SERVICE AND RECOGNITION

SR-1 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR NON-MEMBERS

The highest award of National Garden Clubs presented to a non-member of NGC and sponsored by a State Garden Club organization/federation. This may be awarded to an individual, organization, or institution that has made a significant contribution toward the advancement of goals and purposes of National Garden Clubs. An individual recipient must accept the award in person. If the winner is an organization or institution, a representative of the organization must accept the award in person. These awards are not given posthumously. Recognition will be given in The National Gardener.

Application must include the NGC Application Form for Awards of Excellence, a one-page summary of the applicant’s qualifications, and an additional four pages (maximum) of descriptive text, photos, and photocopies. Six pages total, one sided. Electronic applications are preferred. No binders, vinyl sheet protectors or staples are to be used if sending hard copy.

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SR-2 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR STATES

Best in Each Size Category: Certificate of Merit + $500

Given annually to recognize distinguished work in a state for a coordinated activity or project in accordance with the programs and objectives of NGC in which State Garden Club members from many areas in the state have participated. A state may not win this award more than once for the same project unless a significant new phase or activity has been added to the project. If this is an ongoing, long term project, recent involvement must be reflected in the application. The Award of Excellence should be projects that are unique and superior in their scope and execution. If there are no applicants in one membership size division, another application may be considered, if equally outstanding, to be awarded in another size division. Applications may be a maximum of 6 printed pages, one-sided.
State Garden Club:
Membership up to 999
Membership 1,000 – 2,999
Membership 3,000 – 7,999
Membership over 8,000

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SR-3 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR REGIONS
Best in Group: Certificate of Merit + $500

Given during the second year of an Administration, this recognizes distinguished work in a Region for coordinated activity in accordance with the programs and objectives of NGC in which all states in the Region have participated. IAs are also eligible for this award from the IA. IA details are given on the COMAAI website.

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**SR-4  MEMBER OF HONOR**

Best in Each Region: NGC Certificate and Pin; recognized in *The National Gardener*

Given to one member in each Region whose volunteer efforts during a period of five or more years has made outstanding contributions to club and community in one or more of the following areas:

- Civic development
- Horticulture therapy
- Youth activities
- Conservation
- Landscape design
- Horticulture
- Floral design
- All around excellence

Eligibility: Any member of a State Garden Club who has NEVER been a member of the NGC Board of Directors.

Application, 5 pages maximum, one-sided, must include:

- Title page
  - Name of State Federation and Region
  - Area(s) of nominee’s outstanding contribution/s
  - Name, complete mailing address, phone number of nominee
  - Sponsoring club name, president’s name, address, and signature
- Short, typed description of nominee’s accomplishments, 1 page
- Supporting information
  - Maximum 3-page outline listing accomplishments of nominee (including offices and chairmanships held)

Application may be sent electronically. If mailed, must be secured in a folder. No loose pages accepted on hard copies. Click on Where to Send above. NOTE DUE DATE OF FEBRUARY 20.

**SR-5  CITATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

Award: Citation for Distinguished Service and token of appreciation

Given at end of term to National Garden Clubs, Inc. President in appreciation of notable achievement and guidance by that President.
SR-6  PRESIDENTIAL CITATION
Given by NGC President to those who have performed outstanding service to NGC.

SR-7  NGC AWARD FOR MAJOR NON-STANDARD FLOWER SHOWS
Award: NGC Seal hung on green ribbon (2 per show)
Given, with approval from the show committee, at a major non-standard flower show e.g., The New England Spring Flower Show (Massachusetts), The Philadelphia Flower Show, The Atlanta Botanical Gardens Flower Show (Atlanta), etc.

| A – Finest exhibit in the Horticulture Division | B – Finest exhibit in the Design Division |

Winning exhibits must be blue ribbon winners scoring 95 or more and selection made by three NGC Accredited Flower Show Judges. Presentation to winners shall be by the President of the host State Garden Club or an NGC Officer when possible.

Request letters are to be sent to NGC Headquarters six months in advance of the show date.

SR-8  AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
Award: Certificate #5234
Presented by local garden clubs to businesses, industrial establishments, schools, youth clubs, civic organizations, etc., who are not affiliated with a garden club, for ongoing or completed projects.
No application required.

Purchase Certificate #5234 from Member Services, NGC Headquarters, St. Louis, MO