



PLANT AMERICA
For the Next 100 Years

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PLANT AMERICA

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Dear Garden Club Members:

Across the Americas individuals, clubs, districts, state organizations, and regions work hard every year to carry out the mission of National Garden Clubs, Inc. to provide education, resources, and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening and floral design, along with civic and environmental responsibility. Some of the work is small in nature, some very large. ALL efforts have an impact on the local community and ultimately the broader world. Each one deserves accolades for helping make our world a better place.

This awards program is to recognize the best efforts in a number of categories. We would love to recognize **YOU!** As soon as you complete your project, go ahead and write the application while the work is fresh in your mind. You can send the application to your state chairman at any time but be sure to adhere to any deadlines set for that award. Most state deadlines are in late fall, so work on the application before the busy holiday season begins!

This handbook has been prepared to provide you with the resources needed to prepare an award-winning application. Think about your work. Look at the list in this handbook of the awards and determine which category is most appropriate. Choose the specific award. Read the description for that award. Read through the rubric, whether it be the general rubric or a specific one for that award. Write your story. Add some photos. Names are not necessary in the story – they actually detract from the story--and photos are best featuring the work done, not the people involved.

Awards serve several purposes. Awards create pride through recognition. They encourage members to do more. Awards bring awareness of a club as an asset to the community and inspire others to pursue worthwhile projects. An active, award-winning club attracts new members.

Garden club projects are vital parts of our communities. The future of garden clubs is secured by the visible work that we do. Let's remember to showcase that work through applying for awards in recognition of the significance of our work.

Marilyn McDonnell
NGC Awards Chairman 2025-2027

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The Process

Review the **General Directions**. Follow those guidelines.



Use the **Chart of Awards** or online **Table of Awards** to decide which award is best for your entry. This tells you who is eligible to apply for that award and the items required.



Go to the **Award Description** for further details. On the NGC website, click on the name of the award category from the Table of Awards to go directly to that award's descriptive information.



After reviewing the description details, fill out the **Application Cover Sheet**. On the NGC website, click on "Application" in the right column to go directly to the cover sheet for that award. Download the blank Cover Sheet to your computer. Be sure to name it something you will remember and put it in a file where you can find it again! Open the new file and fill out each section of the Cover Sheet, using the tab key to move between sections. When it is complete, be sure to save your changes. MAC users open the form in Preview before completing.



Go back to the Award Description and look carefully at the **Scoring Rubric** to see what the judges will look for as they score your entry. Most awards use the General Scoring Rubric which you can find by clicking on the Scoring in the same box to the right of the award name. If your award has a specific Scoring Rubric, it will also be given immediately following the award description. Use this information to help you understand what you should include in your application.



Write your **Award Application**. Be sure to adhere to the page limit and use a clear, easily read font. Include photos when applicable. Insert the photos as you write to avoid the need for adding captions. If you need help with that, ask the Awards Co-Chairman. Ask someone else to read over the completed application for clarity and editing.



Send the Cover Sheet and Completed Application as indicated in your individual State guidelines by the due date required for your state.

***All forms in this handbook are posted on the NGC website in the FORMS section as fillable forms. Scoring Rubrics are also available on the AWARDS page of the website under the State and Regional Awards Chairmen tab.**

General Information About Awards

The Awards Year is from January 1 through December 31.

Only National Garden Clubs, Inc. members and affiliates current on their paid dues to NGC are eligible with the exception of applicants for the following:

- Award of Excellence for Non-Members
- High School Distinguished Service Project

Please remember:

No individual, single member club, group of member clubs, Council, or Districts may make direct application to National Garden Clubs. **All applications must be submitted by your State Chairman and must include the appropriate NGC Application Cover Sheet.** Application Cover Sheets are posted in fillable format on the NGC website under FORMS.

All applications with photos of people, including Youth under age 18, MUST have a signed Publications Release Form for each person involved on file at NGC Headquarters. It is the responsibility of the applicant to see that these are sent in a timely manner. It is recommended that photographs NOT include people. See NGC Photo Release on Forms page.

Judges will not open hyperlinks embedded in any application with the exception of Membership Advancement & Education awards 1 (Membership Awareness), 2 (Website), and 3 (Digital Presentation).

Electronic applications must be in PDF (preferred) or WORD format. Digital photos for FD-1 should be in .jpg, .png or other commonly accepted format for photos.

Only ONE application may be submitted for any single project. A project may NOT be submitted for more than one award.

The General Scoring Rubric will be used for scoring unless otherwise indicated in the award description.

The following Certificates will be awarded:

- Grand Prize - overall winner for Award, receives full page certificate with gold seal
- First Place Award – winner for each sub-category, receives full page certificate
- Award of Merit – other worthy award submissions received by NGC, half page certificate

Award size groups, unless specified differently, are:

	Clubs	States
Small	1- 20 members	1 – 55 clubs
Medium	21 – 50 members	56 - 149 clubs
Large	51 + members	150 + clubs

Questions

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State and Regional Chairmen Information

All applications and State Chairman reports are to be submitted to the NGC Awards Dropbox, or designated chairman by January 25. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS other than the ones designated below, so submit as early as possible to avoid problems. The Dropbox address will be sent directly to State and Regional Chairmen in the early fall.

You are highly encouraged to use the Scoring Rubrics in your state judging to improve consistency in judging. Please remember that ALL applications must come through the State Chairman with the exception of SR-3, coming from regional directors/awards chairmen. One award entry for each sub-category will be accepted from each state (i.e., one small club, one medium club, etc.).

Where to send specific applications and Due Date Exceptions:

- FD-1 Calendar Arranger of the Year **(Due by August 15)**
Nancy Voyles
vob@gardenclub.org
- All Flower Show Achievement Award Applications **(Due by January 15)**
Debby Cooper and Carol Bullard
coopcooper@aol.com
- SR-1, SR-2, SR-3 Award of Excellence **(Due by January 1)**
Susan Miner
sminer@gardenclub.org
- SR-4 Regional Member of Honor **(Due by January 1 to Region designee)**
Submit to the Individual designated by your Region to receive this application
***Regional Awards Chairmen will submit winning names to the NGC Awards Chairman by February 1.**
- All Youth Awards will be submitted to the NGC Awards Dropbox (Dropbox link sent to State and Region Awards Chairmen in late fall each year.) For questions concerning Youth Awards, contact Youth Awards Chairman Terry Critchlow
tcritchlow@aol.com

The State Chairman Report, **due January 25**, is provided on the NGC Awards FORMS web page. This report details the total number of applications received for each award and the number forwarded to NGC. This data collection is necessary to guide future Awards Committee decisions.

Chart of Awards

Who is eligible to apply?

Electronic Submission
Requirements

PLANT AMERICA WITH COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS	Garden Club	Group of Clubs	State	Individual Member	National Affiliate	IA	Non-member	Application	Copy/copies of Publication	Book of Evidence	Other
CE 1 Community Gardens	X	X						X			
CE 2 Permanent Community Improvements	X	X						X			
CE 3 Community Food Sources	X	X						X			
CE 4 Roadside Plantings	X	X	X					X			
CE 5 Beautification Project	X	X						X			
CE 6 Community Project with Native Plants/Wildflowers	X	X	X					X			
CE 7 Blue Star/Gold Star Marker Landscaping	X	X	X					X			
CE 8 Landscaping of Public/Religious Grounds	X	X		X				X			
CE 9 Landscaping of Historic Areas	X	X	X					X			

Who is eligible to apply?

What is required?

PLANT AMERICA FOR ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION	Garden Club	Group of Clubs	State	Individual Member	National Affiliate	IA	Non-member	Application	Copy/copies of Publication	Book of Evidence	Other
EC 1 Conservation Activities	X	X						X			
EC 2 Conservation Education	X	X						X			
EC 3 Wildlife Survival	X	X						X			
EC 4 Water	X	X	X					X			
EC 5 Native Plants & Wildflowers Venue	X	X						X			
EC 6 Organic Practices	X	X	X					X			

Who is eligible to apply?								What is required?			
PLANT AMERICA IN GARDENS	Garden Club	Group of Clubs	State	Individual Member	National Affiliate	IA	Non-member	Application	Copy/copies of Publication	Book of Evidence	Other
G 1 Container Gardens	X			X		X		X			
G 2 Edible Gardens	X	X		X		X		X			
G 3 Therapy Gardens	X	X	X	X				X			
G 4 Public Wildlife Gardens	X							X			

Who is eligible to apply?								What is required?			
FLORAL DESIGN	Garden Club	Group of Clubs	State	Individual Member	National Affiliate	IA	Non-member	Application	Copy/copies of Publication	Book of Evidence	Other
FD 1 Calendar Arranger of the Year				X		X					X
FD 2 Floral Design Program	X	X	X	X				X			

Who is eligible to apply?								What is required?			
FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT	Garden Club	Group of Clubs/Council	State	Region	National Affiliate	*IA		Application	Copy/copies of Publication	Book of Evidence	Other
FS 1 Club Standard Show	X							X		X	X
FS 2 Holiday Standard Show	X	X				X		X		X	X
FS 3 Patriotic Standard Show	X	X						X		X	X
FS 4 Petite Standard Show	X	X				X		X		X	X
FS 5 Club Small Standard Show	X							X		X	X
FS 6 Holiday Small Standard Show	X							X		X	X
FS 7 Patriotic Small Standard Show	X							X		X	X
FS 8 Petite Small Standard Show	X					X		X		X	X
FS 9 Near-Club Standard Show		X						X		X	X
FS 10 Council Standard Show		X						X		X	X
FS 11 District/Region Standard Show		District		X				X		X	X
FS 12 State Flower Show			X					X		X	X
FS 13 Youth Flower Show	X							X		X	X
FS 14 Plant Society Show					X			X		X	X
FS 15 Horticulture Specialty Show	X	X	X	X				X		X	X
FS 16 Design Specialty Show	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X

*IA have additional Flower Show Awards as well as Virtual Flower Show Awards. See COMAAI.org website.

Who is eligible to apply?								What is required?			
MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT & EDUCATION	Garden Club	Group of Clubs	State	Individual Member	National Affiliate	IA	Non-member	Application	Copy/copies of Publication	Book of Evidence	Other
MAE 1 Membership Awareness	X	X	X					X	X*		
MAE 2 Website	X	X	X					X			
MAE 3 Digital Media Presentation	X	X	X		X			X			X
MAE 4 Publications	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		
MAE 5 National Garden Week	X	X	X					X			
MAE 6 Membership Increase	Data from NGC; No Application Accepted										
MAE 7 Life Memberships	Data from NGC; No Application Accepted										

*IF APPLICABLE

Who is eligible to apply?									What is required?			
SERVICE & RECOGNITION	Garden Club	Group of Clubs	State	Region	Individual Member	National Affiliate	IA	Non-member	Application	Copy/copies of Publication	Book of Evidence	Other
SR 1 Award of Excellence for Non-Members								X	X			
SR 2 Award of Excellence for States			X						X			
SR 3 Award of Excellence for Regions (2 ND year of term)				X					X			
SR 4 Member Award of Honor					X				X		X	
SR 5 Citation for Distinguished Service as NGC President	Determined by NGC Board											
SR 6 Presidential Citation	Determined by NGC President											
SR 7 NGC Award for Major Non-Standard Flower Shows	Ordered from NGC Headquarters two months prior to show date. Earlier request if recommended when possible.											
SR 8 Award of Distinguished Service	Award Certificate #5234 may be purchased from NGC Headquarters Member Services											

YOUTH WORK	Who is eligible to apply?							What is required?			
	Garden Club	Group of Clubs	State	Individual Member	National Affiliate	IA	Non-member	Application	Copy/copies of Publication	Book of Evidence	Other
YW 1 Youth Garden Club Outstanding Sponsor	X							X			
YW 2 Horticulture Activity for Youth Garden Club	X							X			
YW 3 Outdoor Planting with Youth Garden Club	X							X			
YW 4 Environmental Activity with Youth Garden Club	X							X			
YW 5 Junior Garden Club Wildlife Gardening Education Project	X							X			
YW 6 High School Garden Club Outstanding Sponsor	X							X			
YW 7 High School Distinguished Service Project							X	X			
YW 8 Horticulture Education for Youth	X							X			
YW 9 Environmental Education Project with Youth	X							X			
YW 10 Individual Outstanding Service to Youth				X				X			

**NGC Awards Program
General Scoring Rubric**

Awards Form 3
2026

Maximum Points

Presentation

5 Total _____

NGC Cover sheet included with all sections completed. (NO State and/or Regional cover sheets are included)	2	
Application adheres to 3 single-page limit unless other size specified in award description	2	
Application neat and concise	1	

Achievement

65 Total _____

Meets NGC Mission & Goals	6	
Scope of project defined	4	
Need identified	7	
Benefit to target (members/recipients/community/etc.)	10	
Accomplishment of goals	8	
Comprehensiveness of work	6	
Activities to attain goals explained	8	
Evaluation of goals reached	4	
Educational	3	
Prior Planning	4	
Very brief history if continuing project (give full credit if not a continuing project)	3	
Other	2	

Participation

15 Total _____

% of member participation (may include any type of support given)	10	
Involvement of others (community, government agencies, professionals, youth, facility residents, others)	5	

Documentation

15 Total _____

Clear photos when applicable, labeled as needed	5	
Landscape plan when applicable (give full credit if not applicable)	5	
Financial details	5	

100 Total _____

PLANT AMERICA WITH COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS

CE-1 COMMUNITY GARDENS

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100 sponsored by Gerianne Holzman and Rob Zimmerman.

Given for the most outstanding community or religious garden project that provides green space, and/or opportunities for social gatherings, meditation, beautification, education, recreation or the growing of food.

A – Establishment of a new community or religious garden	B – Continuing participation in a community or religious garden
1. Garden Club: Small Medium Large 2. Group of Clubs, Council, District	1. Garden Club: Small Medium Large 2. Group of Clubs, Council, District
C – Establishment of a new community or religious garden while partnering with another organization.	D – Continuing participation in a community or religious garden while partnering with another organization.

CE-2 PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100 sponsored by the Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.

Given for the most distinguished civic or conservation work furthering NGC objectives and making a permanent improvement for public benefit, e.g., establishing sanctuaries, children's gardens, municipal gardens, etc. No commercial projects are eligible.

1. Garden Club: Small Medium Large 2. Group of Clubs, Council, District

CE-3 COMMUNITY FOOD SOURCES

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100 (Sponsorship available)

Given for the most outstanding effort to address food insecurity in a community including operating community vegetable/herb/fruit gardens as well as donations to organizations providing food directly to those in need (i.e., food banks, soup kitchens, etc.). This award will not be given to the same project in two consecutive years.

A – Donated produce from club members/supported gardens	B – Community vegetable gardens sponsored by club.
1. New Project (1-3 years)	1. New Project (1-3 years)
2. Existing Project (4-5 years)	2. Existing Project (4-5 years)
3. Maintaining Project (5+ years)	3. Maintaining Project (5+ years)

CE-3 Community Food Sources Scoring Rubric

Awards Form 3; CE 3

Maximum Points

Presentation

5 Total

NGC Cover sheet included with all sections completed. (NO State and/or Regional cover sheets are included)	2	
Application adheres to 3 single-page limit	2	
Application neat and concise	1	

Achievement

65 Total

Planning	5	
Identification of Need	10	
Scope of Project	10	
Variety of produce grown	10	
Identification of and solution to obstacles/challenges	8	
Activities to attain goals	15	
Documentation of goals achieved	7	

Participation

15 Total

% of member participation (may include any type of support given)	5	
Involvement of others (community members, government agencies, professionals, youth, facility residents, others)	10	

Documentation (Photocopies permitted)

15 Total

Clear photos when applicable, labeled as needed	5	
Landscape plan when applicable (give full credit if not applicable)	5	
Financial report	5	

100 Total

CE-4 ROADSIDE PLANTINGS

Group A Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100 sponsored by California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Group B Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + monetary award up to \$1000

Given for outstanding, permanent roadside beautification. The project may be continuous but must have an advanced degree of completion prior to making application. This award may be given only once for the same project. Projects designed for environmental preservation and enhancement using wildflowers and native plants may be awarded a higher monetary value. These projects may be awarded more than once, but not in consecutive years. Projects may be sited on rural byways, urban highways, roadside rest areas, entrances to towns, medians, etc.

A – Permanent roadside beautification	B – Roadside beautification designed for environmental preservation and enhancement using wildflowers and native plants
1. Garden Club: Small Medium Large 2. Group of Clubs, Council, District 3. State Garden Club: Small Medium Large	1. Garden Club: Small Medium Large 2. Group of Clubs, Council, District 3. State Garden Club: Small Medium Large

CE-5 BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100. (Sponsorship available)

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. Habitat for Humanity Projects as well as Decoration of Historic Buildings may be included.

A – Special, one-time event	B – Continuing Project
1. Garden Club (NGC or IA): Small Medium Large	1. Garden Club (NGC or IA): Small Medium Large

CE-6 COMMUNITY PROJECT WITH NATIVE PLANTS/WILDFLOWERS

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + monetary award up to \$1000.

Given for establishing wildflower gardens, memorial gardens, or the restoration of historic gardens with emphasis on plant material native to your region. This award will not be given to the same project in two consecutive years.

1. Garden Club:
 Small
 Medium
 Large
2. Group of Clubs, Council, District
3. State Garden Club:
 Small
 Medium
 Large

CE-7 BLUE STAR/GOLD STAR MARKER LANDSCAPING

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100 sponsored by Donna Donnelly.

Given for the most outstanding Blue Star Marker or Gold Star Marker landscape project. The marker may be part of a highway department rest area maintained by the department. The project may have been continuous, but major landscaping must have been completed within the previous two years. The project may be a replacement of a destroyed or long-neglected marker.

1. Garden Club:
 Small
 Medium
 Large
2. Group of Clubs, Council, District
3. State Garden Club:
 Small
 Medium
 Large

CE-8 LANDSCAPING OF PUBLIC OR RELIGIOUS GROUNDS

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available)

Given for the most significant contribution in designing a landscape plan, planning the project, and carrying out the plan.

A – Public or commercial property i.e., hospital, library, civic center, park, waterfront, etc.	B – Religious grounds meeting the needs of the congregation
1. Garden Club (NGC or IA): Small Medium Large	1. Garden Club (NGC or IA): Small Medium Large 2. Group of Clubs, Council, District (NGC or IA) 3. Individual garden club member (NGC or IA)

CE-9 LANDSCAPING OF HISTORIC AREAS

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available)

Given for the most outstanding historic preservation project. This includes restorations of parks as well as restoration of a building and/or grounds of importance to local, state, or national heritage.

1. Garden Club: Small Medium Large 2. Group of Clubs, Council, District 3. State Garden Club: Small Medium Large
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PLANT AMERICA FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

EC-1 CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100 sponsored by the Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.

Given to those conservation activities deemed overall excellent and well-balanced. Includes activities such as conservation education, legislative activities, conservation field projects, natural resource development such as watershed, erosion control, reforestation, wildlife refuge, etc.

1. Garden Club:
Small
Medium
Large
2. Group of Clubs, Council, District
3. State Garden Club:
Small
Medium
Large
4. Individual club member

EC-2 CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100 sponsored by the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.

Given for the most comprehensive work and/or study in conservation education.

1. Garden Club (NGC or IA):
Small
Medium
Large
2. Group of Clubs, Council, District
(NGC or IA)
3. State Garden Club:
Small
Medium
Large
4. Individual club member (NGC
or IA)

EC-3 WILDLIFE SURVIVAL

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available)

Given for the most comprehensive and effective project for pollinator, bird, or wildlife protection and welfare. This may include habitats or gardens specific to the natural population being supported, sanctuaries, migratory routes, public education project or program, legal and legislative activities, or other.

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 Small
 Medium
 Large2. Group of Clubs, Council, District3. State Garden Club:
 Small
 Medium
 Large |
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Please refer to the Scoring Rubric for EC 3 on the following page.

EC 3 Wildlife Survival Scoring Rubric

Maximum Total Points

Presentation**5 Total** _____

NGC Cover sheet included with all sections completed. State and/or Regional cover sheets are NOT included.	2	
Application adheres to 3 single-page limit	2	
Application neat and concise	1	

Achievement**40 Total** _____

Meets NGC Mission & Goals	3	
Scope of project defined	2	
Need identified	5	
Benefit to target (members/recipients/community/etc.)	6	
Accomplishment of goals	6	
Comprehensiveness of work	5	
Activities to attain goals explained	6	
Evaluation of goals reached	2	
Educational	2	
Prior Planning	2	
Very brief history if continuing project (give full credit if not a continuing project)	1	

Participation (select one)**15 Total** _____

0-25% of club members	5	
26-59% of club members	10	
60-100% of club members	15	

Community Involvement**30 Total** _____

Involvement of others (community, government agencies, professionals, youth, facility residents, others)	30	
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Documentation (Photocopies permitted)**10 Total** _____

Clear photos when applicable, labeled as needed	3	
Landscape plan when applicable (give full credit if not applicable)	2	
Financial report	4	
Other (letters of appreciation, community awards, publicity, etc.)	1	

100 Total _____

EC-4 WATER

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available)

Given for the most outstanding project with an emphasis on water conservation and/or clean water.
This award will not be given to the same project in two consecutive years.

1. Garden Club:
 Small
 Medium
 Large
2. Group of Clubs, Council, District
3. State Garden Club:
 Small
 Medium
 Large

EC-5 NATIVE PLANTS AND WILDFLOWERS VENUE

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal
monetary award up to \$1000

Given for the best establishment of outdoor classrooms, nature trails, wildflower walks, etc. with
emphasis on wildflowers and native plants to expose and educate the public as to the importance of
these plants to conservation and the environment. This award will not be given to the same project in
two consecutive years.

1. Garden Club (NGC or IA):
 Small
 Medium
 Large
2. Group of Clubs, Council, District
 (NGC or IA)
3. State Garden Club:
 Small
 Medium
 Large

EC-6 ORGANIC PRACTICES

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available)

Given for the most outstanding project or educational activity emphasizing and employing the use of organic materials and methods in gardening. This award does NOT include individual garden club members using organic practices in their own personal plantings. The award must be for a CLUB project or educational activity. This award will not be given to the same project in two consecutive years.

1. Garden Club:
 - Small
 - Medium
 - Large
2. Group of Clubs, Council, District
3. State Garden Club:
 - Small
 - Medium
 - Large

PLANT AMERICA WITH GARDENS

G-1 CONTAINER GARDENING

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available)

Given for the most outstanding container or containers of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, or a combination thereof. A container is defined as a vessel used for planting that is separated from the earth beneath. (For example, a raised bed directly on the ground is not considered a container; however, a raised bed elevated off the ground by legs would be considered a container.)

A. Single Container grown by a member or club (NGC or IA).	B. Multiple Containers in one location grown by a member or club (NGC or IA).
1. Individual Member 2. Garden Club: Small Medium Large	1. Individual Member 2. Garden Club: Small Medium Large

Awards Form 3; G-1

G-1 Container Gardens Scoring Rubric

Maximum Total Points

Presentation

5 Total

NGC Cover sheet included with all sections completed. State and/or Regional cover sheets are NOT included.	2	
Application adheres to 3 single-page limit	2	
Application neat and concise	1	

Achievement

90 Total

Selection of container enhances location	15	
Selection of plants appropriate for container, location and environmental conditions	30	
Includes consideration of design elements and principles	15	
Located in an area visible to the community	20	
Includes plan for seasonal maintenance as appropriate	10	

Documentation (Photocopies permitted)

5 Total

Clear, well-labeled, neatly attached plant list	2	
Supporting data (at least one photo required)	2	
Other (letters of appreciation, community awards, publicity, etc.)	1	

100 Total

G-2 EDIBLE GARDENING

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available)

Given for the most outstanding garden of edibles, fruits, vegetables, and/or edible flowers.

A. Garden of edibles grown by a member or club (NGC or IA).	B. Gardens incorporating edibles in an ornamental landscape grown by a member or club (NGC or IA).
1. Individual Member 2. Garden Club: Small Medium Large	1. Individual Member 2. Garden Club: Small Medium Large

Awards Form 3; G-2

G-2 Edible Gardening Scoring Rubric

Maximum Total Points

Presentation

5 Total

NGC Cover sheet included with all sections completed. State and/or Regional cover sheets are NOT included.	2	
Application adheres to 3 single-page limit	2	
Application neat and concise	1	

Achievement

90 Total

Garden design includes preplanning	10	
Project includes provision for watering	8	
Project includes ongoing maintenance	10	
Selection of plants is appropriate for location	10	
Growth and maturity of plants	10	
Successful incorporation of variety of edibles	15	
Successful harvest of edibles	8	
Overall health and attractiveness of garden	15	
Accessibility	4	

Documentation (Photocopies permitted)

5 Total

Supporting data clear, well labeled and neatly attached	2	
At least one photo	2	
Other documentation (publicity, letter, etc.) if planted in public location (give full credit if not public location)	1	

100 Total

G-3 THERAPY GARDENS

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available)

Given for the establishment or restoration of a garden or gardens to benefit the physically or learning challenged, residents in nursing homes, schools, prisons, low-income housing, cancer centers, etc. by an NGC or IA Club. Includes barrier-free gardens, accessible gardening, community gardens, meditation gardens at a hospital, etc. The goal of these gardens can also be to increase awareness or to give hope.

1. Garden Club (NGC or IA):
 Small
 Medium
 Large
2. Group of Clubs, Council, District
 (NGC or IA)
3. Individual garden club member
 (NGC or IA)
4. State Garden Club:
 Small
 Medium
 Large

G-4 PUBLIC WILDLIFE GARDENS

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100
sponsored by the Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc.

Given to the garden club establishing a wildlife garden or gardens at a public place or places, to include signage to educate the public on how to garden for wildlife and the benefits of doing so. Special attention should be given to securing publicity for the project.

1. Garden Club:
 Small
 Medium
 Large

Please refer to Scoring Rubric for G 4 on the following page.

G-4 Public Wildlife Gardens Scoring Rubric

Maximum Total Points

Presentation **5 Total** _____

NGC Cover sheet included with all sections completed. State and/or Regional cover sheets are NOT included.	2	
Application adheres to 3 single-page limit unless other size specified in award description	2	
Application neat and concise	1	

Achievement **40 Total** _____

Meets NGC Mission & Goals	3	
Scope of project defined	2	
Need identified	5	
Benefit to target (members/recipients/community/etc.)	6	
Accomplishment of goals	6	
Comprehensiveness of work	5	
Activities to attain goals explained	6	
Evaluation of goals reached	2	
Educational	2	
Prior planning	2	
Very brief history if continuing project (give full credit if not a continuing project)	1	

Participation **15 Total** _____

% of member participation from total size possible (may include any type of support given)	15	
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Community Involvement **30 Total** _____

Involvement of others (community, government agencies, professionals, youth, facility residents, others)	30	
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Documentation (Photocopies permitted) **10 Total** _____

Clear photos when applicable, labeled as needed	3	
Landscape plan when applicable (give full credit if not applicable)	2	
Financial report	1	
Other (letters of appreciation, community awards, publicity, etc.)	4	

100 Total _____

FLORAL DESIGN

FD-1 CALENDAR ARRANGER OF THE YEAR

Grand Prize: Grade Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100 for each category

Selected by the NGC Vision of Beauty Calendar Committee from digital photos submitted. Photos may be of any type design—traditional, contemporary, new trends, seasonal, holidays, etc.

Criteria for entries and entry form are in the current Vision of Beauty Calendar and on the NGC Website in the Forms Section.

NOTE DUE DATE OF August 15.

See NGC Forms Library
for Vision of Beauty
Entry Form.

A. Individual Flower Arranger of
the Year.

B. International Affiliate Flower
Arranger of the Year.

FD-2 FLORAL DESIGN PROGRAM

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available)

Given for the most outstanding program or workshop (exclusive of NGC Schools and Symposiums) teaching floral design principles and techniques to club members and/or the public.

1. Garden Club (NGC or IA):
Small
Medium
Large
2. Group of Clubs, Council, District
3. State Garden Club:
Small
Medium
Large
4. Individual club member (NGC or IA)

Please refer to Scoring Rubric for FD 2 on the following page.

FD 2 Floral Design Program Scoring Rubric

Awards Form 3; FD-2

Maximum Total Points

Presentation**5 Total** _____

NGC Cover sheet included with all sections completed. State and/or Regional cover sheets are NOT included.	2	
Application adheres to 3 single-page limit	2	
Application neat and concise	1	

Achievement**60 Total** _____

Detailed description of program presented	20	
Location, date and time given	5	
Research and preparation for program	20	
Quality of materials used/provided	10	
Audience engagement	10	

Participation**15 Total** _____

Number of participants	8	
Involvement of members (may include any type of support given)	4	
Publicity promoting program	3	

Documentation (Photocopies permitted)**15 Total** _____

Clear photos when applicable, labeled as needed	5	
Supporting data	3	
Financial report	5	
Other (letters of appreciation, community awards, publicity, etc.)	2	

100 Total _____

FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Requirements for each award in this section are detailed in the Flower Show Achievement Award Application Directive (4/2026) for State Awards/Flower Show Awards Chairmen. Please refer to that directive on the NGC website Awards page for complete application information. A-D refer to club size.

FS-1 CLUB STANDARD SHOW -

A – < 21 members	B – 21-49 members
C – 50-99 members	D – 100+ members

FS-2 HOLIDAY STANDARD SHOW

A – 1 club (NGC or IA)	B – $\geq$ 2 clubs (NGC or IA)
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FS-3 PATRIOTIC STANDARD SHOW

A – 1 club	B – $\geq$ 2 clubs
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FS-4 PETITE STANDARD SHOW

A – 1 club (NGC or IA)	B – $\geq$ 2 clubs (NGC or IA)
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FS-5 CLUB SMALL STANDARD SHOW

A – < 21 members	B – 21-49 members
C – 50-99 members	

FS-6 HOLIDAY SMALL STANDARD SHOW

1 club < 100 members

FS-7 PATRIOTIC SMALL STANDARD SHOW

1 club < 100 members

FS-8 PETITE SMALL STANDARD SHOW

1 club < 100 members (NGC or IA)

FS-9 NEAR-CLUB STANDARD SHOW

2 + clubs (nearby)

FS-10 COUNCIL STANDARD SHOW

A - 3 + clubs

B – 1 + Judges Council/s

FS-11 DISTRICT/REGION STANDARD SHOW

A - $\leq$ 15 NGC clubs

B – $\geq$ 16 NGC Clubs

FS-12 STATE FLOWER SHOW

A - $\leq$ 100 clubs

B – > 100 clubs

FS-13 YOUTH FLOWER SHOW

A – 1 Youth club/group

B – $\geq$ 2 Youth clubs/groups

C – Youth Division of Adult Flower Show

FS-14 PLANT SOCIETY SHOW

Affiliated with NGC

FS-15 HORTICULTURE SPECIALTY SHOW

A – 1 club

B – $\geq$ 2 clubs

C – Country, District, State Region

FS-16 DESIGN SPECIALTY SHOW

A – 1 club (NGC or IA)

B – $\geq$ 2 clubs (NGC or IA)

C – Country, District, State Region (NGC or IA)

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATES

Miembros afiliados internacionales, visitar al sitio web de COMAAI.org para ver los Premios, direcciones y formularios de la IA en español.

MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT & EDUCATION

MAE-1 MEMBERSHIP AWARENESS

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available)

Given for the most innovative activity, set of activities or most outstanding effort to increase public visibility, to increase club membership, or to make the public aware of the mission and activities of garden clubs. This includes publications such as membership brochures, leaflets, or other publications as well as publicity received.

Printed materials, materials for electronic publication and publicity may be attached in their entirety to the application and are not counted as part of the 3-page limit.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Garden Club:
 Small
 Medium
 Large2. Group of Clubs, Council, District3. State Garden Club:
 Small
 Medium
 Large |
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Please refer to the Scoring Rubric for MAE 1 on the following page.

MAE-1 Membership Awareness Scoring Rubric

Maximum Total Points

Presentation**5 Total** _____

NGC Cover sheet included with all sections completed. State and/or Regional cover sheets are NOT included.	2	
Application adheres to 3 single-page limit unless other size specified in award description	2	
Application neat and concise	1	

Achievement**65 Total** _____

Innovative nature of activities and/or publication	20	
Quality of print/digital materials	7	
Quality of content	15	
Activities to attain goals	10	
Planning	5	
Execution of activities and/or publication	5	
Successful obtaining of publicity	3	

Participation**15 Total** _____

% of member participation from total size possible (may include any type of support given)	12	
Involvement of others (community, government agencies, professionals, youth, facility residents, others)	3	

Documentation (Photocopies permitted)**15 Total** _____

Clear photos when applicable, labeled as needed	4	
Landscape plan when applicable (give full credit if not applicable)	4	
Financial report	5	
Other (letters of appreciation, community awards, publicity, etc.)	2	

100 Total _____

MAE-2 WEBSITE

Best in Each Group: Certificate of Merit + \$50 sponsored by The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Given for the most outstanding website promoting the sponsoring organization and NGC objectives. At least a portion of the site must be available for viewing by the general public. Include website/media address, who maintains site, frequency of updates, and cost in the application. Ease of navigation will be considered while judging from the address given.

A – Website designed and managed by club members	B – Website professionally designed
1. Garden Club (NGC or IA): Small Medium Large 2. Group of Clubs, Council, District (NGC or IA) 3. State Garden Club: Small Medium Large	1. Garden Club (NGC or IA): Small Medium Large 2. Group of Clubs, Council, District (NGC or IA) 3. State Garden Club: Small Medium Large

Please refer to the Scoring Rubric for MAE 2 on the following page.

MAE 2 Website Scoring Rubric

Maximum Total Points

Presentation 25 Total _____

Design/Appearance attractive	8	
Design/Appearance engaging	8	
Design/Appearance easy to view	6	
Layout	3	

Navigation 35 Total _____

Ease of navigation	10	
Navigation system (bar, map, etc.)	5	
Logical flow of pages	5	
Clear page headers	7	
Links active	8	

Achievement 20 Total _____

Club/group information present	5	
Club/group information easy to find	5	
Educational	10	

Promotion 10 Total _____

Promotes NGC objectives	10	
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Maintenance 10 Total _____

Does it appear to be updated on a regular basis?	10	
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100 Total _____**MAE-3 DIGITAL MEDIA PRESENTATION**

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100 sponsored by The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Given for the best presentation recorded and submitted on any type of digital media supporting any of the following NGC objectives: History/Archives, private or public Garden Tours, Flower Shows, Projects, Programs, or other. This is an actual PRESENTATION, not simply a Facebook or Website post. It may include You Tube. It is intended to be educational in nature, not simply informative.

1. Garden Club (NGC or IA):
 - Small
 - Medium
 - Large
2. Group of Clubs, Council, District (NGC or IA)
3. State Garden Club:
 - Small
 - Medium
 - Large
4. National Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)

MAE 3 Digital Media Presentation Scoring Rubric

Maximum Total Points

Presentation**60 Total** _____

NGC Cover sheet included with all sections completed. State and/or Regional cover sheets are NOT included.	2	
Application adheres to 3 single-page limit	2	
Design/appearance	8	
Audio quality	8	
Memorable content and delivery	8	
Creativity	6	
Clear images	6	
Concise information	7	
Easy to view	3	
Easy to comprehend	4	
Logical sequence	4	
Visual effects contribute rather than detract from message	2	

Achievement**20 Total** _____

Overall impact (educational, inspiring, persuasive)	15	
Club/group information present and accurate	5	

Promotion**20 Total** _____

Clear message	6	
Promotes NGC objectives	10	
Means of distribution	2	
Profits realized, if applicable	2	

100 Total _____

MAE-4 PUBLICATIONS

Best in each Group: Certificate of Merit

Given for the best publication in each group. Notices and flyers for one-time events do not apply.
Submissions must be electronic.

A-D: Newsletters/Magazines/Bulletins distributed at least three-times per year under one editor or manager with ONE sample issue submitted with application.

E: Manual or Handbook supporting any of the NGC objectives, i.e., procedural, duties of officers, awards, etc.

F: Educational Publication promoting any NGC objective, i.e., design, environmental, landscape, gardening, horticulture, therapy, etc.

G: Other publications promoting any NGC objective.

A – One-two page newsletter	B – Newsletter/Magazine 3-12 pages
1. Garden Club: Small Medium Large 2. Group of Clubs, Council, District 3. State Garden Club: Small Medium Large 4. National Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC) 5. International Affiliate	1. Garden Club: Small Medium Large 2. Group of Clubs, Council, District 3. State Garden Club: Small Medium Large 4. National Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC) 5. International Affiliate
C – Newsletter/Magazine/Bulletin 13-24 pages	D – Newsletter/Magazine Bulletin over 24 pages
1. Garden Club: Small Medium Large 2. Group of Clubs, Council, District 3. State Garden Club: Small Medium Large 4. National Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC) 5. International Affiliate	1. Garden Club: Small Medium Large 2. Group of Clubs, Council, District 3. State Garden Club: Small Medium Large 4. National Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC) 5. International Affiliate

E – Manuals/Handbooks	F – Educational
- Garden Club: - Small - Medium - Large - Group of Clubs, Council, District - State Garden Club: - Small - Medium - Large - National Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC) - International Affiliate	- Garden Club: - Small - Medium - Large - Group of Clubs, Council, District - State Garden Club: - Small - Medium - Large - National Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC) - International Affiliate

G – Other
- Garden Club: - Small - Medium - Large - Group of Clubs, Council, District - State Garden Club: - Small - Medium - Large - National Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC) - International Affiliate

Please refer to Scoring Rubric for MAE 4 on the following page.

MAE 4 Publications Specific Scoring Rubric

Maximum Total Points

Presentation**5 Total** _____

NGC Cover sheet included with all sections completed. State and/or Regional cover sheets are NOT included.	2	
Brief description of publication	3	

Achievement**65 Total** _____

Educational	8	
Informative	9	
Accurate information	6	
Clarity of subject	5	
Print quality adds to overall appearance	5	
Includes high quality photographs	6	
Includes appropriate, meaningful graphics	4	
Coverage received	6	
General appeal	9	
Notes NGC membership	7	

Promotes NGC Objectives**15 Total** _____

Promotes at least one NGC Objective	5	
Promotes more than one NGC Objective	10	

Documentation (Photocopies permitted)**15 Total** _____

Number of copies distributed/sold	5	
How distributed	4	
Financial report includes cost of publishing, price if sold	6	

100 Total _____

MAE-5 NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100 sponsored by Donna Donnelly.

Given for the best overall promotion of National Garden Week. Entry to show community awareness throughout the entire week and include local and/or state proclamations.

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 Small
 Medium
 Large2. Group of Clubs, Council, District3. State Garden Club:
 Small
 Medium
 Large |
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MAE-6 MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal for each group winner + \$100.

Given for the top state membership increases as defined in each section. These awards are calculated by NGC Headquarters. No application is accepted.

A – State Garden Club showing the greatest increase in paid membership as of Oct. 31 of the Award Year.

B – State Garden Club showing the greatest increase per capita as of Oct. 31 of the Award Year.

MAE-7 LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal for each group winner + \$100.

Given for highest increases in NGC Life Memberships as defined in each section. These awards are calculated by NGC Headquarters. No application is accepted.

A – State Garden Club with the greatest increase in NGC Life Memberships from May 1 – April 30.

B – State Garden Club with the greatest per capita increase in NGC Life Memberships from May 1 – April 30.
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SERVICE AND RECOGNITION

SR-1 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR NON-MEMBERS

The highest award of National Garden Clubs is 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. All entries must be sent electronically.

NOTE DUE DATE OF JANUARY 1.

A – Individual	B – Organization or Institution
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SR 1 Specific Scale of Points

Maximum Total Points

Presentation	5 Total	_____
Achievement	50 Total	_____
Advancement of NGC, Inc. Goals	35 Total	_____
Supporting Data	10 Total	_____
	100 Total	_____

SR-2 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR STATES

Best in Each Size Category: Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$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, and submitted electronically.

NOTE DUE DATE OF JANUARY 1

State Garden Club:

Membership up to 999

Membership 1,000 – 2,999-

Membership 3,000 – 7,999

Membership over 8,000

SR 2 Scale of Points

Maximum Total Points

Presentation	5 Total	_____
Outstanding, Unusual or Distinctive Project	60 Total	_____
Advancement of NGC Goals	25 Total	_____
Supporting Data	10 Total	_____
	100 Total	_____

AWARDS FORM 2
Application on the
NGC FORMS web page.

SR-3 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR REGIONS

Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$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.

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 side. Electronic applications are required.

NOTE DUE DATE OF JANUARY 1

SR 3 Scale of Points

Maximum Total Points

Presentation	5 Total	_____
Outstanding, Unusual or Distinctive Project	60 Total	_____
Advancement of NGC Goals	25 Total	_____
Supporting Data	10 Total	_____
	100 Total	_____

SR-4 MEMBER OF HONOR

AWARDS FORM 4

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 the 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 application cover sheet along with a one-page summary of accomplishments and a three-page (maximum) list of accomplishments.

Application must be sent electronically to the individual designated by your region.

NOTE DUE DATE OF FEBRUARY 1 TO NGC MEMBER OF HONOR CHAIRMAN (Due date to Regional Awards Chairman by January 1.)

SR-5 CITATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Award: Citation for Distinguished Service and token of appreciation

Given at the end of a term to the National Garden Clubs, Inc. President in appreciation of notable achievement and guidance by that President. The President-elect shall be in charge of this award which shall be presented at the Installation Ceremony for new offices by the newly installed 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, etc.

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

All requests are to be made in writing (email is acceptable) to Headquarters and, due to engraving and shipping timeframes, have a FIRM DEADLINE of 2 months prior to the show dates.

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

YOUTH WORK

YW-1 YOUTH GARDEN CLUB OUTSTANDING SPONSOR

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available)

Given to the NGC member club sponsor of a youth club which has been most successful in promoting all phases of garden club work with youth. Applications must indicate grade of club, sponsor club name, list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved. This award is not to be duplicated with any other Youth Work award.

A – Grades 1-3	B – Grades 4-6
C – Grades 7-9	D – Other

YW-2 HORTICULTURE ACTIVITY FOR YOUTH GARDEN CLUB

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available)

Given to the NGC or IA member club sponsor of a youth club for the most outstanding horticulture activity. Applications must indicate grade of club, sponsor club name, list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved. This award is not to be duplicated with any other Youth Work award.

A – Grades 1-3	B – Grades 4-6
C – Grades 7-9	D – Other

YW-3 OUTDOOR PLANTING WITH YOUTH GARDEN CLUB

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100 sponsored by the Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.

Given to the NGC or IA member club sponsor of a youth club for the most significant effort in planting and growing horticulture in an outdoor area. Participants may seek advice from any source but must do the actual gardening themselves.

A – Grades 1-3	B – Grades 4-6
C – Grades 7-9	D – Other

YW-4 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITY WITH YOUTH GARDEN CLUB

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available)

Given to the NGC member club sponsor of a youth club for the most outstanding project in the field of environmental concern, e.g., horticulture, landscaping, anti-litter, restoration, conservation, other.

A – Grades 1-3	B – Grades 4-6
C – Grades 7-9	D – Other

YW-5 JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB WILDLIFE GARDENING EDUCATION PROJECT

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available)

Given to the Youth Garden Club with the most notable project or projects educating the public on the benefits of gardening for wildlife.

A – Grades 1-3	B – Grades 4-6
C – Grades 7-9	D – Other

Please refer to Scoring Rubric for YW-5 on the following page.

YW-5 Junior Club Wildlife Gardening Education Project Scoring Rubric

Maximum Total Points

Presentation **5 Total** _____

NGC Cover sheet included with all sections completed. State and/or Regional cover sheets are NOT included.	2	
Application adheres to 3 single page limit	2	
Application neat and concise	1	

Achievement **40 Total** _____

Meets NGC Mission & Goals	3	
Scope of project defined	2	
Need identified	5	
Benefit to target (members/recipients/community/etc.)	6	
Accomplishment of goals	6	
Comprehensiveness of work	5	
Activities to attain goals explained	6	
Evaluation of goals reached	2	
Educational	2	
Prior planning	2	
Very brief history if continuing project (give full credit if not a continuing project)	1	

Participation **15 Total** _____

% of member participation from total size possible (may include any type of support given)	15	
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Community Involvement **30 Total** _____

Involvement of others (community, government agencies, professionals, youth, facility residents, others)	30	
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Documentation (Photocopies permitted) **10 Total** _____

Clear photos when applicable, labeled as needed	3	
Landscape plan when applicable (give full credit if not applicable)	2	
Financial report	4	
Other (letters of appreciation, community awards, publicity, etc.)	1	

100 Total _____

YW-6 HIGH SCHOOL GARDEN CLUB OUTSTANDING SPONSOR

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available)

Given to the NGC member club sponsor of a High School Gardeners Club that has carried out the best all-around gardening project. Applications must indicate grade/s of club, sponsor club name, list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved.

YW-7 HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROJECT

Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100 (1st Place), Certificate of Merit + \$50 (2nd Place).
(Sponsorship available)

Given to a High School Student, grades 9-12 for an outstanding civic project making a significant improvement for public benefit, e.g., environment, conservation, landscape, horticulture, recycling, horticulture therapy, others. The project must be sponsored by an NGC member club, group of clubs, district, or State Garden Club.

YW-8 HORTICULTURE EDUCATION FOR YOUTH

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available) Given to an NGC member club for the best promotion of gardening for youth, based on the belief that youth should be educated to become future horticulturists.

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 Small
 Medium
 Large2. Group of Clubs, Council, District3. State Garden Club:
 Small
 Medium
 Large |
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YW-9 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECT WITH YOUTH

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available)

Given to the NGC member club for the most outstanding project in the field of environmental education involving youth.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Garden Club:
 Small
 Medium
 Large2. Group of Clubs, Council, District3. State Garden Club:
 Small
 Medium
 Large |
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YW-10 INDIVIDUAL OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO YOUTH

Grand Prize (selected from First Place category winners): Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal + \$100.
(Sponsorship available)

Given to the Individual NGC member who has given outstanding service to youth as a leader of a Youth Garden Club in any grade category through High School.

Individual garden club member
