote planned gardening activities in the study of horticulture BY CLUB MEMBERS. Membership participation to be emphasized. Summary outlining year’s plan, activities to implement the plan, goals, and results should be included in description of project. **Send Award Application (3 pages) to the GCA Horticulture Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)

LANDSCAPING AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN Send Award Application (3 pages) for Awards #27-34 to the **GCA Landscape Design Committee Chairman** listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.

Award #27 Community Landscape Design – for the most significant contribution in providing planning and planting for: commercial property, hospital, library, church, civic center, park, waterfront, etc. Copy of a landscape plan must be included (need not be professionally drawn).

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #28 Landscape Design – for the most outstanding project and/or activity in the field of landscape design for; home, or landscape education.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)
- B. Individual garden club member

Award #29 Landscape Design for Church Gardens – for the planning and planting of a church or synagogue garden that meets the needs of the congregation.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)
- C. Individual garden club member

Award # 30 Habitat for Humanity or Similar Project Landscape Award – (ds) for the best Habitat or similar community landscape project. Emphasis to be on ease of maintenance, choice of enduring plant materials, and overall results from start to finish. Project must be completed in award year. Youth or community group involvement is encouraged. Photographic documentation, expense accounting (including donations) must be included.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #31 Landscape for Historic Preservation and/or Restoration (ds) – for outstanding landscape for Historic Preservation or Restoration. Landscape plan required including proportions and materials used. Plan does not have to be professionally drawn.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)
- C. Individual garden club member

Award #32 Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker – the most outstanding Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker landscaping project. The marker and landscape may be part of a rest area maintained by the state, the project may be continuous, but the major landscaping must be completed within two years. The project may also be a replacement of a destroyed or long-neglected marker.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #33 Blue Star/Gold Star Families Memorial Byway Marker – most outstanding Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker landscaping project. (Same parameters as #32)

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #34 Blue Star /Gold Star Families Memorial Marker/Civic Location – the most outstanding Blue Star Memorial Marker landscaping project at a Cemetery, Veteran’s facility or other civic location. (Same parameters as #32)

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/HISTORIC MEMORIAL, OR CHURCH GARDENS Send Award Application (3 pages) for Awards #35-37 to the GCA Historic Preservation Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.

Award #35 Historic Preservation – Historic preservation project such as the restoration of a park, building, and/or garden of importance such as a memorial or church garden important to local, state or national heritage

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #36 Historic Preservation and Restoration (ds) – The garden club or group of clubs for the most outstanding promotion and/or project involving the preservation and/or restoration of a **historic building**.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #37 Decoration of a Historic Building- for the tasteful decoration of a historic building/house/mansion. Decorations should be creative, distinctive, and harmonize with the building’s style but does not have to be of the period of the building. Designer’s choice of all materials within the purview of curator, official or owner of the building.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

NATIVE PLANTS AND WILDFLOWERS Send Award Application (3 pages) for Awards #38-41 to the GCA **Natives/Wildflowers Committee Chairman** listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.

(Entries must include supporting information, before and after photos, educational value as well as aesthetic beauty should be shown, unique aspects and/or unusual features, financial statement, etc.) **NO PROJECT MAY RECEIVE AN AWARD FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS**

Award #38 Roadside Plantings – notable environmental preservation and enhancement of roadsides and rest areas using wildflowers and native plants of the region. Projects may be on rural byways, urban highways, roadside rest areas, entrances to towns, medians, etc.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #39 Civic Projects with Native Plants – establishing wildflower gardens, memorial gardens, or the restoration of historic gardens with emphasis on native plants of the region.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #40 Outdoor Classrooms, Nature Trails – for establishing outdoor classrooms, nature trails, wildflower walks, etc. with the emphasis on wildflowers and plants native to the region.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #41 Wildflower (ds) – for the most comprehensive activity in the area of wildflowers. This project shall be a concentrated effort in the protection, planting, growing and/or identification of wildflowers. **This same project is not eligible to win this award two consecutive years.**

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

FLORAL DESIGN Send Award Application to the GCA Flower Show Judges Credentials Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.

Award #42 Floral Design Program – outstanding program or workshop teaching floral design to club members and/or the public. (Excludes Flower Show Schools and Symposiums)

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v))

SCALE OF POINTS:

Presentation 5 pts -neat, concise, include all required information on application form

Achievement 65 pts -Detailed description of program presented, location, date, and time, attendance, research and preparation for program, materials used/provided, and any other relevant information.

Participation 15 pts – size of club, involvement of members, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, residents in facilities, others. (List all involved)

Record or Documentation 15 pts – supporting data (as applicable), clear, well-labeled and neatly attached before and after photos, letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles (if applicable), financial report.

Award FD-1 Floral Design (formerly Helen S. Hull Calendar Flower Arranger of the Year) – This award shall be determined by the NGC Vision of Beauty Calendar Committee. Club members and members of NGC affiliated clubs may submit digital photos of all types of designs; traditional, contemporary, new trends, and those appropriate for the seasons of the year and holidays. Entries are submitted directly to the NGC Calendar Chairman. **Please Note: the entry form and requirements are found on the NGC website and in the current Vision of Beauty Calendar. Do not submit entries to the Alabama Awards Chairman – to NGC Chairman only. DEADLINE IS JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR.**

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION

Award #43 Garden Club Membership (replaces Publicity Press Books) – for the most innovative activity or activities, or most outstanding effort to increase public visibility, to increase club membership, or to make the public aware of the mission and activities of garden clubs; including membership brochures, leaflets, or any other publication used as well as publicity received. (printed materials, materials for electronic publication, and publicity may be attached in their entirety to the application and are not counted as part of the 3-page limit). **Send Award Application (3 pages +) to the GCA Membership /Promotion Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v))

SCALE OF POINTS:

Presentation 5 pts -neat, concise, include all required information on application form

Achievement 65 pts -Innovative nature of activities and/or publications: quality of printed materials and contents (includes material to be published electronically); activities to attain goals; planning and execution of activities and/or publications; any successful publicity obtained.

Participation 15 pts – size of club, involvement of members, community, professionals, youth, etc., as applicable

Record or Documentation 15 pts – supporting data (as applicable), clear, well-labeled and neatly attached before and after photos, if applicable, any printed created (can include content on websites, social media sites, etc.)

Award #44 National Garden Week – for the best promotion of National Garden Week; entry to show community awareness throughout the entire week and include local and or state proclamations. **Send Award Application (3 pages) to the GCA National Garden Week Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #45 Social Media/Website – the most outstanding website or social media page promoting the club and NGC objectives. The site page **MUST** have at least a portion available for public viewing (not just club members). Information on the application must include the website address, who maintains the site, how often it is updated, and cost. Ease of navigation will be considered while judging from the current issue. Include size designation for club or group of clubs (i, ii, iii, iv, v). **Send Award Application (3 pages) for Awards #45-48 to the GCA Public Relations/Media Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

- A. Website designed and managed by Club Member/Members
- B. Social media page designed and managed by Club Member/Members
- C. Website professionally DESIGNED
- D. Social media page professionally DESIGNED

SCALE OF POINTS:

Presentation 25 pts -Design/Appearance: attractive, engaging, easy to view, layout

Navigation 35 pts – Ease of navigation, navigation system (bar, map, etc.) logical flow of pages, clear page headers, links active

Achievement 20 pts - club/group information present/ease to find, educational

Promotion 10 pts – Promotes NGC objectives

Maintenance 10 pts – Does it appear to be updated

Award #46 Video/CD/DVD/Flash Drive – best video/CD/DVD/flash drive (or any like or newer technology) 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 club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
 - B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #47 Radio and/or TV – club having the best garden-oriented programming and/or service announcements. Submit date/s aired, length of programs and typewritten scripts of series or guest appearances. Include audio or video tape of program or public service announcements. Include size designation for club or group of clubs (i, ii, iii, iv, v)

- A. Radio: A single or series of programs or a single or series of Public Service Announcements (10, 20, 30, 60 seconds), guest appearance/s, or other.
- B. Television: A single or series of programs or a single or series of Public Service Announcements (10, 20, 30, 60 seconds), guest appearance/s, or other.

Award #48 Public Relations (ds) – Garden club related activities with one or more non-member groups or organizations in promoting good public relations. Competition will be judged on ONE cosponsored garden club related activity NOT covered by another award. **The same project is not eligible for this award for two consecutive years.**

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

PUBLICATIONS Publications entries must be submitted in a folder or 9x12 envelope); attach one application with a paperclip to the outside of the envelope and place one inside the envelope with a paperclip with submitted materials. **DO NOT STAPLE, GLUE, OR TAPE THE AWARD APPLICATION TO THE ENVELOPE. ALL PUBLICATION ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED AS HARD COPIES (ELECTRONICALLY DISTRIBUTED PUBLICATIONS MUST BE PRINTED OUT FOR SUBMISSION).** Publications must be dated within the current awards year. If you wish your entry to be returned, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They will be returned following the NGC convention.

SCALE OF POINTS: Used for Pub 1 and Pub 11 (#49 and #50) as applicable.

Presentation – 5 pts – Application includes brief description of publication, club membership. No limit on number of pages in publications.

Achievement – 65 pts – educational, informative, accuracy, clarity of subject; quality of printing, photography, and/or graphics; coverage received, general appeal; indicates your organization is a member of NGC.

Promotes NGC Objectives – 15 pts

Record or Documentation – 15 pts – number of copies distributed, financial information, cost of publishing, price of goods sold, market seen.

Award #49 Publications 1 – Submit publications that are published at least three times per year under one editorship or management. Submit 3 sample issues and state the number of issues per year. Printed or electronic distribution are acceptable entries – but must be printed out for this award. **Send Award Application for Awards #49-50 to the GCA Publications Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

Categories:

1. Newsletter – one 8 ½” x 11” or one 8 ½” x 14” sheet of paper
 2. Newsletter – Magazine of 3-12 pages
 3. Newsletter – Magazine or Bulletin of 13-24 pages
 4. Newsletter – Magazine or Bulletin over 24 pages
- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
 - B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)
 - C. State Garden Club – (I, ii, iii, iv)

Award #50 Publications 2 – Best entry in each category; notices and flyers for one-time events are not eligible. Printed or electronic distribution are acceptable entries – but must be printed out for this award. Categories are; manuals or handouts, educational subjects, design, history, membership (leaflet), calendars, cookbooks, etc.

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

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #51 Program Papers (al)– Submit your program papers (2 copies) here only if they are not eligible for award #50. **Send Award Application to the GCA Club Program Papers Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

Rules: Place title on the first page with Member’s name, Club, address, and District. Type program title in the corner of each additional page. Article should be no longer than 20 minutes reading time and not less than 8-10 minutes.

Scale of Points:

1. Interesting and informative	50
2. Educational	25
3. Composition	20
4. Presentation	5
TOTAL POINTS	100

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Individual garden club member

YOUTH AWARDS Send Award Application (3 pages) for Awards #52-62 to the GCA Youth Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.

Award #52 Youth Garden Club – Club sponsor of a youth garden club which has been most successful in promoting all phases of garden club work with youth. Indicate grade/s, sponsor, list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth and sponsor club members involved. **DO NOT DUPLICATE WITH OTHER YOUTH AWARDS.**

- A. Grades 1-3
- B. Grades 4-6
- C. Grades 7-9
- D. Grades 10-12
- E. Other

Award #53 Flower Show Participation (al) – Club sponsor of the best report of participation by a junior garden club in a Standard Flower Show.

Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)

Award #54 Horticulture Achievement by a Youth Garden Club – Club sponsor of a youth garden club for outstanding horticulture activity. Indicate grade/s, sponsor, list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth and sponsor club members involved. **DO NOT DUPLICATE WITH OTHER YOUTH AWARDS.**

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

Award #55 Junior Garden Club (ds) – Highest scoring junior garden club which has been successful in promoting all phases of garden club work. Grades; preschool-sixth.

SCALE OF POINTS

Year-round balanced programs (2 or more) (Flower Show participation or workshop; horticulture workshop, growing projects; field trips; other)	30	
Conservation (2 or more) (Nature study, birds, trees, water, field trips, other)	30	
Civic (1 or more) (Community involvement projects, assisting sponsoring club; anti-litter campaigns; Arbor Day celebration; other)	20	
Other (Garden therapy, world gardening; poster participation; 6-9 meetings with 7 or more members)	10	
Presentation of materials (include yearbook)	<u>10</u>	
TOTAL		100

Award #56 Best Junior Yearbook (al) – Club sponsor of a junior club submitting the best yearbook.

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

Award #57 Junior Gardener Special Achievement (al) – Club sponsor of a junior and/or intermediate garden club for the most outstanding project that the sponsor club endorsed but the majority of the work was accomplished by the juniors/intermediates. Such as school grounds improvement, community project, special gardens, etc.

- A. Junior Garden Club
- B. Intermediate Garden Club

Award #58 Intermediate Gardeners (ds) – Intermediate gardeners outstanding project worthy of recognition.

Award #59 High School Gardeners Accomplishment – Club sponsor of a high school garden club that has carried out the best all-around gardening project. Indicate grade/s, sponsor, list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth and sponsor club members involved.

Award #60 Youth Environmental Concern – Club sponsor of a youth garden club for the most outstanding project in the field of environmental concern such as; horticulture, landscaping, anti-litter, restoration, wildlife, etc.

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

Award #61 Youth Horticulture – Club sponsor of a youth 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.

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

Award #62 High School Distinguished Service Project – High school student with an outstanding civic project making a significant improvement for the public benefit such as; environmental, conservation, landscape, horticulture, recycling, horticulture therapy, etc. Must be sponsored by a garden club, group of clubs, district, or the state garden club.

ADULT WORK WITH YOUTH Send Award Application (3 pages) for Awards #63-65 to the GCA Youth Related Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.

Award #63 Youth Horticulture Education – for the club with the best promotion of gardening among youth, based on the belief that youth should be educated to become future horticulturists.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #64 Environmental Education (ds/n) – for the most outstanding project in the field of environmental education involving youth.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #65 Youth Leadership Award – to the individual club member who has given outstanding service to youth as a leader of a youth garden club in any category through high school.

WILDLIFE GARDENING Send Award Application (3 pages) for Awards #66-68 to the GCA Wildlife Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.

Award #66 – Public Education for Wildlife – for the garden club with the most notable project or projects educating the public on the benefits of gardening for wildlife. Please include the number of members and the percentage of participation in the project, the approximate number of people educated and how they were notified of the project. Extra points will be given for originality and new ideas.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #67 – Establishing a Wildlife Garden – for establishing a wildlife garden/gardens at a public place/places. Needs to include signage to educate the public on how to garden for wildlife and its benefits to the community. Extra points will be given for published newspaper articles and/or periodicals on the project. Please include the number of members and the percentage of participation in the project, the approximate number of people visiting the garden and how they are notified of the project.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #68 – Public Education for Wildlife by Juniors - for the junior garden club with the most notable project/projects educating the public on the benefits of gardening for wildlife. Please include the number of members and the percentage of participation of the junior garden club and the approximate number of people educated and how they were notified of the project. Extra points will be given for originality and new ideas.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)

Scale of Points for Wildlife projects

Presentation: 5 points

Achievement: 40 points

Club participation: 15 points

Community Involvement: 30 points

Record or Documentation: 10 points

Bonus Points: 1-10 points for emphasized project qualities, as listed in each award description. (3 pages only)

TREES Send Award Application (3 pages) for Awards #69-70 to the GCA Arbor Day/Trees Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.

Award #69 – Arbor Day (ds) – for garden club/s with the most comprehensive program celebrating Arbor Day.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #70– Trees Planting (ds) – for the most outstanding tree planting project. Emphasis to be on low maintenance, quality trees suitable to local climate and ecological conditions. Project must be completed within the year of application.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

YEARBOOKS Send the Award Application with a yearbook to the GCA Yearbooks Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia. Please Note: some changes to yearbook rules may be made after the publication deadline by NGC, check the NGC website www.gardenclub.org for rules.

Award #71 Yearbooks – for the outstanding yearbook determined by number of members on whom GCA dues are paid

Categories:

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 +
8. Group of Clubs, Council, District*

Scale of Points for club yearbooks: *If applying for a Council/District refer to the NGC website for points as they are different.

- **Book Structure 2 points:** 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.
- **Cover 2 points:** 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.

- **Title Page 2 points:** 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.
- **Table of Contents 1 point:** Number the yearbook pages and list topics on Contents Page.
- **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 2 points:** 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 _____ unless otherwise noted.
- **List of Club Officers and Committee Chairman 1 point:**
- **NGC Information 1 point:** Name of the NGC President, the theme of the administration and a referral to the NGC website for further information.
- **Other Information 2 points:** Name of the Region Director, theme of Region and referral to the Region Website. Name of the State President, theme of the State President and a referral to the State Website.
- **Calendar of Events 2 points:** 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.
- **Programs:** Topics should cover a variety of NGC goals and objectives such as, Birds, Blue Star Memorials, Butterflies, Conservation, Environmental, Floral Design, Horticulture Therapy, Horticulture, Design, etc.
 1. (3 pts) Meets minimum number of meetings required by state
 2. (3 pts) List date and time of meeting, location with address
 3. (4 pts) List name of speakers, qualifications (brief), program title
 4. (14 pts) Variety of program topics (theme not required)
 5. (12 pts) Variety of styles of programs (lectures, tours, etc.)
 6. (14 pts) Variety of speakers (specialists, members, etc.)
- **Projects:** Projects involve actual membership participation that benefit the community and further NGC Goals and Objectives. Some fund raiser (sale of bulbs, bedding plants, herbs, etc.) may help to beautify the community, as well as produce revenue for the 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. (15 pts) List continuing and new projects (a club is not required to have new projects).
 2. (20 pts) Give brief 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.

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, 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

List of members who are life members in state, region, NGC

Awards received the previous year.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & HOLIDAY HOUSES Send Award Application (3 pages) for Awards #72-74 to the **GCA Christmas Lights & Holiday Houses Committee Chairman** listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia. Due date for these applications has changed, please note, **December 15**.

Award #72 Christmas Lights – Club or group of clubs with the most outstanding Christmas lighting project.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award #73 Holiday Houses - Club or group of clubs with the most outstanding Holiday House or Houses project.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

Award # 74 “Every Light a Prayer for Peace” - Club or group of clubs with the most outstanding “Every Light a Prayer for Peace” project.

- A. Single member club – (i, ii, iii, iv)
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc. (v)

SCHOLARSHIPS – GCA Send name of applicant and supporting data to the **GCA Scholarship Committee Chairman** listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.

Award #75 GCA Horticulture Scholarship – Established in 1954 to provide scholarships for students in the Department of Horticulture.

Award #76 Mary Hall Ware Scholarship – Established in 1980 by GCA and from bequest of the late Professor L. M. Ware to Auburn University as a Memorial to Mary Hall Ware. One-half of the funds of this scholarship are from GCA endowment and the other half from the Ware Trust. This scholarship is designated for an incoming freshman enrolled in some area of horticulture.

Award #77 L. M. Ware Scholarship – Established in 1979 to provide scholarship for students in the department of Horticulture. Recipients are eligible for this scholarship in subsequent years.

Award #78 Verna Ruffin Welchel Scholarship – Established in 1988, this scholarship can be awarded to an incoming freshman at Auburn University majoring in Horticulture.

Award #79 School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences Scholarship – Established in 1978 this scholarship can be awarded to a student that has reached the sophomore level in the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences. Students are eligible for this scholarship in subsequent years.

SERVICE AND RECOGNITION

Award #80 Member of Honor – (replacing Award of Honor) This may be awarded to one member whose volunteer efforts during a period of five or more years has made an outstanding contribution to the 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. Rules are listed on the NGC website on the awards page. A book of evidence must be submitted (not to exceed six pages). **Send Award Application to the GCA Member of Honor Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia. Due date is January 1.**

Deep South Garden Club of the Year – A cash award of \$50.00 will be awarded to a garden club that excels in the following categories: membership increase, service to members, club programs, projects, members attending club, district, and state meeting and/or sponsored programs. The garden club shall produce substantiating evidence of the club’s accomplishments in the stated categories. **A Book of Evidence is required, up to six pages, front and back.** This award is **mailed directly to the State Awards Chairman** by Jan. 1, and the state chairman selects one to be sent to DSGC Awards Chairman.

Scale of Points

Service	10
Continuing service provided by club for members	
Communications (describe briefly)	
Other (describe briefly)	
Club Programs (number _____)	30
Horticulture _____ Design _____ Environmental Concerns _____	
Special and/or regional projects _____	
Members presenting programs/workshops _____	
Describe briefly (include copy of yearbook page showing programs)	
Club Representation	20
Average attendance at garden club meetings _____	
Number attending Spring/Fall district meetings _____	
Number attending environmental or other State Programs _____	
The following are not required, but will be a bonus in case of a tie:	
Members attending State Convention _____	
Members attending DS Regional Convention _____	
Members attending NGC Convention _____	
Club Project/s	30
Describe briefly on one page, two photos may be included on a second page	
Club Finances – Funding for club activities	10
Fundraisers (describe briefly) Number _____	
Amounts \$ _____	
TOTAL	100

Award # 81 Deep South Mentor of the Year – This award is for a member that goes above and beyond the call of normal garden club duties. One who is known as a loyal member that is always available as a willing adviser giving invaluable assistance and/or support to the garden club officers and members across the state. A Book of Evidence is required of up to 4 pages, front and back, detailing how the nominated individual has been a Mentor in garden club work within the state. Up to three photos or media pictures may be included in the book. This award is **mailed directly to the state awards chairman** by Jan. 1, and the state chairman selects one to be sent to DSGC Awards Chairman.

Award of Distinguished Service – This award may be **presented by a local garden club to businesses, schools, youth clubs, civic organizations, etc.** who are not affiliated with a garden club, for ongoing or completed projects that benefit the community. The Award Certificates #5234 may be purchased from NGC Member Services in St. Louis.

FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS These awards are listed on the NGC website. Each have application forms of their own and differing requirements, deadlines, etc. They do not have the 3-page limit. Check with the state Flower Show Chairman. The winning applications must be sent to the State Awards Chairman as do all other category winners. **Send FS Application to the GCA Flower Shows Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

Award #82 Flower Show Schedule – (ds) a cash award of \$50.00 may be awarded for the highest scoring flower show schedule designated as a Standard or Small Standard Flower Show, including General or Specialized. Refer to Rules and Requirements as published in Handbook of Flower Shows, current edition.

- A. Small Standard Flower Show
- b. Standard Flower Show

Award #83 Small Standard Flower Show – (ds) a cash award of \$50.00 may be awarded for the highest scoring flower show designated as a Small Standard Flower Show. Refer to Rules and Requirements as published in Handbook of Flower Shows, current edition for preparing Book of Evidence.

Award # FS-1 Club Standard – Award for the club with the highest scoring flower show designated as a Club Standard FS. (Purple Rosette)

Award # FS-2 Holiday Standard – Award for the club, council, or group of clubs with the highest scoring flower show designated as a Holiday Standard FS. (Red and Green Rosette)

Award # FS-4 Patriotic Standard – Award for the club, council, or group of clubs for the highest scoring flower show designated as a Patriotic Standard FS. (Red/White/Blue Rosette)

Award # FS-5 Petite Standard – Award for the club, council, or group of clubs with the highest scoring flower show designated as a Petite Standard FS. (Small Yellow Rosette)

Award # FS-7 Club Small Standard (ds) – Award for the club with the highest scoring flower show designated as a Small Standard FS. (Petite Purple Rosette)

Award # FS-8 Holiday Small Standard – Award for the club with the highest scoring flower show designated as a Holiday Small Standard FS. (Petite Red and Green Rosette)

Award # FS-10 Patriotic Small Standard – Award for the club with the highest scoring flower show designated as a Patriotic Small Standard FS. (Petite Red/White/Blue Rosette)

Award # FS-11 Petite Small Standard – Award for the club with the highest scoring flower show designated as a Petite Small Standard FS. (Petite Rosette)

Award # FS-13 Near Club Standard– Award for the two or more member clubs located near each other with the highest scoring flower show designated as a Near Club Standard FS. (Blue and White Rosette)

Award # FS-14 Council Standard – Award for the council/judges council with the highest scoring flower show designated as a Council Standard FS. (Rose Rosette)

Award # FS-15 District – Award for the district with the highest scoring flower show designated as a District FS. (Green Rosette)

Award # FS -17 Youth/ Youth Section of an Adult Standard – Award for a youth group with the highest scoring flower show designated as a Youth/Youth Section of an Adult Standard FS. (Red Rosette)

Award # FS-23 Flower Show Schedule ds – Award for the club or group of clubs submitting the highest scoring schedule for a Standard or Small Standard FS.

Award #84 NGC Publicity Press Book – (ds) winning Books of Evidence must exhibit quality, quantity, and diversity of coverage in the print media promoting garden clubs and NGC goals and objectives.

- A. Single member garden club
 - 1. Small club: 29 members or less
 - 2. Medium club: 30-59 members
 - 3. Large club: 60-99 members
 - 4. Extra-large club: 100 members plus
- B. Group of member clubs, councils, districts
- C. Affiliated Garden Center

Note: This is a DSGC award, as NGC has replaced this award with Award #43 under Membership and Promotion. If you want to apply for this award you need to go to the DS web site: dsgardenclubs.com under “Awards Procedure” for details. This award has very specific rules for the Book of Evidence. If applying mail directly to the State Awards Chairman by the State deadline.

NGC YOUTH AWARDS The NGC youth contests have **their own special application forms and the complete rules** and information is on the NGC website. These are only listed here to promote awareness of the awards and give some general information to help our youth programs. **Send Award Applications with their special forms for all NGC Youth Contests, except Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl, to the GCA Youth Committee Chairman listed in the most recent GCA Yearbook Edition of Hortensia.**

Sponsoring clubs, it takes forethought and planning to get poems, essays, sculptures, and posters for these entries, please make a more concentrated effort to involve your club with the youth in your community. The youth is our next generation, and all we do will be in vain if we do not pass it on to them!

NGC High School Essay Contest – This contest is open to all High School students attending 9th-12th grades. A \$1,000 NGC Scholarship will be awarded to the National Winner.

The contestant must be sponsored by a garden club/group of clubs/council/district/or State Garden Club. All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme for 2020-2021 – **“Adapting our Actions to Protect our National Habitats”** [Check the web site for future themes.](#)

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

Length of essay: Between 600-700 words. There will be a penalty if essay does not conform to the required length. All words are to be counted. All entries must be typed and titled. Winning essay will be published in the NGC publication, *The National Gardener*.

Scale of points:

CONTENT - 60

- **10 pts** -- Knowledge of subject
- **10 pts** – Provide a Thesis Statement/Main Argument
- **10 pts** – Practicality of proposal
- **15 pts** – Originality
- **15 pts** – Subject matter well organized/clarity of presentation

COMPOSITION – 20

- **10 pts** – Vocabulary and Spelling
- **10 pts** – Grammar and Punctuation

MANUSCRIPT - 20

- **5 pts** – Conform to length
- **5 pts** – Entry submitted via email in Word format. Neatness and legibility
- **5 pts** - Cover Sheet Required to include name, address, email, school attending, grade, list of activities, and sponsoring club
- **5 pts** – NGC, Inc. release for publication and website form

TOTAL - 100

NGC Poetry Contest

2020-2021 Theme “**Exploring Backyard Mysteries**” Check the web site for future themes.

ELIGIBILITY: Kindergarten through 9th grade (K-9) and includes special education and English as a second language.

CONTEST RULES

All entries must be typed on regular 8.5” x 11” paper and titled.

Include name, address, age, school, and grade of participant on the back of entry.

Name of sponsoring club, with state name must be included.

Sponsoring club/member (may be a **Grandparent**.)

All entries become the property of NGC, Inc.

Poems do not have to rhyme.

Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquain, diamond poems, limerick, or Haiku.

Only one winner from each grade will be judged.

Participating clubs send entries to the State Youth Chairman.

SCALE OF POINTS

- **10 pts** – Title
- **40 pts** – Content
- **30 pts** – Creativity
- **20 pts** – Style

NGC Youth Sculpture

PURPOSE: To encourage youth to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving the environment. This contest is open to children grades 4-8.

Sculpture is limited to a size that will fit on a 8.5” x 11” sheet of paper

Sculpture must consist of recyclable, reused, and reduced materials.

Two photos 4” x 6” are recommended

Copies must be placed on the back of the special form from National (see the NGC website) along with the required form information (name, grade, school, sponsoring club, etc.)

Participating clubs send entries to the State Youth Chairman.

SCALE OF POINTS

- **60 pts** – Creative use of materials and self-expression
- **30 pts** – Description of sculpture and materials used
- **10 pts** – Craftsmanship and technique

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

Participates are grade 1-5 and must have a sponsoring Garden Club.

- All poster entries must be sponsored by a local Garden Club
- Smokey Bear posters must be based upon and include Smokey’s fire prevention message: *Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires!*
- Woodsy Owl posters must be based on and include Woodsy’s conservation message: *Lend a Hand – Care for the Land!*
- Children must select **only one icon** for the poster, it cannot be mixed!
- Smokey and Woodsy are protected by Congressional law, and their clothing and colors needs to be accurate. Check www.symbols.gov.
- Posters are **not returned**, remind the child to make a copy if wanted.
- **Check the spelling!** Posters with misspelled words will be disqualified!!
- **Entries are to be 11” x 17”. No Exceptions!**
- The students name, address, home phone number, grade, school with address and phone number, teacher’s name, city, and state must be printed on the back of the poster in the lower right corner and must include the name of the sponsoring garden club.

This is not a full listing of the rules, but covers the major ones that lead to an entry being disqualified! Please check out the full set of rules and Deadlines on the NGC website www.gardenclub.org , and **send entries to the State Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chairman by the state deadline.**