



NGC AWARDS APPLICATION 2019-2021 AWARD #: _____

Applicant Club or Individual name: _____

Number of members: _____

Contact name, address, email and phone: _____

State Garden Club Name: _____

Number in State Club: _____

State Awards Chairman, Address, Phone, Email: _____

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The State Awards Chairman only may submit this application on a club's behalf. Check your state for entry deadlines. DO NOT SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL, YOU HAVE BYPASSED THE STATE PROCESS. SUBMIT INITIALLY TO YOUR STATE AWARDS CHAIRMAN. State Chairman: Submit two copies of Application (1 copy only needed of CD or Thumb Drive, etc.) to: Pat Young, 2844 Cyrene Drive, Hernando, Mississippi 38632-9691; 901-604-6735; patwyong2844@gmail.com

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Member Award of Honor Applications are submitted to Jeanne Nelson. (Address in award description)

Is this a new project? _____ Yes _____ No Beginning Date _____ Expected
Completion or Ongoing _____

On the next three pages give a brief summary and objectives, involvement of club members, other organizations, project expenses and means of funding, continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance; Attach or insert photos, digital photos, and/or landscape plan-does not need to be professionally drawn.

NGC Award # XXXX

Summary and Objectives:

A Healing Garden was designed and planted in our local park. This project was phase 3 of an on-going project. Objectives included using plants traditionally used for medicine and healing in a pleasing, formal arrangement, and to create a place for spiritual healing through contemplation, meditation and reflection. By locating the garden in a local park with appropriate signage, this project also brings visibility to community projects done by garden clubs working with youth.

Involvement of Club Members:

This project was planned by a committee of 4 garden club members, one city planning official, a local landscaper, and a nursery owner. The site preparation was done by the county with help from a local boy scout troop. Planting was done by our garden club as well as two local girl scout troops. A total of 37 garden club members and 23 youth were involved in the project.

Project Expenses and Means of Funding:

We received one VFGC youth projects grant of \$1000. Donations from club and community members resulted in an additional \$5000. We also held a fund-raising design luncheon which raised an additional \$2500, for a total of \$8500.

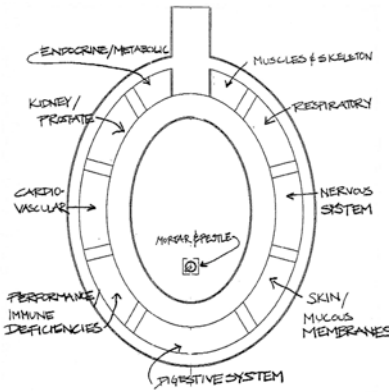
Expenses totaling \$8500 were as follows:

- \$1800 Soil Amendments (compost, peat moss, etc.)
- \$1000 Mulch
- \$1500 Pavers
- \$ 850 Bench
- \$1000 Shrubs - Yew (*Taxus baccata*) – 10 @ \$100 each
- \$ 350 Shrubs – Butterfly bush (*Buddleia spp.*) – 10 @ \$35 each
- \$2000 Herbs (200 @ \$10 each) such as rosemary (*Rosemarinus officinalis*), lavenders (*Lavendula spp.*), coneflowers (*Echinacea purpurea*), butterfly flower (*Aesclepias tuberosa*), Salvias (*Salvia spp.*)

Continuing Involvement and Follow-up:

The Happy Diggers Garden Club provides 3 volunteers each month to dead-head and weed. The county is responsible for watering and site maintenance such as leaf removal, raking, etc. This was the final phase of this project.

Landscape plan showing the areas to be planted in medicinal herbs related to each system of the body.



Landscape Plan for entire project. Phase 3 completed the yew hedge on the right side as well as 2 sections of the outer circle.



The garden at the start of Phase 3 of the project in March 2011. The pavers have been placed, soil preparation completed, and herbs and shrubs planted.



In early summer 2011, the herbs are beginning to fill in around the bench. The pavers weave their way through the garden and signage is placed to identify the plants and their medicinal use.



Late summer 2011, the yew hedge separates the healing garden from the rest of the park. The lavender and purple coneflowers surrounding the bench create a tranquil and fragrant spot for park visitors to sit and reflect.