



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Presents

The 2024 Awards

for projects in 2023



Congratulations to all Club, Council, District and Individual Award Winners from The Garden Club of Georgia!

The 2024 Awards (for projects in 2023) were announced at the 2024 GCG Convention in Peachtree City in April. This year, the Awards Committee was hard at work reviewing the 310 applications received for awards #1 through #H-3. The committee was pleased to award sixty-one 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention winners.

Forty-four applications were sent for Deep South Award consideration and GCG received thirty-three winners including 18 for 1st place! Fifty-five applications were sent for National Garden Club Award consideration for which GCG received 11 Top and 9 Runners-up awards.

In the Youth Contests, GCG recognized 89 winning entries from the over 1,500 Poetry, Poster, and Sculpture entries. GCG presented certificates and checks to 15 Poster, 62 Poetry, and 12 Sculpture winners. Deep South Youth Contests recognized GCG with 24 winners in Poetry, 4 in Sculpture, and 5 in Posters. National Garden Clubs awarded GCG Youth Contest entries with 15 Poetry winners and one poster winner.

The Awards Committee, and all of GCG are very proud of the work our members accomplish. This year we showed the entire country how Georgia promotes Beautification, Education and Conservation. President Lisa Hall was kept very busy at the Deep South and NGC Conventions accepting all our awards. Let's keep them coming.

The awards process is easier than ever. Show off your Club's fabulous work, apply for one or more of the nearly 90 awards. The Awards Handbook can be found on the GCG website (<https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/membership-awards-2/>) including a few winning applications and much more. And remember, the awards committee is just a phone call or email away to answer your questions. We hope you will consider submitting an award for your 2024 projects that will be awarded at the 2025 GCG Convention in April.

A Special Thank You to the Awards Committee for all their hard work

Diana Malone, Chairman
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THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA TROPHY

The Garden Club of Georgia Trophy is awarded to the club whose achievements do most to promote the objectives and support the programs of GCG. The applicants are scored on membership; club finances; services provided to members and the community; monthly programs, speakers and/or field trips; club community projects and/or flower shows and club representation at District Meetings and State conventions, workshops or programs. Congratulations to these clubs for their outstanding service to their communities and support to GCG.

Club Estates Garden Club; Large Club Winner Dogwood District

Club Estates Garden Club (CEGC) with over 100 members presented an amazing amount of community service and an active membership. Among their many outstanding programs CEGC awarded their own \$5,000 grant to "The Farm" at Good Samaritan Health Center providing fresh grown fruits and vegetables to a federally recognized "food desert".

Projects include guided walks in the North Georgia woods; holiday decorating at Mercy Care Atlanta



Hospice; Vermont Park Beautification; floral arrangements for the Cathedral of St. Phillips 2023 Tour of Homes; City of Brookhaven Blue Star Memorial Marker Installation and Dedication; and support through donations and gardening projects. CEGC, In cooperation with the Historical Brookhaven Neighborhood Association, secured permission from the City of Brookhaven and NGC to place a Blue Star Marker in the triangle at E. Brookhaven Drive and Brookhaven Drive,

Monthly meeting speakers included a hydroponic greenhouse farmer, landscape architect, and a floral arranging demonstration. Members enjoyed field trips to Charleston, the Swan House and Atlanta History Center and member events "Wine in the Garden" and a Holiday Party at member homes. CEGC membership actively attend State, District, Council and Club events, workshops, and support fund raisers.



Vermont Park Beautification



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home Garden

Green Thumb Garden Club; Small Club Winner Oleander District

Green Thumb Garden Club's (GTGC) 17 members are very active in their community. Birthdays and bingo parties are sponsored at The Jenkins Co. Senior Center and they donate to and decorate the Home Place Adult Daycare for



holidays. Members work with Millen Better Hometown for many local events and the Chamber of Commerce's Christmas contest *Hometown Road Trip*. Every year, Green Thumb member Jerry Messex, owner of Ogeechee River Daylilies, has an open house and members help by giving attendees tips on planting and caring for daylilies. Exhibits made by members are displayed at the

Jenkins County Library during National and Georgia Garden Weeks.

Projects include gardens at the Jenkins Co. Library and Adult Learning Center and decorative wreaths at the Chamber of Commerce and Jenkins Co. Museum. GTGC won a NCG grant for their year-round work at the Jenkins Co. Senior Center.

Monthly programs include speakers on beekeeping, the yarn making process from animal to store, sustainable agriculture plantation business, hunting for wildflowers, and creating entries for a flower show. Members enjoyed a field trip to an alpaca farm and a member hosted Christmas party and ornament exchange.

Three GTGC members attended the 2023 GCG Annual Meeting, two members serve on the Oleander District Board as Recording Secretary and Scholarship Chair, and the President and Recording Secretary for the Millen Garden Club Council.



MEMBER OF HONOR – JO ANN DORSEY

In celebration of her 50 years in The Garden Club of Georgia, The Magnolia Garden Club of Cartersville, Laurel District, nominated Jo Ann Dorsey for the Member Award of Honor. She is a true lover of gardening, leader in our club and mentor to many in the community.

Jo Ann's first garden club, Amaryllis Garden Club, met at Rich's Downtown and at several homes in Atlanta. Her next clubs were The Azalea Circle and Leafmore Hills in Decatur. Notably, she and several others worked very hard to renovate the Conservatory at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center in the 1980's and beginning around 1989, Jo Ann served as Executive Director of The Dekalb Federation of Garden Clubs.

After moving to Cartersville in the 2000s, Jo Ann joined The Magnolia Garden Club serving two terms as President and chaired several committees receiving the Magnolia Garden Club President's Award in 2018. While serving as Chairperson for Garden Week in Georgia, we received GCG's 1st place award on two occasions.



Jo Ann plans several activities for the community to celebrate Garden Week in Georgia. In 2021, Jo Ann was interviewed by Marie Nesmith at The Bartow Daily Tribune

to promote our garden club's celebration of Garden Week in Georgia. The article not only educated the public about our efforts to promote the goals of GCG, it let us get to know more about Jo Ann in the wonderful quotes expressed here:

"I totally agree with a little sign my daughter gave me for Christmas that says, *Time Spent In The Garden Is Time Well Spent*, said Jo Ann Dorsey, The Magnolia Garden Club's chairperson of Garden Week in Georgia. "I feel it is important to garden. To have the satisfaction of bringing beauty to a once neglected area sure brings me a lot of joy. I am also a Master Gardener and I volunteer at Rose Lawn on Wednesdays. That is my happy place."



Jo Ann is a Nationally Accredited Master Flower Show Judge and has entered Design and Horticulture many times throughout the years securing many "Top Awards" ... even Best in Show and Horticulture of Excellence!

Jo Ann is a member of Creative Study Club, which is made up of fellow judges from several states. She judges several shows per year and serves as Design Chair for the Northwest Georgia Daylily Show.

Jo Ann has presented programs on horticulture and design to area clubs, junior garden clubs, and senior citizen groups. Some of the projects

she planned and carried out included donating wheelchair friendly raised garden beds, gloves and trowels for assisted living facility. She has also created library displays and children's programs, donating books for children and adults to the library and bookmobile. Jo Ann was the 2021-22 Litter and Recycling Chair for GCG and currently serves as the Litter and Recycling chair for Laurel District. Jo Ann has been a UGA Extension Master Gardener for thirteen years. She is a life member of Dekalb Federation of Garden Clubs, Garden Club of Georgia, Deep South Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs.



AWARD OF MERIT NON-MEMBERS

STEVE AND SHARON SCRUGGS

The Watkinsville Garden Club nominated Steve and Sharon Scruggs for their outstanding work at the David Henry Hardigree Wildlife Sanctuary and Research Center (HWS) located outside Watkinsville. Watkinsville Garden Club (WGC) member, Vivian Claire Ward, deeded her 83-acre farm to the Oconee River Resource Conservation and Development Council (ORC & DC) in 1992 for perpetual use as a wildlife sanctuary named in honor of her grandfather. An additional five acres purchased in 2004 was added to the Sanctuary. The property, overgrown with bushes, briars, invasive weeds and vines, laid dormant until 2016 when the Scruggs donated their time and took over management of the HWS. It is their tireless work, vision, and dedication that have inspired volunteers, donors, and organizations to make HWS the cornerstone of conservation and wildlife education it is today.

The mission of the HWS is to provide outdoor education programs for children and families to help them better understand nature, appreciate the outdoors, and become good stewards of the earth. The 88-acre natural habitat, which includes a one-acre fishing pond, is populated abundant wildlife species, birds, reptiles, and numerous insect species, making a perfect setting for outdoor educational programs.



Steve Scruggs teaching survival skill with students from Rocky Branch Elementary School

As a result of Steve and Sharon's vision and ability to inspire others to share that vision and contribute to the hands-on work, remarkable progress was made. A picnic pavilion, screened wildlife viewing stations, bluebird houses, picnic areas, a primitive camp site for 40 tents, an outdoor chapel, outdoor classrooms, a one-room schoolhouse, two storage sheds and two miles of nature trails were added.

An original cactus garden has been revived and maintained, a pollinator garden was established, at the granite entrance sign, a fringe tree and two oakleaf hydrangeas and a bed of partridge berries was planted. Winter Jasmine was planted along the bank adjacent to the road in front of the office. Seven apple trees, one pear tree and 28 oak trees were planted in the open area near the fishing pond. Landscaping was recently installed



around the schoolhouse and deck by members of the WGC.

The Sanctuary hosts school field trips, picnics, bird walks, group camping, Scout groups, 4-H and FFA competitions, teacher workshops and corporate outings. Programs incorporate fishing, archery, nature hikes, tree identification, firearm safety, identification of wildlife, insects and reptiles, birds of prey, tree climbing, conservation, gardening, building bird houses, wildlife observation, water ecology and survival skills. Easter Sunrise Services are held in the outdoor Chapel.

Volunteers from civic organizations donate



funds and work continuously to establish and maintain the Sanctuary and conduct educational programs. Twenty Eagle Scout projects provided seating in the outdoor chapel, benches outside the restrooms, outdoor classrooms on nature trails, and two footbridges - one across a stream and one connecting two nature trails. Local businesses were instrumental in the expansion of the Sanctuary with a schoolhouse, a fishing shed and fishing tackle. Bird Walks are sponsored by Wild Birds Unlimited every two weeks. An annual Cops and Bobbers Fishing Derby for kids ages 5 to 16 is sponsored by the Watkinsville Police Department.

—The David Henry Hardigree Wildlife Sanctuary and Research Center; 1110 Old Greensboro Road, Watkinsville, GA 30677; (706) 769-8513; for more information visit hardigreewildlifesanctuary.org.

GCG AWARDS

#2 – GARDEN CENTER AWARD (Activity)

Group of Clubs/Council

- 1st Marietta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.;
Laurel
- 1st Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.;
Oleander

#4 – BIRD AWARD

Medium Club

- 1st Pine Tree GC Hartwell; Azalea

Large Club

- 1st Ball Ground Anetsa Ga-Da; Laurel

Group Of Clubs

- 1st Marietta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.;
Laurel

Individual Garden Club Member

- Beth Langhorst – Avondale Estates GC;
Redbud

#5 – CLUB STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Medium Club

- 1st Hiawassee GC; Laurel

#6 – TREE AWARD

Small Club

- 1st The Azalea GC, Columbus; Magnolia
- 2nd Hoe'n In Euharlee GC; Laurel

Medium Club

- 1st Oglethorpe GC; Magnolia

Large Club

- 1st Spalding GC; Dogwood

#7 – SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Small Club

- 1st Townview GC; Laurel
- 2nd Conyers GC; Redbud

Medium Club

- 1st Stonecrest GC; Redbud
- 2nd Roswell GC; Dogwood
- 3rd Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent GC;
Oleander

Large Club

- 1st Garden Club of Savannah; Oleander
- 2nd Avondale Estates GC; Redbud
- 3rd Spalding GC; Dogwood
- HM Ball Ground Anetsa Ga-Da; Laurel
- HM The Landings GC; Oleander

Group of Clubs/Council

- 1st Marietta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.;
Laurel
- Barbara Fulbright; Laurel

#8 – CONSERVATION PROJECT

Large Club

- 1st Avondale Estates GC; Redbud
- 2nd Spalding GC; Dogwood

Individual Garden Club Member

- 1st Janet Wells Camellia GC, Atlanta; Dogwood

Group of Clubs/Council

- 1st Cherokee County GC Council; Laurel

#10 – GARDEN THERAPY AWARD

Category A: Outstanding Activity

Small Club

- 1st Conyers GC; Redbud
- 2nd Green Thumb GC, Millen; Oleander
The Home Place
- 3rd Green Thumb GC of Millen; Oleander
Jenkins Co. Sr. Center

Medium Club

- 1st Stonehedge GC; Laurel
- 2nd Roswell GC; Dogwood
- 3rd Camellia GC of Cuthbert; Magnolia

Large Club

- 1st Marietta Daisies GC; Laurel
- 2nd Spalding GC; Dogwood
- 3rd Watkinsville GC; Azalea

11NP – NATIVE PLANT AWARD

Medium Club

- 1st Pine Tree GC, Hartwell; Azalea
- 2nd Butler GC; Magnolia

AWARD # 12 – CEMETERY AWARD

- 1st Roswell GC; Dogwood

AWARD # 13 – CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AWARD

Small Club

- 1st Townview GC; Laurel- Public Park
- 2nd Townview GC; Laurel-Harbor House
- 3rd Green Thumb GC Millen; Oleander

Medium Club

- 1st Roswell GC; Dogwood
- 2nd Stonecrest GC; Redbud
- 3rd Gray GC; Azalea
- HM Stonehedge GC Buford; Laurel

Large Club

- 1st Ball Ground Anetsa Ga-Da; Laurel
- 2nd The Landings GC; Oleander
- 3rd Brooklet GC; Oleander

Group of Clubs/Council

- 1st Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.; Laurel

#14 – HORTICULTURE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Large Club

- 1st The Landings GC; Oleander

#15 – HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

Medium Club

- 1st Pine Tree GC, Hartwell; Laurel
- 2nd Magnolia GC, Brunswick; Oleander

Group of Clubs/Council

- 1st Marietta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.; Laurel

16 – YEARBOOK

Clubs under 20 Members

- 1st Townview GC; Laurel
- 2nd Trayleaah GC; Laurel
- 3rd Hoe'n In Euharlee GC; Laurel
- HM Dogwood GC, Lawrenceville; Laurel

Clubs of 20-29 Members

- 1st Smoke Rise GC; Redbud
- 2nd Conyers GC; Redbud
- 3rd Oglethorpe GC; Magnolia
- HM Three Rivers GC; Laurel

Clubs of 30-44 Members

- 1st Smoke Rise Morning Glories GC; Redbud
- 2nd Spade and Trowel, Augusta; Azalea
- 3rd Pine Forest GC, Baxley; Oleander

Clubs of 45- 69 Members

- 1st Avon GC; Redbud
- 2nd Spalding GC; Dogwood
- 3rd Killarney Queen GC; Camellia
- HM Marietta Daisies GC; Laurel

Clubs of 70-99 Members

- 1st Avondale Estates GC; Redbud
- 2nd Seven Hills GC; Laurel

Clubs of 100- 299 Members

- 1st GC of Savannah; Oleander
- 2nd The Landings GC; Oleander

Councils of 2-4 Clubs

- 1st Wayne County GC Council; Oleander
- 2nd Bulloch Council of GC; Oleander
- 3rd Thomasville Garden Club, Inc.; Camellia

Councils of 5-14 Clubs

- 1st Rome Federated Garden Clubs; Laurel

Councils of 15 or more Clubs

- 1st Marietta Council of Garden Clubs; Laurel

Judges Council/Consultant Group

- 1st The Designers Club; Redbud
- 1st North Georgia Council of Flower Show Judges
- 1st Creative Study Club, Inc.; Laurel

#18 – COUNCIL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

- 1st Thomasville Garden Club, Inc.; Camellia

19 – HORTICULTURE PROGRAM AWARD

Small Club

- 1st Conyers GC; Redbud

Medium Club

- 1st Roswell GC; Dogwood

19 – HORTICULTURE PROGRAM AWARD

Large Club

- 1st Watkinsville GC; Azalea

20 – HISTORY AWARD

Club Histories

- 1st 20 Years: Sharon-Raytown GC; Azalea
- 1st 95 Years: Flower GC of Marietta; Laurel
- 1st 72 Years: Ball Ground Anetsa Ga-Da GC; Laurel
- 1st 25 Years Garden Club of Ellijay; Laurel

Council Histories

- 1st 50+ Years; Marietta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.; Laurel

23 – FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARD

Clubs under 20 Members

- 1st Hiawassee GC; Laurel

Councils

- 1st Thomasville Garden Clubs, Inc.; Camellia
- 2nd Marietta Council of Garden Clubs; Laurel

Districts - One District

- 1st Redbud District

Best Flower Show Schedule by Plant Society written in cooperation with a member garden club, council, district, or Judges Study Club.

- 1st Redbud District & The American Daffodil Society

25 –SCRAPBOOK AWARD

CATEGORY I – TRADITIONAL SCRAPBOOK

Medium Clubs

- 1st Pine Tree GC, Hartwell; Azalea
- 2nd Hiawassee GC; Laurel

Large Clubs

- 1st Watkinsville GC; Azalea

CATEGORY II – ELECTRONIC SCRAPBOOK

- 1st Pine Forest GC, Baxley; Oleander

AWARD # 26 – POEM AWARD

A. Poems Written For Adults By Adults

- 1st Robin Conway, Camellia GC, Atlanta; Dogwood
- 2nd Connie Reed, Ball Ground Anetsa Ga-Da; Laurel
- 3rd Lynn Boyd, Avondale Estates GC; Redbud
- HM Ivonda Washington, Stonecrest GC; Redbud

B. Poems Written For Children By Adults

- 1st Susan Turner of Conyers GC; Redbud
- 2nd Felica Mayfield of Stonecrest GC; Redbud
- 3rd Diane Flowers Myers, Hoe'n In Euharlee GC; Laurel
- HM Tricia Welch, Oglethorpe GC; Magnolia

28 – PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK AWARD

Small Club

1st Oglethorpe GC; Magnolia

Medium Club

1st Hiawasse GC; Laurel
2nd Butler GC; Magnolia
3rd Erin GC; Camellia

30 – DISTRICT STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Single District

1st Redbud District

Two Or More Districts

1st Magnolia and Camellia Districts

31 – GARDEN CLUB COUNCIL AWARD

2 - 4 Clubs per Council

1st The Garden Club Council of Cherokee County; Laurel

15 - 25 Clubs per Council

1st The Dekalb County Federation Of Garden Clubs, Inc.; Redbud
2nd Marietta Council Of Garden Clubs, Inc.; Laurel

Best Single Project Furthering Objectives of GCG

2-4 Clubs per Council

1st The Garden Club Council Of Cherokee County; Laurel

15- 25 Clubs per Council

1st Marietta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.; Laurel

33 – MEMBER PARTICIPATION PROGRAM AWARD

Small Club

1st Conyers GC; Redbud

Medium Club

1st Roswell GC; Dogwood
2nd Avon GC; Redbud
3rd Stonecrest GC; Redbud

Large Club

1st Ball Ground Anetsa Ga-Da; Laurel

34 – PLANT SOCIETY STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Plant Society Affiliated With NGC on Local, State, Regional, or National Level

1st Redbud District Flower Show; Daffodil Society

36 – EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT ACHIEVEMENT

Groups of Clubs, Council, or District

1st Redbud District

Individual Member

1st Joy Zaidan, Smoke Rise Morning Glories GC; Redbud

Plant Society

1st American Daffodil Society

37 – PUBLICATIONS AWARD NEWSLETTER

ONE PAGE

Medium Club

1st Saint Mary's GC; Oleander
2nd Bellmere GC; Dogwood

Large Club

1st Watkinsville GC; Azalea

2-12 PAGES

Small Club

1st Townview GC; Laurel

Medium Club

1st Mountain Mums GC; Redbud
2nd Rose And Dahlia GC; Azalea

Large Club

1st Brooklet GC; Oleander
2nd Avondale Estates GC; Redbud
3rd Marietta Daisies GC; Laurel
Hm The Landings GC; Oleander

Group Of Members Clubs/Council

1st Rome Federated Garden Clubs; Laurel

13-24 PAGES

Group Of Members/Clubs/Council

1st The Dekalb County Federation Of Garden Clubs, Inc.; Redbud
2nd Marietta Council Of Garden Clubs, Inc.; Laurel

District

1st Redbud District

Manuals, Handbooks (ie. Procedural, Duties Of Officers, Awards, etc) Membership (Brochure, Leaflets)

Medium Club

1st Three Rivers GC; Laurel
2nd St Marys GC; Oleander
3rd Roswell GC; Dogwood

Large Club

1st Spalding GC; Dogwood

Group Of Members Clubs/Council

1st Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.; Laurel

Calendars

1st Iris GC, Washington; Azalea

38 – SCHOOL GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT AWARD

Small Club

1st Hoe'n In Euharlee GC; Laurel
2nd Green Thumb GC, Millen; Oleander

Medium Club

1st Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent GC; Oleander

Large Garden Club

1st Ball Ground Anetsa Ga-Da; Laurel

39 & 54 – MARKER AWARD

A. Installation of a Marker

Medium Club

- 1st Gold Star Marker Gateways GC; Azalea
- 2nd Blue Star Marker Magnolia GC Atlanta; Dogwood
- 3rd Marker Sope Creek GC; Laurel
- HM Marker Spartina GC; Oleander

Large Club

- 1st Marker Club Estates GC; Dogwood

Group of Clubs or Council

- 1st Marker Thomasville Garden Clubs, Inc.; Camellia
- 2nd Cherokee Garden Club Council; Laurel

40 – GARDENS FOR THE CHALLENGED AWARD

Small Club

- 1st Conyers GC; Redbud

Large Club

- 1st Marietta Daisies GC; Laurel

Group of Clubs

- 1st Dekalb Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.; Redbud

41 – HERB AWARD

Large Club

- 1st Norcross GC; Dogwood
- 2nd The Landings GC; Oleander

43 – LITTER/RECYCLING/RECLAMATION AWARD

Medium Club

- 1st Litter Pine Forest, Baxley; Oleander
- 2nd Avon GC; Redbud
- 3rd Pine Tree GC, Hartwell; Azalea

Large Club

- 1st Avondale Estates GC; Redbud

45 - FLOWER SHOW STAGING AWARD

Medium Club

- 1st Hiawasse GC; Laurel

Group of Clubs or Council

- 1st Thomasville Garden Club, Inc.; Camellia

District

- 1st Redbud District, "Decades of Daisy"

Plant Society

- 1st The Southeastern Daffodil Trail, "Drifting Down the Daffodil Trail"

46 – PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

Medium Club

- 1st Pine Forest GC, Baxley; Oleander
- 2nd Oglethorpe GC; Magnolia
- 3rd Roswell GC; Dogwood

46 – PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD (cont.)

Large Club

- 1st Norcross GC; Dogwood
- 2nd The Landings GC; Oleander
- 3rd Spalding GC; Dogwood
- HM Ball Ground Anetsa Ga-Da; Laurel

Group of Clubs

- 1st Thomasville Garden Club, Inc.; Camellia

47 – DVD/CD/FLASH DR/ POWERPOINT PROGRAM

Medium Club

- 1st Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent GC; Oleander

Large Club

- 1st The Landings GC; Oleander
- 2nd Ball Ground Anetsa Ga-Da GC; Laurel

49 – HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AWARD

Small Club

- 1st Magnolia GC, Fort Valley; Magnolia
- 2nd Thomaston GC; Redbud
- 3rd Townview GC; Laurel
- HM Green Thumb GC, Millen; Oleander

Medium Club

- 1st Roswell GC; Dogwood
- 2nd Greenbriar GC; Camellia
- 3rd Green Thumb GC, Thomaston; Redbud
- HM Spade and Trowel GC, Thomaston; Redbud

Large Club

- 1st Spalding GC; Dogwood
- 2nd Marietta Daisies GC; Laurel
- 3rd Sandy Springs GC; Dogwood
- HM Lullwater GC; Redbud

Group of Clubs/Council

- 1st Marietta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.; Laurel
- 2nd Millen Garden Club Council; Oleander

50 – GARDENING AWARD

Medium Club

- 1st Green Thumb GC, Thomaston; Redbud

Large Club

- 1st Norcross GC; Dogwood
- 2nd The Landings GC; Oleander



51 – BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION AWARD

Medium Club

- 1st Green Thumb GC, Thomaston; Redbud
- 2nd Village Green GC; Magnolia
- 3rd Erin GC Dublin; Camellia
- HM Pine Tree GC, Hartwell; Azalea

Large Club

- 1st Norcross GC; Dogwood
- 2nd The Landings GC; Oleander
- 3rd Brooklet GC; Oleander

Group of Clubs/Council

- 1st Marietta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.; Laurel

Individual

- 1st Beth Langhorst, Avondale Estates GC; Redbud
- 2nd Trude Sansbury, Townview GC; Laurel

53 – WEBSITE AWARD

Medium Club

- 1st St Marys GC; Oleander
- 2nd Lullwater GC; Redbud

Large Club

- 1st Marietta Daisies GC; Laurel
- 2nd Spalding GC; Dogwood
- 3rd Avondale Estates GC; Redbud
- HM Ball Ground Anetsa Ga-Da; Laurel

Council

- 1st Rome Federated GC Council, Inc.; Laurel
- 2nd Dekalb Federation of GC's, Inc.; Redbud
- 3rd Marietta Council of GC's, Inc.; Laurel

District

- 1st Redbud District

53SM – WEBSITE AWARD

Medium Club

- 1st Garden Club of Ellijay; Laurel
- 2nd Roswell GC; Dogwood

Large Club

- 1st Avondale Estates GC; Redbud
- 2nd Norcross GC; Dogwood

56 – NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK AWARD

Small Club

- 1st Conyers GC; Redbud

Medium Club

- 1st Magnolia GC, Cartersville; Laurel
- 2nd Pine Tree GC, Hartwell; Azalea

Large Club

- 1st Ball Ground Anetsa Ga-Da; Laurel
- 2nd Marietta Daisies GC; Laurel
- 3rd Norcross GC; Dogwood

57 – JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE ACTIVITIES AWARD

Small Club

- 1st Conyers GC; Redbud

Medium Club

- 1st Pine Forest GC, Baxley; Oleander
- 2nd Green Thumb GC, Thomaston; Redbud

Large Club

- 1st Norcross GC; Dogwood
- 2nd Spalding GC; Dogwood
- 3rd Marietta Daisies GC; Laurel

**# 58 – JUNIOR CLUB LEADERSHIP INDIVIDUAL
Garden Club Member**

- June Harrison , Garden Club of Ellijay; Laurel

60 – GARDEN WEEK IN GEORGIA AWARD

Small Club

- 1st Green Thumb GC, Millen; Oleander

Medium Club

- 1st Garden Club of Ellijay; Laurel

Large Club

- 1st Avondale Estates GC; Redbud
- 2nd Ball Ground Anetsa Ga-Da GC; Laurel

61 – ARBOR DAY AWARD

Small Club

- 1st Townview GC; Laurel
- 2nd Hoe'n In Euharlee GC; Laurel

Medium Club

- 1st Oglethorpe GC; Magnolia

Large Club

- 1st Norcross GC; Dogwood
- 2nd Ball Ground Anetsa Ga-Da GC; Laurel

Group

- 1st Thomasville Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.; Camellia



GCG YOUTH AWARDS

J-3 – CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

Small Club

1st Hoe'n In Euharlee GC; Laurel

Medium Club

1st Pine Forest GC, Baxley; Oleander

J-4 – HORTICULTURE PROGRAM

Medium Club

1st Garden Club of Ellijay; Laurel

Large Club

1st Brooklet GC; Oleander

J-5 – CONSERVATION AWARD

1st Norcross GC; Dogwood

J-6 – CERTIFICATE OF MERIT JR/INTERMEDIATE GARDEN CLUB

Small Club

1st Junior Garden Club, Conyers GC sponsor; Redbud

Large Club

1st Norcross Earth Team, Norcross GC sponsor; Dogwood

J-8 - ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN

1st Watkinsville GC; Azalea

H-3 OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS

1st North Cobb High School Greenhouse Gang, North Cobb Garden Warriors GC sponsor; Laurel

#J 10 - SMOKEY BEAR POSTER CONTEST

Grade 1

1st Banks Boles, Spade & Trowel GC, Augusta; Azalea
2nd Kaysen Goodson, Odum GC; Oleander
3rd Dawson Thomas, Odum GC; Oleander

Grade 2

1st Lilly Hutchinson, Briarcliff GC; Camellia
2nd Siddharth Malik, Spade & Trowel GC, Augusta; Azalea
3rd Olivia Albright, Spade & Trowel GC, Augusta; Azalea

Grade 3

1st Zhimu Dong, Spade & Trowel GC, Augusta; Azalea
2nd Haeon Kim, Watkinsville GC; Azalea
3rd Ramzee Gold, Odum GC; Oleander

Grade 4

1st Jeb King, Watkinsville GC; Azalea
2nd Grant Guest, Spade & Trowel GC, Augusta; Azalea
3rd Kristeena Kumar, Spade & Trowel GC, Augusta; Azalea

Grade 5

1st Jacarya Washington, Camellia GC, Magnolia
2nd Owen Ray Coussens, Pine Needle GC, Lincolnton; Azalea
3rd Paisley Hollingsworth, Odum GC, Oleander

View the 1st Place Winning Posters at

<https://www.gardenclub.org/2023-smokey-bear-woody-owl-poster-contest>

#J 11 - YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

Regular Education

Kindergarten

1st Grace Garner Edwards, Magnolia GC; Magnolia
2nd McLane Widner, Village Green GC; Magnolia

1st Grade

1st Ivy Klinowski, Magnolia GC; Oleander
2nd Brooks Bell, Magnolia GC; Magnolia
3rd Olivia Faith Taylor, Magnolia GC; Magnolia

2nd Grade

1st Zoie Ziglar, Camellia GC, Cuthbert; Magnolia
2nd Elijah Dikes, Gateway GC; Azalea
3rd Harper Leverett, Spade & Trowel GC; Thomaston, Redbud

3rd Grade

1st Hadley Brooks, Briarcliff GC; Camellia
2nd Charlie Mock, Village Green GC; Magnolia
3rd Caroline Spell, Spade & Trowel GC, Augusta; Azalea

4th Grade

1st Kyler Milhoan, Briarcliff GC; Camellia
2nd Brice Hall, Beautiful View GC; Magnolia
3rd Patsy Aspinwall, Odum GC; Oleander

5th Grade

1st Liam Rogers, Pine Forest GC; Oleander
2nd Turner Stanfield, Odum GC; Oleander
3rd Tyrihanna Spann, Fort Gaines Home & GC; Magnolia

6th Grade

1st Addison Taylor, Magnolia GC; Magnolia
2nd Robert Floyd, Pine Forest GC; Oleander
3rd Bella Tanner, Pine Forest GC; Oleander

7th Grade

1st Searan Hornady, Village Green GC; Magnolia
2nd Jameson Campbell, Pine Forest GC; Oleander
3rd Willie Thomas, Village Green GC; Magnolia

8th Grade

1st Sophie Musano, Magnolia GC, Brunswick; Oleander
2nd James Finley, Village Green GC, Magnolia
3rd Eliana Simmons, Pine Forest GC, Oleander

#J 11 - YOUTH POETRY CONTEST (cont.)

Special Needs Education

1st Grade

- 1st Kenady Gold, Odum GC; Oleander
- 2nd Kenzlea Kersey, Odum GC; Oleander

2nd Grade

- 1st Bella Harris, Odum GC; Oleander

3rd Grade

- 1st Paisley Lindsey, Screven County GC; Oleander
- 2nd Brynlee White, Odum GC; Oleander

4th Grade

- 1st Morgana Fenn, Odum GC; Oleander
- 2nd Lauren Mock, Pine Forest GC; Oleander

5th Grade

- 1st Mason Switzer, Pine Forest GC; Oleander
- 2nd Ava Kay Madray, Odum GC; Oleander

6th Grade

- 1st Gracie Johnson, Screven GC; Oleander
- 2nd Parker Sheppard, Screven County GC; Oleander

English as a Second Language

Kindergarten

- 1st Elian Montes, Odum GC; Oleander
- 2nd Katia Ramirez-Bautista, Odum GC; Oleander

1st Grade

- 1st Leah Warnken, Spade & Trowel GC; Azalea
- 2nd Phoebe Thar, Odum GC; Oleander

2nd Grade

- 1st Lillian Gonzalez, Odum GC; Oleander
- 2nd Ayan Patel, Spade & Trowel GC; Azalea
- 3rd Abby Agundiz-Salinas, Odum GC; Oleander

3rd Grade

- 1st Jassmarie Bonilla-Montes, Odum GC; Oleander
- 2nd Fredley Patrice, Spade & Trowel GC; Azalea
- 3rd Lex Gonzalez, Odum GC; Oleander

4th Grade

- 1st Isaac Agundiz-Salinas, Odum GC; Oleander
- 2nd Giselle Rivera, Spade & Trowel GC; Azalea
- 3rd Bryan Lopez-Rodriguez, Pine Forest GC; Oleander

5th Grade

- 1st Moises Ayala, Spade & Trowel GC; Azalea
- 2nd Jayden Huynh, Spade & Trowel GC; Azalea
- 3rd Emily Lopez, Pine Forest GC; Oleander

6th Grade

- 1st Melanie Adrian Torres, Village Green GC; Magnolia
- 2nd Isreal Recendiz Sanchez, Pine Forest GC; Oleander
- 3rd Henry Figueroa-Velasco, Pine Forest GC; Oleander

7th Grade

- 1st Jazmin Gonzalez, Village Green GC; Magnolia
- 2nd Marta Santiago Cortez', Village Green GC; Magnolia
- 3rd Cesar Garcia, Pine Forest GC; Oleander

8th Grade

- 1st Carina Perez, Village Green GC; Magnolia
- 2nd Esperanza Perales, Pine Forest GC; Oleander
- 3rd Dulce Auila Hernandez Luna, Magnolia GC; Magnolia

Read the 1st Place Poems at

<https://www.gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-05/poetry-contest-winners.pdf>

#J 12 - YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST

4th Grade

- 1st TLaiya, Rose and Dahlia GC
- 2nd Isabella Logan, Norcross GC
- 3rd: Elizabeth Oyewole, Rose and Dahlia GC

5th Grade

- 1st Lillian Austin, Trayletaah GC
- 2nd Lillian Marie Baggett, Trayletaah GC

6th Grade

- 1st Sophie Graham, Screven County GC
- 2nd Jaylee Flanders, Screven County GC
- 3rd Keimara Wedlow, Screven County GC

7th Grade

- 1st Dominic Khuawl, Norcross GC

8th Grade

- 1st Lilly McAfee, Screven County GC
- 2nd Brianna Sweet, Screven County GC
- 3rd Piper Black, Screven County GC

DEEP SOUTH AWARDS



"We cleaned up at Deep South. Every time we won an award a pantry item was placed in the President's cart. At the end, everything went to a food bank. It was clever."--President Lisa Hall

1 - SCHOOL GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT

Class A

1st Hoe'n In Euharlee GC; Laurel

Class B

1st Ball Ground Anetsa-Ga-Da GC; Laurel
HM Chatham Cresent GC; Oleander

2 - HISTORIC PRESERVATION/RESTORATION

1st Magnolia GC, Brunswick; Oleander

5 - LITTER CONTROL

2nd Pine Forest GC, Baxley; Oleander
3rd Avondale Estates GC; Redbud

6 - BIRD AWARD

Overall winner of \$100

Beth Langthorst, Avondale Estates GC; Redbud
3rd Pine Tree GC, Hartwell (Med. Club);
Azalea
1st Ball Ground GC (Lg. Club); Laurel
1st Marietta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.
(Council); Laurel

7 - TREE PLANTING AWARD

3rd Azalea GC of Columbus (Sm. Club);
Magnolia
2nd Oglethorpe GC (Med. Club); Magnolia
2nd Spalding GC (Lg. Club); Dogwood

8 - SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1st Townview GC (Sm. Club); Laurel
1st Marietta Daisies GC (Lg. Club); Laurel
1st Dekalb Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
(Council); Redbud

9 - HORTICULTURE AWARD

3rd Green Thumb GC, Thomaston (Med. Club);
Redbud
1st and \$25 Norcross GC (Lg. Club); Dogwood

11 - HISTORIC PRESERVATION/RESTORATION OF BUILDING BY COUNCIL

1st Marietta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.;
Laurel

12 - HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS AWARD

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

14 - BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION

3rd Green Thumb GC, Thomaston (Med. Club);
Redbud
2nd Norcross GC (Lg. Club); Dogwood

23 - ARBOR DAY

1st Townview GC (Sm. Club); Laurel
1st Oglethorpe GC (Med. Club); Magnolia
1st Norcross GC (Lg. Club); Dogwood
1st Thomasville Garden Club, Inc. (Council);
Camelia

24 - DEEP SOUTH LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

29 - PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK

2nd Hiawasse GC (Med. Club); Laurel

31A - YEARBOOK AWARD

Under 20 Members

HM Townview GC; Laurel

20-29 Members

3rd Smoke Rise GC; Redbud

30-44 Members

HM Smoke Rise Morning Glories GC; Redbud

31A - YEARBOOK AWARD(cont.)

45-69 Members

1st Avon GC; Redbud

70-99 Members

3rd Avondale Estates GC; Redbud

100-299 Members

2nd Garden Club of Savannah; Oleander

31B - YEARBOOK AWARD

Council

1st The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. ;
Laurel

31D YEARBOOK AWARD

Council of Judges

2nd The Designers Club; Redbud

DEEP SOUTH YOUTH AWARDS

POETRY CONTEST

"Seeds, Trees, and Bees Celebrating the Diversity of Nature"

Special Needs

1st Grade

1st Kenady Gold, 6, Odum Elementary, Odum GC; Oleander

2nd Grade

1st Bella Harris, 7, Odum Elementary, Odum GC; Oleander

3rd Grade

1st Paisley Lindsey, 8, Screven County Elementary, Screven County GC; Oleander

4th Grade

1st Morgana Fenn, 9, Odum Elementary, Odum GC; Oleander

5th Grade

1st Mason Switzer, 10, Altamaha Elementary, Pine Forest GC; Oleander

6th Grade

1st Gracie Johnson, 11, Screven County Middle School, Screven County GC; Oleander

English as a Second Language

Kindergarten

1st Elian Montes, 5, Odum Elementary, Odum GC; Oleander

1st Grade

1st Leah Warnken, 6, Stevens Creek School, Spade & Trowel GC; Azalea

2nd Grade

1st Lillian Gonzalez, 7, Odum Elementary, Odum GC; Oleander

3rd Grade

1st Jassmarie Bonilla-Montes, 8 Odum Elementary, Odum GC; Oleander

4th Grade

1st Isaac Agundiz-Salinas, 9, Odum Elementary, Odum GC; Oleander

5th Grade

1st Moises Ayala, 10, Stevens Creek School, Spade & Trowel GC; Azalea

6th Grade

1st Melanie Adrian Torres, 11, Fort Valley Middle School, Village Green GC; Magnolia

7th Grade

1st Jazmin Gonzalez, 12, Byron Middle School, Village Green GC; Magnolia

8th Grade

1st Carina Perez, 13, Fort Valley Middle School, Village Green GC; Magnolia

Regular Education

Kindergarten

1st Grace Garner Edwards, St. Joseph's Catholic School, Magnolia GC; Magnolia

1st Grade

1st Ivy Klinowski, St. Francis Xavier School, Magnolia GC, Oleander

3rd Zoie Ziglar, Homeschool, Camellia GC; Magnolia

3rd Grade

1st Hadley Brooks, Cross Creek Elementary, Briarcliff GC; Camelia

4th Grade

1 st Kyler Milhoan, Cross Creek Elementary, Briarcliff GC; Camelia

5th Grade

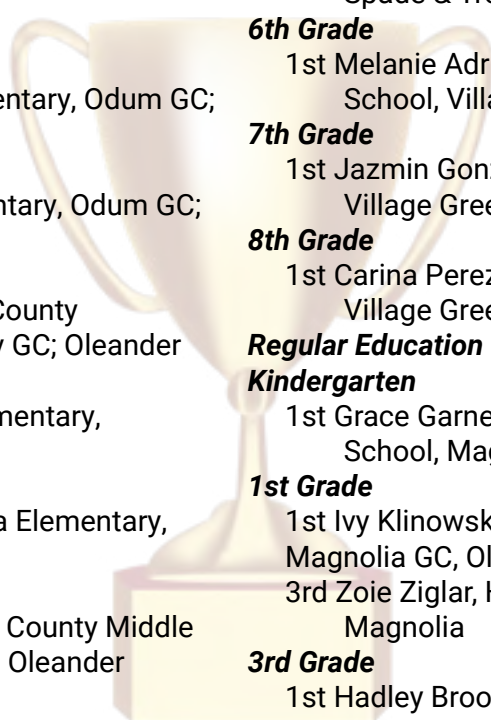
3rd Liam Rogers, Altamaha School, Pine Forest GC; Oleander

6th Grade

HM Addison Taylor, St. Joseph's Catholic School, Magnolia GC; Magnolia

7th Grade

HM Searan Hornaday, Byron Middle School, Village Green GC; Magnolia



POETRY CONTEST (cont.)

8th Grade

HM Sophie Musano, St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, Magnolia GC; Oleander

YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST

4th Grade

2nd T Laiya, Rose and Dahlia GC; Azalea

6th Grade

3rd Sophie Graham, Screven County Middle School, Screven County GC; Oleander

7th Grade

3rd Dominic Khuawl, Freedom Middle School, Norcross GC; Dogwood

8th Grade

2nd Lilly McAfee, Screven County Middle School, Screven County GC; Oleander

SMOKEY BEAR POSTER CONTEST

1st Grade

1st Banks Boles, Spade & Trowel GC; Azalea

2nd Grade

1st Lilly Hutchinson, Briarcliff GC; Camelia

3rd Grade

2nd Zhimu Dong, Spade & Trowel GC; Azalea

4th Grade

2nd Jeb King, Watkinsville GC; Azalea

5th Grade

3rd Jacarya Washington, Camellia GC; Magnolia

NGC AWARDS

CE-7 BLUE STAR/ GOLD STAR MARKER LANDSCAPING

Club Estates Garden Club, Atlanta; Dogwood

CE-1 COMMUNITY GARDENS

Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc, Rome; Laurel

CE-1A Certificate of Commendation: Roswell GC; Dogwood

CE-1B Certificate of Commendation: Townview GC, Rome; Laurel

CE-7 BLUE STAR/GOLD STAR MARKER LANDSCAPING

Certificate of Commendation: Thomasville Garden Clubs, Inc.; Camellia

CE-9 LANDSCAPING OF HISTORIC AREAS

Certificate of Commendation: Marietta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.; Laurel

G-3 THERAPY GARDENS

Certificate of Commendation: Conyers GC; Redbud

EC-1 CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Cherokee Council of Garden Clubs, Canton; Laurel

EC-3 WILDLIFE

Certificate of Commendation: Marietta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.; Laurel

YW-1 YOUTH GARDEN CLUB OUTSTANDING SPONSOR

Pine Forest Garden Club, Baxley; Oleander
Certificate of Commendation: Garden Club of

Ellijay; Laurel

YW-4 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITY WITH YOUTH GARDEN CLUB

Certificate of Commendation: Norcross GC; Dogwood

YW-6 HIGH SCHOOL GARDEN CLUB OUTSTANDING SPONSOR

North Cobb Garden Warriors; Laurel

YW-10 INDIVIDUAL OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO YOUTH

June Harrison, Garden Club of Ellijay; Laurel

CLUB STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Hiawassee Garden Club; Laurel
"Hey Grandma"

COUNCIL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Thomasville Garden Clubs; Camellia
"Gracefully Southern"

DISTRICT STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Camellia and Magnolia Districts
"A Mosaic of Autumn"

DISTRICT STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Redbud District
"Decades of Daisies"

PLANT SOCIETY

The American Daffodil Society, Georgia
"The Southeast Daffodil Trail – Drifting Down Daffodil Lane"

NGC YOUTH AWARDS

YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

*I Spy With My Little Eye, Something Green Outside -
Celebrating Our Green World*

Kindergarten

English as a Second Language

Elian Montes, Odum GC; Oleander

1st Grade

English as a Second Language

Leah Warnken, Spade & Trowel GC; Azalea

Special Needs

Kenady Gold, Odum Elementary, Odum GC;
Oleander

2nd Grade

English as a Second Language

Lillian Gonzalez, Odum Elementary, Odum GC;
Oleander

Special Needs

Bella Harris, Odum Elementary, Odum GC;
Oleander

3rd Grade

English as a Second Language

Jassmarie Bonilla-Montes, Odum
Elementary, Odum GC; Oleander

Special Needs

Paisley Lindsey, Screven County GC; Oleander

4th Grade

English as a Second Language

Isaac Agundiz-Salinas, Odum Elementary,
Odum GC; Oleander

Special Needs

Morgana Fenn, Odum GC; Oleander

5th Grade

English as a Second Language

Moises Ayala, Stevens Creek School,
Spade & Trowel GC; Azalea

Special Needs

Mason Switzer, Altamaha Elementary,
Pine Forest GC; Oleander

6th Grade

English as a Second Language

Melanie Adrian Torres, Fort Valley Middle
School, Village Green GC; Magnolia

Special Needs

Gracie Johnson, Screven County Middle
School, Screven County GC; Oleander

7th Grade

English as a Second Language

Jazmin Gonzalez, Byron Middle School,
Village Green GC; Magnolia

8th Grade

English as a Second Language

Carina Perez, Village Green GC; Magnolia

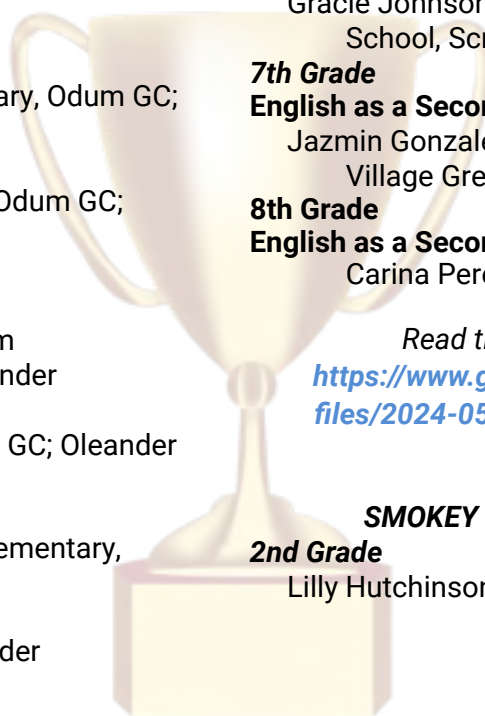
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SMOKEY BEAR POSTER CONTEST

2nd Grade

Lilly Hutchinson, Briarcliff GC; Camelia



SMOKEY BEAR WINNING POSTERS



1st Grade

**1st Place GCG & Deep South
Banks Boles**

Spade & Trowel Garden Club, Augusta
Azalea District



2nd Grade

**1st Place GCG & Deep South
and
NGC Award Winner
Lilly Hutchinson**

Briarcliff Garden Club
Camellia District



3rd Grade

**GCG 1st Place &
Deep South 2nd Place**

Zhimu Dong

Spade & Trowel Garden Club, Augusta
Azalea District

SMOKEY BEAR WINNING POSTERS



4th Grade

**GCG 1st Place &
Deep South 2nd Place**

Jeb King

Watkinsville Garden Club
Azalea District



5th Grade

**GCG 1st Place &
Deep South 3rd Place**

Jacarya Washington

Camellia Garden Club
Magnolia District

GCG YOUTH 1st PLACE SCULPTURES



TLaiya, 4th Grade
Rose and Dahlia Garden Club



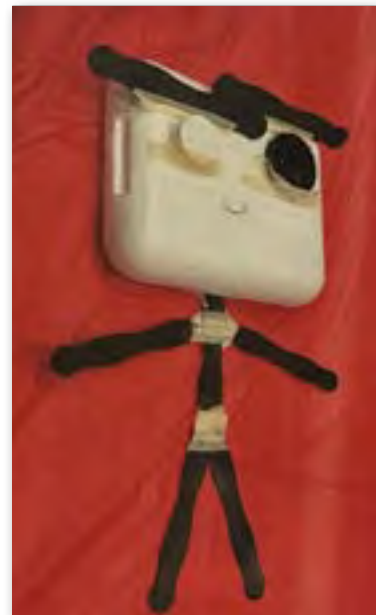
Lillian Austin, 5th Grade
Trayletaah Garden Club



Sophie Graham, 6th Grade
Screven County Garden Club



Lilly McAfee, 8th Grade
Screven County Garden Club



Dominic Khuawl, 7th Grade
Norcross Garden Club