



National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Gardening Study Schools

Gardening Consultants are informed and experienced gardeners who are qualified to evaluate the quality, design, and workmanship in a home or public garden.

The following suggested judging scales are designed to encourage the participation of Gardening Consultants in judging garden tours, individual gardens, or similar activities and provide a suitable scale of points to produce reasonably consistent results in judging practices.

SUGGESTED SCALE OF POINTS FOR JUDGING A GARDEN TOUR

Garden Qualities:

Overall appearance of the gardens	15
Design of gardens	15
Variety of plant material in gardens	10
Variety of types of gardens displayed (shade, rock, formal, etc.)	15

Tour Arrangements:

Clarity of maps and schedule for tour	15
Location of gardens in relation to distance	10
Educational value of tour (plant markers, worthy features noted, informative hosts, etc.)	15
Signs or markers at street entrance to gardens	3
Miscellaneous (floral designs in gardens, plant sales, special displays, new member information, refreshments, etc.)	2

Total 100

GARDEN EVALUATION

Garden Plan	30
Basic concept	
Innovative design	
Originality	
Aesthetics	
Design sensitivity	
Initial impression	
Garden architecture	

Plant Material	30
Suitability to plan	
Suitability to site	
Color selections	
Selections of forms	
Visual beauty	

Plant Material	30
Condition / health	
Detailed grooming	
Maturity	
Plant form perfection	

Garden Maintenance	10
Labor ease	
Present maintenance	
Insect / disease control	