

The National Garden Clubs Awards Committee is pleased to present National Garden Clubs Awards 2022, recognizing the accomplishments of our clubs during 2021. The winners are receiving the Certificate of Merit for the award indicated and, in most cases, \$100 to recognize their efforts. Exceptions will be noted throughout the program.

### **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS**

CE1, Community Gardens, is given for a garden project in a community or on religious grounds providing greenspace that gives opportunities for various types of outdoor activities.

The winner is

**Southern Butler County Garden Club of Pennsylvania!**

CE 2, Permanent Community Improvements, is awarded for the most distinguished civic or conservation work furthering NGC objectives and providing a permanent improvement for public benefit in the community.

The winner is

**Iris Elm Garden Club from Indiana!**

CE 3, Food Bank Donations is awarded for the largest donation of freshly grown food to a food bank, pantry, or other organization providing food to those in need in a community.

The winner is

**O'Fallon Garden Club of Illinois!**

The Roadside Plantings Award, CE 4, is presented for outstanding, permanent roadside beautification.

The winner is

**Westbrook Garden Club of Connecticut!**

The International Affiliate Winner for Community Beautification is the

**Floralies Chimbote-Cub de Jardines in Peru**

The Beautification Project Award is given for the most outstanding beautification project in a city, town, or neighborhood done on a continuous basis or as a special one-time event.

This winner is

**Edmonds Floretum Garden Club from Washington (state)**

The Community Project with Native Plants or Wildflowers, CE 6, is given for establishing wildflower gardens, memorial gardens, or the restoration of historic gardens with emphasis on plant material native to the region.

The winner, receiving the Certificate of Merit along with \$1000 is

**Emma Scott Garden Club from West Virginia**

Our International Affiliates also present awards for outstanding projects within their communities. These projects may involve community plantings, public gardening areas, cultivation projects, or horticulture workshops.

Gold Certificates are awarded to these clubs from Peru:

- **Cosmos Club de Jardines for “Parque de la Leyenda”**
- **Casuarinos Club de Jardin for “Parque de la Leyenda”**
- **Cieneguilla Club de Jardines Florales for Proyecto Literario Cuento “Mi Arbol Cieneguiliano” AND Siembra de Arboles “Alameda de Jacarandas”**
- **Ikebana con Roses, Club de Jardines for “Proyecto Semillero con Niñas”**
- **Kanto Club de Jardines – Cusco for “Ambientalistas del Future” Niños**
- **Flor Peru Federacion de Clubes de Jardines for “Parque de la Leyenda”**

The overall winner of the International Affiliates Civic Achievement Award and recipient of \$100 sponsored by Esther de Salinas is

**Kanto Club de Jardines for “Ambientalistas del Futuro” Niños**

Award CE 7 is given for the best landscaping project for a Blue Star and/or Gold Star Marker.

The winner is

**Marble Head Garden Club of Massachusetts**

The Award for Landscaping of Public or Religious Grounds, CE 8, involves design, planning, and carrying out a significant project.

The winner is

**Avon Garden Club from Georgia**

Award CE 9 is awarded for the most outstanding historic preservation project.

The winner is

**Bath Garden Club of Massachusetts**

## **ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION**

EC 1 honors overall excellent and well-balanced conservation activities.

This winner is

**Little Rock Garden Club in Arkansas**

The CE 2 Conservation Education award is given for the most comprehensive work and/or study in conservation education.

Our winner is

**Ceres Garden Club from California**

From our International Affiliates, the winner for Conservation education, receiving a Gold Certificate is

**From Peru, Ikebana con Rosas**

EC 3 Wildlife Survival is given for the most comprehensive and effective project for pollinator, bird, or wildlife protection and welfare.

This top award goes to

**Two Creeks Garden Club from Kentucky**

EC 4 is the award given for water conservation or clean-up activities. The Overall winner in this group, is

**Seasons IV Garden Club from Virginia**

Creating the best establishment of a venue which emphasizes native plants and wildflowers and which is designed to expose and educate the public as to the importance of these plants to conservation and the environment is the focus for EC 5, the Native Plants and Wildflower Venue award.

The winner and recipient of the **\$800.00** prize money is

**Hunt Garden Club of Texas**

The EC 6 Award for Organic Practices is given for the most outstanding project or educational activity emphasizing and employing the use of organic materials and methods in gardening.

The winner is

**Oxford Garden Club from Mississippi**

## **FLORAL DESIGN**

The Floral Designer of the Year is

### **Charlene Looper from California**

This year's International Designer of the Year, also receiving a Certificate of Merit and winning \$100, is

### **Lynden Bohlen, hailing from Sao Paulo Garden Club in Sao Paulo, Brazil**

The award for Floral Design Program is given for the most outstanding program or workshop teaching floral design.

The award goes to

### **Ft. Payne Garden Club of Alabama**

## **FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

The Club Standard Flower Show Award has been earned by

- **Floral Designers of Wisconsin Garden Club for "Wisconsin Dreaming"**
- **Florida District VIII for "Wild and Wonderful Florida"**
- **McComb Garden Club in Mississippi for "The Gardener's Palette"**
- **Charleston's Magnolia Garden Club, also in Mississippi, for "Musical Muse"**
- **The Garden Club of Forest Hills, Pennsylvania, for "Hide and EEK!"**

Also Receiving the Club Standard Flower Show Award are

- **Thumb-R-Green Garden Club in Montana for "We Dig Gardening – Celebrating 60 Years"**
- **Hiawassee Garden Club in Georgia with "It's A Jungle Out There"**
- **Dixie Highway Garden Club from Tennessee for "Into Wonderland"**
- **Nathan Hale Garden Club in New York for "Backyard Miracles"**
- **Covington Garden Club in Louisiana for "Happiness is Homemade"**
- **Sarasota Garden Club in Florida for "Garden to Table"**

Receiving the ribbon for Club Small Standard Flower Show

- **Rachel Jackson Garden Club from Tennessee for a show titled "The Secret Ingredient"**

- **Creative Arrangers Guild in Ohio put on a show titled “New Directions at Jackie’s House”**
- **Plantation Garden Club from Mississippi held a show titled “Fall Into Summer”**

Putting on a Patriotic Small Standard Show and receiving a ribbon for their achievement is

- **Decorah Town & Country of Iowa with a show titled “Enjoying the Summer Olympics”**

Council Standard Flower Show Achievement Awards are received by

- **The Council of Garden Clubs of Charleston in South Carolina for “Fair Frolics”**
- **Thomasville Garden Club from Georgia for “In Bloom”**

Districts or Regions with Standard Flower Shows Achieving Excellence are

- **From Michigan, Kent Garden Club, W. Michigan Flower Arrangers Guild and District IV for “Color Me Fall”**
- **From Georgia, Magnolia District, Camellia District, & Georgia National Fair for “Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow”**

Horticulture Specialty Shows winning top ribbons are

- **Dayton Garden Clubs of Tennessee for “Along the Trail”**
- **Gates Mill Garden Club of Ohio for “Shakespeare with a Twist”**

The Design Specialty Shows receiving top awards tonight are

- **Grenada Garden Club of Mississippi for “Let’s Get This Party Started”**
- **Mississippi Flower Show Judges’ Council for “Meet Me at the Club”**
- **Middle Georgia Judges’ Council for “Tis the Season to Celebrate Together”**

Our International Affiliates held a number of Virtual Flower Shows during the pandemic. Receiving the Overall Award of Excellence and Gold Certificate for a Virtual Flower Show and \$100 donated by COMAAI along with a Gold Certificate for their Virtual Flower Show Schedule is

**Garden Club Argentino for their show titled “Ni el Tiempo Ni la Marea se Detienen”, “Neither Time nor Tide Stop”**

**Photo Awards** are also presented to International Affiliates for their **Virtual Flower Show Photos**. Each of these receives a Gold Certificate. The winners are:

- **Horticulture Division, Nora Bonjour, Las Violetas Garden Club (Uruguay)**
- **Design Division, Denise Moreno, Garden Club Argentino – Grupo El Ombu**
- **Botanical Arts Division, Horticulture, Veronica M. Conrad, Garden Club Argentino – Grupo Los Lapachos**
- **Botanical Arts Division, Design, Marys Bogliacino, Club de Jardineria Carmelo (Uruguay)**

#### **GARDENING AWARDS**

The G1 Container Gardening Award is given for the most outstanding container or containers of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, or any combination of these .

The overall winner is

**John Brasher, Fayette Garden Club in Alabama**

G2 is given for the most outstanding garden of edibles—fruits, vegetables, and/or edible flowers.

Winning this award is

**Hill and Hollow Garden Club from West Virginia**

The International Affiliates also have a winner in this group!

Winning a Certificate of Merit from our International friends is

**Floralies Asociacion Peruana de Clubes de Jardines (Peru)**

Therapy Gardens benefit the physically or mentally challenged as well as residents in low-income housing, schools, nursing homes, prisons, and other facilities. Projects that establish or restore gardens for this benefit are considered for G 3.

The winner for the best Therapy Garden project is

**Springfield Civic Garden Club from Illinois**

Award G 4 is given to the garden club establishing a wildlife garden at a public place or places including signage to educate the public on how to garden for wildlife and the benefits of doing so.

And the best in this group is

**Greenville Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. from South Carolina**

**MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT AND EDUCATION**

MAE 1 is given for activities to increase community visibility and awareness of garden clubs and their work.

The winner is

**River Valley Garden Club from California**

MAE 2 awards an outstanding social media or website page which promotes the sponsoring organization and NGC objectives. 2a is given for a website designed and managed by club members.

The overall winner is

**The Garden Club of York from Pennsylvania**

Award MAE 2b is given for an outstanding Social Media page designed and managed by members.

The overall winner is

**Gulf Shores Garden Club from Alabama**

MAE 2c is awarded for a website professionally designed. The Overall winner of the Certificate of Merit and \$50 is

**Friends of Oak Cliff Parks from Texas**

Award MAE 3 is given for the best presentation recorded and submitted on any type of digital media and supporting NGC objectives.

Receiving this award is

**Oxford Garden Club from Mississippi**

Also receiving the Digital Media award from our International Affiliates is

**Flor Peru Federasion de Clubs de Jardines (Peru)**

Award MAE 4A is given for Newsletters of 1-3 pages in length.

The recipient of the Certificate of Merit is

**Eureka Sequoia Garden Club from California**

Receiving the 1-2 page newsletter Certificate of Merit from our International Affiliates is

**Consejo Peruano de Jueces de Exposiciones Florales from Peru**

Also receiving the International Affiliates Certificate of Merit is

**Floralies Asociacion Peruana de Clubes de Jardines, also in Peru**

And the third International Affiliates recipient of the Certificate of Merit is

**Club de Jardinaria y Diseño El Nogal from Mexico**

MAE4B is given for outstanding newsletters of 3 to 12 pages in length. The Overall Winner and recipient of the Certificate of Merit is

**Mt. Cleman Garden Club from Washington state**

For newsletters 12 to 24 pages in length, Award MAE 4C is given. The Certificate of Merit winner is the

**Garden Club of York from Pennsylvania**

MAE4D is awarded for outstanding work on a newsletter, magazine, or bulletin over 24 pages in length.

The Certificate of Merit is awarded to

**Shenandoah District Garden Clubs in Virginia**

The MAE 4E Award is given for an outstanding Manual or Handbook.

Winning the Certificate of Merit for their booklet introducing members and non-members alike to the NGC and state projects and programs is

**Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs**

Educational publications are the focus of MAE 4F. With a focus on owls, the winner is

**Gates Mills Garden Club of Ohio**

Our International Affiliates have several award winners for educational publications. These include:

**Consejo Peruano de Jueces de Exposiciones Florales from Peru**



**Floralies Asociacion Peruana de Clubes de Jardines, also from Peru**

**Floralies Chimbote-Cub de Jardines, Peru**

**Federación Nacional de Asociaciones y Clubes de Jardineria AC from Mexico**

The final section of our Publications Awards is MAE 4G, given for “other” publications. Certificate of Merit winner is

**Colleyville Garden Club from Texas**

MAE 5 honors the garden clubs that go above-and-beyond celebrating National Garden Week in June.

The Overall Winner is

**Yaupon Garden Club in South Carolina**

The State with the Greatest Increase in Overall Membership for 2021, receiving the Certificate of Merit and \$100 is

**The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.!**

Receiving a Certificate of Merit and \$100 for the greatest per capita increase in membership during 2021 is

**Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.!**

The award for the largest increase in NGC Life Memberships goes to

**The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.**

And the award for the largest per capita increase in NGC Life Memberships, belongs to

**The Federated Garden Clubs of South Dakota!**

**Service and Recognition**

The Award of Excellence for Non-members is awarded to

**Lynn Werner, Executive Director, Housatonic Valley Association**

to

**Allan Storjohann, nominated by Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc.**

And to

**Robert Morris, nominated by Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc.**

The International Affiliates present their Region of Honor Award to

**Flor Peru Federacion de Clubes de Jardines**

Regional Award of Honor recipients include

From the **Central Region, Mary Reed, Portage Lake Garden Club, Michigan**

In the **Central Atlantic Region, Carol Dietzel a member of the Potomac Village Garden Club and National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.**

The **Deep South Region** honors **Mary Whisler, a member of the Garden Club of Crystal River and the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs**

**Evelyn Focorilli was selected at the Award of Honor Recipient for the New England Region. She is a member of Western Cranston Garden Club, Rhode Island**

From the **Pacific Region and the Norland Garden Club in Washington State, Billie Marie Rochelle Fitch**

The **South Atlantic Region Member Award of Honor** goes to **Sandy Yun, a member of Town & Country Garden Club of Wise, Virginia**

In the **South Central Region, Freda Martin from Bluebonnet Garden Club in Texas**

**Youth Work**

YW1 is awarded to the Outstanding Sponsor Club for their work with Youth Clubs. The winner is

**Spalding Garden Club in Georgia**

YW 2 is awarded to the club sponsor of a youth club for the most outstanding Horticulture Activity. This winner is

**Garden Club of Rogers in Arkansas**

The club with the most outstanding Youth Garden Club Outdoor Planting project, award YW 3, is

**Watkinsville Garden Club from Georgia**

The NGC Member club with the most outstanding Environmental Activity with Youth receives the YW4 award. The winner is

**Sevierville Garden Club (Tennessee)**

The International Affiliates recipient honoring their outstanding Environmental Activity with Youth and receiving the Gold Certificate is

**Federación Nacional de Asociaciones y Clubes de Jardinería AC (Mexico)**

The Junior Garden Club Wildlife Gardening Education Project, award YW5, recipient for their 2021 work is

**Westerville Garden Club (Ohio)**

YW 6 recognizes the member club sponsors of High School Gardening Clubs that have carried out the most outstanding all-around gardening activities.

The winner is

**Azalea Garden Club from Augusta, Georgia**

YW 7 is given to a High School student who has completed an outstanding civic improvement project for public benefit that involves a focus on horticulture, the environment, or conservation areas. The award this year is given to

**The North Haven High School Key Club sponsored by the North Haven Garden Club in Connecticut**

Horticulture Education for Youth, award YW 8, is given for the best promotion of gardening for youth. The winner is

**Franklin County Garden Club (Tennessee)**

YW 9 is given to the club with the most outstanding project in the field of environmental education involving youth.

The winner is

**Darien Garden Club (Illinois)**

YW 10 honors the Individual with the most Outstanding Services to Youth.

The winner of this award is

**Sherrie Eoff of The Garden Club of Rogers in Arkansas**

**Scholarships** Please watch the screens as we reveal the recipients of the 2022 scholarships

Central Region:

- Illinois – Jennifer Lynn Davis
- Indiana – Lauren Green
- Iowa – Samantha Ann Lyle
- Michigan – Chloe Summers
- Missouri – Zachary Rosenkrans
- Wisconsin – Jennifer Shanks

Central Atlantic Region:

- National Capital Area – Kana Furukawa
- New Jersey – Jordan Upadhyay
- New York – Kyla Drum
- Ohio – Mary Louisa Ann Shawaker
- Pennsylvania – Grace Stewart

Deep South Region:

- Florida – Caroline Hope Gordon
- Georgia – Kaleb Lyndon Bell
- Georgia – Zia Valerie Williamson
- Louisiana – Lindsey Michelle Oxford
- Mississippi – Rachel Marie Bobo
- Tennessee – Haley Ortner

New England Region:

- Connecticut – Alyssa Hotchkiss
- Maine – Marsha Bard
- Massachusetts – Liam Gude
- New Hampshire – Lydia Barnes

Pacific Region:

- California - Katelyn Wilcox
- California – Emily Adelia Saeger
- California – Madison Ione Roger
- Oregon – Abigail Lilith Gribskov
- Washington – Kyle D. Johnson

Rocky Mountain Region:

- Kansas – Thomas Glen Leihsing
- Montana – Tyler Noyes
- North Dakota – Mindee Boyce

- South Dakota – Ellen Fitzpatrick
- Utah – Rebecca Springer

South Atlantic Region:

- North Carolina – Ayla Pettry

South Central Region:

- Arkansas – Isabella Norsworthy
- New Mexico – Laney Eva White
- Oklahoma – Bryce Gavyn Waugh
- Texas – Cassie Hutcheson

**Congratulations to each and every winner.**

**Thank you for your work on behalf of National Garden Clubs, Inc.**

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