

# NGC is offering a unique Award Opportunity for clubs hosting their first ever NGC Small Standard or Standard Flower Show

## “Blooming Beginnings” Flower Show Award

Honoring Excellence in First-Time Flower Shows with a Lasting Legacy. Flower shows have long served as vibrant celebrations of botanical artistry, horticultural mastery, and community spirit. They foster connections among gardeners, inspire creativity, and bring together people of all backgrounds to appreciate the transformative beauty of flowers. While established shows often receive accolades and recognition, first-time flower shows play a critical yet often underappreciated role: they sow the seeds of new traditions, unite budding horticulturists, and invigorate communities with fresh passion. It is with this in mind that we offer the “Blooming Beginnings” Flower Show Award, a unique honor dedicated to recognizing excellence in first-time garden club flower shows. The award, embodied in the form of an NGC Path of Success brick paver, will ensure that these pioneers leave a permanent mark—both literally and figuratively—on the garden of collective achievement.

### Objective of the Award

- Recognize first-time flower shows for their vision, organization, and impact.
- Encourage other groups to initiate new flower shows, fostering a wider appreciation for horticulture and floral design.

## Eligibility

- Open to any NGC Federated Garden Club hosting its FIRST EVER NGC Small Standard or Standard Flower Show. The Flower Show must be held during the 2025-2027 NGC administration.
- Shows must be open to the public and demonstrate a commitment to community involvement, educational value, and horticultural excellence.

## Nominations and Judging Process

Judging will be based on several key criteria, including but not limited to:

- Innovation and Creativity: Originality in show design, theme, and exhibits.
- Educational Value: Demonstration of horticulture and floral design education for attendees.
- Overall Impact: Evidence of positive influence on the local community and potential for future growth.
- Clubs must submit their Flower Shows following the standard Flower Show Achievement Award submission process which is listed on the NGC website. Submit to your state by their deadline. State Flower Show Awards Chairman or Awards Chairman may submit up to three entries to NGC Flower Show Awards Chairman by January 1, 2027.

## The Award: Brick Paver

“Blooming Beginnings” Award is the presentation of an NGC Path of Success engraved brick paver, sponsored by the NGC Flower Show Awards Committee. This brick will bear the club’s name, flower show’s name and the year of the award and will be installed on the Path of Success at NGC Headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri.

- Each quality submission will receive a certificate of recognition for their accomplishment.

Questions? Debby Cooper, NGC Flower Show Awards Chairman.

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