

## NGC Flower Show Achievement Awards Details (8/2025)

An NGC Flower Show Achievement Award is the recognition given to an NGC member organization for its sponsorship of a superior flower show. NGC member or affiliate clubs wishing to apply for these awards must contact their State Awards Chairman or designated representative, such as State Flower Show Awards Chairman, State Evaluations Chairman, State NGC Awards Chairman, or IA Awards Chairman, for forms and procedure. All Applications must be submitted by the State Awards Chairman.

**NGC Flower Show Awards are non-competitive. Books of Evidence are NOT compared to or judged against one another; like an exhibit at a Flower Show, Books of Evidence are judged on their own merits. If any Flower Show Book of Evidence scores 95 or more points, it will be honored with an NGC Flower Show Achievement Award.**

Award year is January 1 through December 31.

### 1. General Procedure for Club/s

- a. State or IA country designated chairman **must** be notified of the club/s' or organization/s' intent to apply for an NGC Flower Show Achievement Award six (6) weeks in advance allowing time for evaluating judges to be selected by an impartial state chairman or designate from the list of invited judges. **Selection of evaluators is never made by the flower show sponsor/s.**
  - i. Two (2) weeks prior to the show, designated state or IA country chairman sends GC Flower Show Achievement Award Application Form and Show Data Form, along with the names of the evaluating panel/s to the show sponsoring organization.
  - ii. The sponsoring organization provides copies of the appropriate *NGC Flower Show Evaluation Point Scoring Form* to members of the evaluating panel/s, as well as self-addressed stamped envelopes for returning the evaluation form to the designated state or IA country chairman or evaluation form may be submitted electronically.
- b. Letter of intent from the club/s or organization/s must include the name of the sponsoring organization, address for mailings, show date/s, location and theme, and names and addresses of judges judging the show.
- c. Each flower show is eligible for only one (1) NGC Flower Show Achievement Award. Exception: An Adult NGC member club whose flower show includes a Youth Section eligible for a Youth Achievement Award may apply for an Adult Achievement Award and a Youth Achievement Award. If a club sponsors more than one (1) Standard Flower Show per calendar year, each show is eligible for an award.

- d. To be eligible for a Flower Show Achievement Award, the following awards must be offered; however, more NGC Top Exhibitor Awards may be given provided requirements for each award are met. For the Horticulture Division in Small-Standard, Standard and Horticulture Specialty Shows, the Award of Horticultural Excellence must be offered. For Standard Flower and Design Specialty Flower Shows, the Award of Design Excellence or Holiday Excellence Award must be offered. For Small-Standard Flower Shows, a section Top Exhibitor Award must be offered. (The Award of Design Excellence or Holiday Excellence Award is not available for Small-Standard Flower Shows.)
- e. Upon completion of judging, show committee must provide the evaluating panel with show data including the number of club members or clubs involved, percentage of club/organization participation, and the number of exhibits in each Division.
- f. If the show has qualified for Flower Show Award consideration, the show sponsors must prepare and submit a Book of Evidence, in a manner designated by the NGC Awards Committee and found on the NGC Website, with statistics, schedule, description, pictures and evidence of publicity to the state designated chairman or IA chairman before the state or IA country deadline.
- g. Each state evaluates the Books of Evidence submitted. **Any and all Books of Evidence scoring 95 points or more at the state level may be submitted to the designated NGC Flower Show Achievement Awards Chairman by the January 25 deadline.** *This means a state or IA country may submit unlimited number of Books of Evidence for a particular Flower Show Achievement Award. As stated above, all awards are non-competitive, and this allows NGC to recognize all top-quality flower shows.* IA show sponsors submit their Books of Evidence to the IA Awards Chairman.

## 2. Procedure to be Followed by Evaluating Judges

- a. Evaluators are responsible for upholding NGC's high standards, scoring wisely, responsibly, ethically and objectively.
- b. Only the selected evaluating judges must submit an evaluation form to the designated State Chairman. However, all other judges are free to evaluate the show, but their evaluations are NOT submitted to the state.
- c. An evaluator's initial responsibility prior to the show date is to study the *Flower Show Evaluation Point Scoring Form* and to carefully review the flower show schedule for conformance to the *Handbook for Flower Shows* and Scale of Points for Evaluating Flower Show Schedules.
- d. The day of the show:
  - i. Upon completion of judging assignments, the judge must consider all aspects of the show according to the *Flower Show Evaluation Point Scoring Form*.
  - ii. For a complete and fair evaluation, evaluators may confer with other judges not serving on the evaluating panel, especially in areas not judged by the evaluator.
  - iii. The score of the three (3) evaluating judges must average 95 or more points for the show to be considered for an NGC Flower Show Achievement Award.
  - iv. Evaluating panel must confer on observations and arrive at an approximate overall average score for the show **before** leaving the show site, though evaluator's individual scores may vary.
  - v. The Panel must inform the General Show Chairman if the show scores a minimum of 95 points. Actual scores are not given to the show committee at any time. If the show fails to score an average of 95 points, a brief diplomatic explanation of the deductions should be given to the General Show Chairman.
  - vi. Each panel member shall complete an evaluation form **within one week** of the Flower Show including written descriptive and specific comments, sign the form and return the form to the appropriate state or IA country designated chairman.

Evaluations **must** be kept in strict confidence and not freely discussed with others or shown to club members.

3. **Compilation of the Book of Evidence** – Information on preparing a Book of Evidence for a Flower Show Achievement Award, including format and deadlines, can be found on the NGC Website. The Book of Evidence must be submitted electronically. The following forms must be included with the Book of Evidence.
  - a. NGC Flower Show Achievement Award Application Form (fillable PDF)
  - b. NGC Flower Show Achievement Award Show Data Form (fillable PDF)
4. To prepare the Book of Evidence, review the following suggested guidelines used to evaluate the Book of Evidence.
  - a. NGC Flower Show Achievement Award Checklist
  - b. Book of Evidence Flower Show Evaluation Scale of Points
  - c. Directive for insuring Consistency in Grading of Books of Evidence
  - d. Sample Books of Evidence can be found on the NGC website.
5. **Determination of Final Score for the Flower Show** – Flower Shows must score 95 points or more at the national level in order to be recognized. The Book of Evidence counts for 25 points, with the local judges' average evaluation pro-rated for the other 75 points.

## NGC FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS KEY\*

**KEY\*: Besides the minimum number of exhibits required in the Horticulture and/or Design Division, each sponsoring organization must also have the following minimum number of non-Horticulture/non-Design exhibits based on the size of the sponsoring organization.**

- i. One (1) educational exhibit (more educational exhibits permitted)
- ii. One (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Section
- iii. One (1) educational exhibit **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections, or Youth/Sponsored Group
- iv. Two (2) educational exhibits, **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division sections, or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections
- v. STATES:
  - 1. Small State (fewer than 100 member clubs): Two (2) educational exhibits, **and** at least any combination of three (3) additional education exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections, or Youth/Sponsored Groups sections
  - 2. Large State (100 or more member clubs): Five (5) educational exhibits, **and** at least any combination of five (5) additional education exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections, or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections

Award Name	Rosette Color	Award #	# of Members/ # of Clubs	KEY* (ABOVE)
<b>STANDARD FLOWER SHOWS</b>				
<b>Club Standard Flower Show</b>	Purple	FS-1A	Fewer than 21 members	i.
		FS-1B	21-49	ii.
		FS-1C	50-99	iii.
		FS-1D	100 or more	iv.
<b>Holiday Standard Flower Show</b> (Spirit of the holiday/s must be featured)	Red and Green	FS-2A	One (1) member club	ii.
		FS-2B	Two (2) or more member clubs	iii.
<b>Patriotic Standard Flower Show</b> (United States Flag must be prominently and correctly displayed)	Red/White/Blue	FS-3A	One (1) member club	ii.
		FS-3B	Two (2) or more member clubs	iii.
<b>Petite Standard Flower Show</b> All horticulture and designs exhibits qualify as Petite Divisions.	Small Yellow	FS-4A	One (1) member club	ii.
		FS-4B	Two (2) or more member clubs	iii.

<b>SMALL-STANDARD FLOWER SHOWS</b>				
<b>Club Small-Standard Flower Show Award</b>	Petite Purple	FS-5A	Fewer than 21 members	i.
		FS-5B	21-49 members	ii.
		FS-5C	50-99 members	iii.
<b>Holiday Small- Standard Flower Show</b>	Petite Red and Green	FS-6	One (1) member club with fewer than 100 members	ii.
<b>Patriotic Small-Standard Flower Show</b> (United States Flag must be correctly and prominently displayed.)	Petite Red/White/Blue	FS-7	One (1) member club with fewer than 100 members	ii.
<b>Petite Small-Standard Flower Show</b>	Small Blue and White	FS-8	One (1) member club with fewer than 100 members	ii.

NEAR-CLUB, COUNCIL OR DISTRICT FLOWER SHOWS				
<b>Near-Club Standard Flower Show</b> (Clubs must share sponsorship of the show) (Councils and Districts are NOT eligible for this award)	Blue and White	FS-9	Two (2) or more member clubs located near each other	iii.
<b>Council Standard Flower Show</b>	Rose	FS-10A	Sponsored by at least 3 member clubs belonging to an association, federation, group, circle, etc. and recognized by the State Garden Club	iii.
		FS-10B	Judges Council/s Standard Flower Show	iii.
<b>District Flower Show</b> (District or Region) (Based on total number of clubs within the area)	Green	FS-11A	District/region consisting of fifteen (15) or fewer NGC member clubs	iii.
		FS-11B	District/region consisting of sixteen (16) or more NGC member clubs	iv.

STATE FLOWER SHOWS				
<b>State Flower Show</b>	Gold	FS-12A	Small state; fewer than 100 member clubs with 10% of adult clubs participating	v.1.
		FS-12B	Large state; 100 or more member clubs with 10% of adult clubs participating. *Horticulture Division: minimum of 20 classes with at least 80 exhibits total *Design Division: minimum of 20 classes with at least 4 exhibits in each class	v.2

## YOUTH FLOWER SHOWS

Youth Flower Show or Youth Section of an Adult Standard Flower Show	Red	FS-13A	Youth Flower Show held by one (1) NGC Youth club or Youth group, sponsored by an NGC member club	ii.
		FS-13B	Youth Flower Show held by two (2) or more NGC Youth clubs or Youth groups, sponsored by an NGC member club	ii.
		FS-13C	Youth Participation in a Standard Flower Show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Section/sub-Sections must be evaluated separately from the adults on a separate <i>Scale of Points for Evaluating Standard Flower Shows</i> form by a panel of three (3) accredited flower show judges.</li> <li>Book of Evidence must provide evidence of youth participation in writing the Youth portion of the Flower Show Schedule and in staging or clerking of the Youth Division.</li> </ul>	ii.
			(Photos may serve as evidence)	



<b>INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE FLOWER SHOWS</b>				
<b>International Affiliates Standard Flower Show</b>	Sunburst	IAFS-1	One (1) or more International Affiliate	iii.
<b>IA Standard Flower Show Promoting NGC Objectives</b>	Certificate of Merit	IAFS-2	One (1) or more International Affiliate	
<b>IA Schedule Award</b>	Certificate of Merit	IAFS-3	One (1) or more International Affiliate	
<b>IA Standard Flower Show Staging Award</b>	Certificate of Merit	IAFS-4	One (1) or more International Affiliate	
<b>IA International Floral and/or Horticultural Show Award</b>	Certificate of Merit	IAFS-5	One (1) or more International Affiliate	
<b>INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE VIRTUAL FLOWER SHOWS</b>				
<b>IA Virtual Flower Show</b>	Gold Certificate	IAVFS-1	One (1) or more International Affiliate	
<b>IA Virtual Petite Small FS</b>	Gold Certificate	IAVFS-2	One (1) or more International Affiliate	
<b>IA Virtual Design Specialty FS</b>	Gold Certificate	IAVFS-3	One (1) or more International Affiliate	
<b>IA Virtual Horticulture Specialty Show</b>	Gold Certificate	IAVFS-4	One (1) or more International Affiliate	
<b>IA Virtual FS Schedule</b>	Gold Certificate	IAVFS-5	One (1) or more International Affiliate	
<b>IA Virtual FS Photos: Horticulture Division</b>	Gold Certificate	IAVFS-6	One (1) or more International Affiliate	
<b>IA Virtual FS Photos: Design Division</b>	Gold Certificate	IAVFS-7	One (1) or more International Affiliate	
<b>IA Virtual FS Photos: Botanical Arts Horticulture</b>	Gold Certificate	IAVFS-8	One (1) or more International Affiliate	
<b>IA Virtual FS Photos: Best Quality Photograph</b>	Gold Certificate	IAVFS-10	One (1) or more International Affiliate	

PLANT SOCIETY FLOWER SHOWS				
<b>Plant Society Standard Flower Show</b>	Orange and White	FS-14	Plant Society affiliated with NGC on local/ state/regional/national level; or NGC organization co-sponsored with non-NGC affiliated Plant Society	i.

SPECIALTY FLOWER SHOWS				
<b>Horticulture Specialty Show</b>	Chartreuse Green	FS-15A	One (1) club	ii.
		FS-15B	Two (2) or more clubs	iii.
		FS-15C	Council, district, state or region sponsoring organization	iii
<b>Design Specialty Show</b>	Blue and Yellow	FS-16A	One (1) club	ii.
		FS-16B	Two (2) or more clubs	iii.
		FS-16C	Council, district, state or region sponsoring organization	iii.