2015-2017 NGC President's Special Project

"Service in Action"

The first step to change is awareness, followed by the desire to make a difference, and finally, the necessary actions to make the desire a reality. The goals of the President's Special Projects are to increase awareness of the seriousness of the demise of pollinators and amphibians and to encourage conservation and protection efforts by clubs, the general public and governmental agencies.

Often called the first bio-indicators, amphibians and pollinators reveal the state of their ecosystems by their presence, abundance and activities. Pollinator and amphibian populations are declining worldwide through effects of pesticides, habitat destruction, diseases, parasites, global warming, and introduced predators. Education, habitat conservation, and protection of at risk populations are issues we can change through action.

Clubs, states, and regions are encouraged to participate in the *BeeGAP*, *Monarch Watch*, *The Frightened Frog*, and *Bee a Wildlife Action Hero!* programs and projects designed to engage members in efforts to protect and conserve these important populations.

BeeGAP (Bee Gardeners Adding Pollinators) is a partnership with Crown Bees that increases the awareness of native bees and encourages efforts to increase the population. Native bees are effective pollinators, often flying at lower temperatures and in cloudier weather than the honeybee, and appear immune to the costly infestation of the mite species often found in honeybees. Bees pollinate one-third of the food we eat with an estimated annual value to North American agriculture of
$14.6 billion.

The **Monarch Watch Committee** has programs and materials providing information about the decline of the monarch species with emphasis on the necessity of planting milkweed and nectar sources for endemic butterfly species. Monarch Way Stations establish monarch habitats in public and private gardens. We can make a difference through action for this threatened species.

The Frightened Frog book and program highlight the environmental issues affecting amphibians. Clubs will use the early reader book in preschool through 3rd grades. Lesson plans are available emphasizing the importance of amphibians and the role they play in healthy ecosystems. Amphibians are threatened with the largest mass extinction since the dinosaurs.

"Bee a Wildlife Action Hero!" *– By committing to garden for wildlife* you will attract the pollinators, butterflies, amphibians, and other beautiful wildlife to your garden so you and your families and friends can enjoy them AND provide a safe haven where they can live and reproduce. You can commit to garden for wildlife on an apartment balcony, a yard or acreage, school grounds, nursing homes, Blue Star Markers, community gardens and parks, commercial buildings – there are no limits to the possibilities! By providing food, water, cover, and a place for wildlife to raise their young - and by incorporating sustainable gardening practices – you notonly help wildlife, but you educate others around you, and the Buzz will Bee
"Congratulations! You have become a Wildlife Action Hero!"

"Leap Into Leadership!" – Leadership development materials will be available for local club and state officers, leadership development workshops, and club members on the NGC website. Clubs and states are encouraged to host workshops and to promote leadership development. Garden clubs educate, engage, challenge, and develop leaders within their membership. Let's change "no one will lead our club" into **"I want to *Leap Into Leadership"*** by developing tomorrow's leaders today.

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AWARD APPLICATION PROCEDURES

General rules apply. All awards awarded annually.

Award Application: Typed and preferably sent by email to designated chairman. Postal mail accepted.

Deadline: To be received no later than **MARCH 15** annually. Applications received after that date will be returned. Retain a copy for your records. Applications will not be returned.

Applications are limited to three (3) pages – letter size paper-printed on front of pages only (No plastic or binder report covers allowed.)

Award applications and rules are available at *www.gardenclub.org*

SCALE OF POINTS: Presentation – 5 pts.

Neat, concise, includes all required information on first page of application.

Achievement – 65 pts.

Scope of program(s); goals, prior planning; brief history if ongoing or continuing; need; education programs and activities to attain goals; accomplishment and benefit(s);

Participation – 15 pts.

Number of members and clubs; involvement of clubs and members; youth; community organizations; government agencies; others (Not all must be involved)

Documentation – 15 pts.

Supporting applicable data; (may include labeled photographs, samples of publicity, program and speakers, letters of appreciation, financial report). Photocopies accepted.

"Conservation in Action"

Roadside Development Award

A **NEW** project that emphasizes native plants in roadside plantings to encourage new habitats for native species of bees, butterflies, and/or amphibians endemic to the state and/or region

1st place - $500

2nd place - $250

3rd place - $100

Youth - $100

Send application to Roadside Beautification Chairman:

Debi Harrington (505) 296-8208
1228 Landman Drive NE (505) 206-0930 (C) Albuquerque, NM 87112-6069 *PhotoDebi@gmail.com*

"Service in Action"

For the most comprehensive and effective projects and programs within the five areas: BeeGAP, Monarch Watch/Waystations, The Frightened Frog, Bee a Wildlife Action Hero and Leadership Development. Entries must include supporting information for educational value, environmental impact, conservation and preservation efforts, and participation of members. General Rules applicable to all applications.

1st Place - $200

2nd Place - $100 **(**In each category) State Awards:

A. Small State up to 999 members
B. Medium State 1,000 – 2,999 members
C. Large State 3,000 – 7,999 members
D. Extra Large State 8,000 and over members

Club Awards:

A. Small Club 29 members and under
B. Medium Club 30-59 members
C. Large Club 60-99 members
D. Extra Large Club 100 and over members

Send application to President's Special Project Coordinator:

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Protecting Our Pollinators"
Youth Award

Container Gardens for our Pollinators

For 1st – 5th grades. Must be sponsored by a garden club and planted in a public place.
All awards will be presented to each grade.

1st Place – $100 and certificate

2nd Place – $75 and certificate

3rd Place – $50 and certificate

Honorable Mention – $25 and certificate

Certificate of Participation for each award application.

Send application to Container Gardening / Pollinators Chairman:

Mary Ann Moreno (505) 266-8498
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"The Frightened Frog"

Youth Award

For 1st – 3rd grades. Must be sponsored by a garden club. A certificate and monetary award as follows for the most outstanding project for the conservation of amphibians. All awards will be presented to each grade.
1st Place – $100 and certificate
2nd Place – $75 and certificate
3rd Place – $50 and certificate
Honorable Mention – $25 and certificate

Certificate of Participation for each award application. Send application to *The Frightened Frog* Chairman:

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BEE A **W**ILDLIFE ACTION **H**ERO! – Commit to Garden for Wildlife

$500 annually will be awarded to the garden club with the largest percentage of its members committing to garden for wildlife at their homes in the preceding calendar year (excluding those committed in previous years). Commitment validations will be available on the website and should be included with the award application.

$250 annually will be awarded to the garden club committing the largest percentage of public places to garden for wildlife in the preceding calendar year (excluding those committed in previous years) compared to the size of the club. Commitment validations will be available on the website and should be included with the award application.

$250 annually will be awarded to the junior garden club with the largest percentage of its members committing to garden for wildlife at their homes and schools in the preceding calendar year (excluding those committed in previous years). Each individual home commitment will be worth one point and each school commitment will be worth five points. Commitment validations will be available on the website and should be included with the award application.

Certificates of Participation will be given for each award application. Send application to Bee a Wildlife Action Hero! Chairman:

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