

AWARDS UPDATE AND CORRECTIONS-DECEMBER 2017

Award Sponsorship Campaign Continues:

There are many new and exciting awards for 2017-2019, and with the elimination of silver trays and substitution of \$100.00 checks, there are many sponsorship opportunities available for the next two years.

The awards committee is still gathering sponsorship for 2017-2019. States currently sponsoring from the last administration include Ohio, California, Florida, Missouri, Michigan, National Capital Area, Maryland, Kentucky, Indiana, New Jersey, Georgia, Alaska, Wisconsin, Arkansas, and New Hampshire. There are individuals as well, and we are currently contacting them to encourage their continued participation.

SPONSORS RECENTLY MAKING A COMMITMENT FOR 2017-2019 INCLUDE:

Pennsylvania

Jeanne Nelson

Bobbie Verser

Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich

Kentucky

North Carolina

Michigan

West Virginia

Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs

South Atlantic Region of NGC

California

South Carolina

Ohio

If your state or club, council, district, etc. is not currently sponsoring an award, we ask you to consider becoming a sponsor by contacting the Awards Chairman, Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich. (330-630-9625, mafr43@hotmail.com)

Board Members are also encouraged to undertake a sponsorship.

It is a two-year commitment, with sponsorship due by January 15 of each year (or both payments may be made the first January)

CORRECTIONS TO AWARDS RULES.

THESE CORRECTIONS WERE DISTRIBUTED IN A HARD COPY TO THE STATE PRESIDENTS AT THE FALL BOARD MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. IN JANUARY OF 2018 THE AWARDS RULES WILL BE REVISED TO INCLUDE THESE CORRECTIONS AND ANY OTHER UPDATED INFORMATION FOR 2018 APPLICATIONS.

THE FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS RULES WILL ALSO BE UPDATED IN JANUARY 2018, REFLECTING CHANGES IN THE NEW HANDBOOK (EFFECTIVE FOR FLOWER SHOWS TO BE HELD IN 2018 AND BEYOND)

CORRECTIONS:

1. The scale of points on Page 28 for yearbooks should list under Programs, that 4 points, not 3 are to be given for "List name of speaker/s, qualifications (brief) program title.
2. The new awards for Wildlife Gardening were inadvertently left off the awards rules list although they do appear on the website on the Wildlife Gardening page.
3. They are: **WG-1**, **WG-2** and **WG-3**. These awards are described on the Wildlife Gardening page as follows:

WG-1: \$500.00 annually will be awarded to the garden club with the most notable project or projects educating the public on the benefits of gardening for wildlife. Extra points will be given for originality and new ideas. Club size will be taken into consideration when judging, so please include the number of members in the club, the percentage of member participation (with the names of member participants), and the approximate number of people educated and how they were notified of the project. Certificates of Appreciation will be awarded to the participating club members.

WG-2: \$250.00 annually will be awarded to the garden club establishing a wildlife garden or gardens at a public place or places, to include signage to educate the public on how to garden for wildlife and the benefits of doing so. Extra points will be given for articles published in newspapers and periodicals on the project. Club size will be taken into consideration when judging, so please include the number of members in the club, the percentage of member participation (with names of member participants), and the approximate number of people educated and how they were notified of the project. Certificates of Appreciation will be awarded to the participating club members.

WG-3: \$250.00 annually will be awarded to a junior garden club with the most notable project or projects educating the public on the benefits of gardening for wildlife. Extra points will be given for originality and new ideas. Club size will be taken into consideration when judging, so please include the number of members in the club, the percentage of member participation of the junior garden club (with names of member participants) and the approximate number of people educated and how they were notified of the project. Certificates of Appreciation will be awarded to the participating junior club members and the sponsoring garden club members.

The Scale of Points for these awards is as follows: Presentation: 5; Achievement 40; Participation-Club 15; Community Involvement 30; Record or Documentation 10; and 1-10 bonus points for emphasized project qualities, as listed in each award description. Applications are to be no longer than three pages in length, as per the general awards rules.

SUBMIT ALL ENTRIES TO YOUR STATE AWARDS CHAIRMAN BY YOUR STATE'S DEADLINE.

