



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Awards Handbook 2025 -2027



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Junior and/or Intermediate Awards

Unless otherwise stated, send applications to

J-10	Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest: – Send District 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners to Youth Chairman: Mary Ogden 51 Horton Rd, Odum 31555, 912.294.4144, mjogden1963@gmail.com
J-11	Youth Poetry Contest: Send District 1 st and 2 nd place winners to Jean O’Shields , 400 Valley View Dr, Fort Valley, GA 31030, 478.397.7660, jeanoshields7@gmail.com
J-12	NGC Youth Sculpture Contest – Chairman: Judy Johnson 31 Dogwood Dr., Baxley, GA 31513, H: 912-367-7779, C: 912-278-1953, judytjohnson1953@gmail.com

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Laurel				
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State Award Rules

SEND AWARDS ELECTRONICALLY TO awardschairmangcga@gmail.com

In subject line of email – list entry in this way:

Award number. Name of award. Name of Garden Club

Example: **AW 4. Bird. Lg Seedling GC Jesup**

Save your application before attaching to email in same format

SEND PRINTED AWARDS TO: GCG AWARDS, 129 Hannah Drive, Jesup, GA 3154

DEADLINE FOR MOST AWARDS: November 15

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1. Awards Year is January 1 – December 31 annually for all submissions, including projects. If a continuing project, application must be based on work accomplished during the current awards year. (Note: This calendar year may not coincide with your club's fiscal year. Exceptions are noted on individual awards). An exception is the YEARBOOK Award #16.... On the application, check the number of members listed in the yearbook and include that number on the application.
 2. On the application line for name of club, list the **name of the club** followed by the **City of the club**. Example: Magnolia Garden Club Brunswick, GA
*Type club name exactly as you wish it on the certificate.
 3. Only individuals, garden clubs, garden sections of other clubs in Georgia, and garden club councils or districts that are members in good standing of GCG are eligible for awards competition. EXCEPTION: individual members, clubs, councils, or Districts may NOT apply for awards for their work associated with a state project, including, but not limited to: Historic House and Garden Pilgrimage, Workshops, Conventions, and Symposia. Junior, Intermediate, and High School Garden Clubs must be sponsored by an adult club and must observe the same award rules as adult members to be eligible for any award.
 4. **The 2025-2027 GCG Application form must be downloaded from the GCG website and submitted with award application documentation electronically (email) to awardschairmangcga@gmail.com**
(If possible, send flower show book of evidence by email.
Printed applications – See Exceptions below. Send to GCG Awards, 129 Hannah Drive, Jesup, GA 31546.
 5. EXCEPTIONS: - Flower Show Books of Evidence (if not sent electronically), Flower Show Schedules, Publications, Yearbooks – Send a printed copy of the application form and printed documents. For any submission made by mail or delivery, DO NOT request a receipt

signature as this may delay receipt. Tracking numbers may be used.

6. To compete for a Flower Show Award, a show must have been evaluated. The show must be a Standard Show and must have scored 95 points or more to be eligible. Shows are scored in accordance with NGC guidelines and evaluation forms.
7. **Deadlines are on pages 13-17 in the State Awards Summary Chart. ALL electronic award entries must be sent to the GCG Awards email address on or before deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS! The printed award applications must be in the hands of the GCG Awards Chairman on or before the deadline. No exceptions. – send early.**
8. Applications will not be returned.
9. The General Scoring Rubric will be used for scoring unless otherwise indicated in award description.
10. All results of judging committees are subject to review by the State Awards Committee. Awards in any category may be withheld if entries are not found to be meritorious. If an entry more nearly complies with another award, the Awards Committee reserves the right to transfer the entry. Awards may be subdivided.
11. Packets with Award Certificates will be available for a club/council/district representative to pick up at end of the Awards Ceremony at the next GCG Convention. Any packets not claimed will be sent to the club/council/district.
12. **Perpetual trophies are on display at State Headquarters in Athens.** A State Certificate will be given for the awards and an entry made in the permanent Awards Book at Headquarters. DSGC and NGC awards/certificates won by Georgia garden clubs or councils will be disbursed at the discretion of the State President.
13. Award size groups have been reclassified as follows:

Categories by Size: Garden Club applications shall be judged according to size determined by number of members for whom GCG dues are paid including Active, Associate, Inactive, Honorary, State, Life, etc. (These are the dues paid by March 1st not to include subscribing members)

**Small club 1 – 20 members
Medium club 21 – 50 members
Large club 51+ members**

14. **Do not use** the same exact application for several awards. Clubs can use the same project but change the information to reflect each award.
15. **Club or council number** is critical! Be sure to include it on the award application. A list of clubs and councils with GCG numbers is found on the GCG Website.
16. For General Awards, the application should include: Award Application Form **plus** up to 3 additional single-sided pages.

GCG Awards Program General Scoring Rubric

Maximum Points

Presentation

5 TOTAL ____

Cover sheet included with all sections completed	2	
Application adheres to 3 single page limit unless otherwise specified	2	
Application neat and concise	1	

Achievement

65 TOTAL ____

Meets GCG Mission and Goals	6	
Scope of project clearly defined	4	
Need clearly identified	7	
Benefit to target (members/recipients/community, etc.)	10	
Accomplishment of goals	8	
Comprehensiveness of work	6	
Activities to attain goal 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 from total size possible (may include any type of support given)	12	
Involvement of others (community, government agencies, professional, youth, facility residents, others)	3	

Documentation

15 TOTAL ____

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

Award Application 2025-27

To complete this application entry form, download and save a blank copy to your computer. Open the saved copy and fill in each blank. Save again. This will be the copy you send with your application.



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Award Application Cover Sheet

GCG Award Number _____ Name of Award _____

Name of Group/Club/Council/Individual Applying for Award

District _____ City _____ State _____

CLUB - Club Number _____

Number of Members - _____ (GCG Dues Paid, excluding Subscribing Members)

Award Size Group ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L

(Small 1 -20 members, Medium 21 – 50 members, Large 51+ members)

or

COUNCIL, number of clubs _____ GCG Council Number _____

Exception for Award #16, Yearbook: Club Members: ☐ A1. Under 20 ☐ A2. 20-29 ☐ A3. 30-44 ☐ A4. 45-69
☐ A5. 70-99 ☐ A6. 100-299 ☐ A7. 300+

Councils: ☐ B1. 2-4 clubs ☐ B2. 5-14 clubs ☐ B3. 15 or more clubs.

Contact Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City

State

Zip

FOR AWARDS # 1, 16, 20, 25, 26 AND 28 – STOP HERE!!!

1. Is this project ☐ New OR ☐ Continuing from previous work?

Beginning date _____ Expected completion date _____ OR ☐ Ongoing

On up to three accompanying sheet(s), complete each topic - if applicable - using numbering as below when completing the application.

2. Brief summary and objectives of the project.
3. Involvement of club members and other organizations.
4. Project expenses and means of funding.
5. Continuing involvement, follow up, maintenance.
6. Insert digital photos and/or landscape plan (does not need to be professionally drawn)

ATTACH completed application. Unless noted in specific award descriptions, all **applications are limited to 3 single-sided pages – plus this cover entry sheet.** No report covers, notebooks, etc. allowed. Follow descriptors on Scoring Sheet to prepare an accurate, complete report. All applications are to be submitted electronically unless otherwise noted in award description. Send to GCG Awards Chairman Diana Malone at awardschairmangcga@gmail.com or 129 Hannah Drive, Jesup, GA 31546

Descriptions of State Awards

Award # 1

The Garden Club of Georgia Trophy

A silver perpetual trophy donated by Mrs. Thomas McHatton, State President 1934-1936, may be awarded to the garden club whose achievements do most to promote the objectives and support the project of GCG. **A club cannot win this award in consecutive years.**

Scale of Points			
1	Membership	Date club organized; total membership as of Jan 1 and Dec 1; membership increased or maintained; limited membership #, if any	15
2	Club finances	Amount of dues; how club activities are funded with brief description of fund raisers; list of donations and/or contributions made by club	5
3	Services provided by club	For members and/or community (i.e., newsletters, yearbook, publicity, lectures, exhibits, garden center, etc.	20
4	Club programs	Brief description of monthly programs with names of speakers, additional field trips, if any	20
5	Club projects	Brief description of projects. If continuing project, must show work done in current year. I.e., civic improvement, garden therapy, youth, flower show, etc.	20
6	Club representation	Number of members attending, type of participation, if applicable – State Convention, District Meeting, other State sponsored programs or workshops	15
7	Presentation		5
TOTAL			100

Preparing a Book of Evidence for GCG Award #1	
	Email GCG application form and up to 12 additional pages (front side only).
Body of Book of Evidence	Use Times New Roman font, size 12. At the top of the first page put name of club, year of application, and number of members on whom dues are paid. Skip two lines and begin text. Be concise. Follow all requirements in Scale of Points and must include text and not just pictures
	Send the pages electronically by email to awardschairmangcga@gmail.com OR Printed Format to: 129 Hannah Drive, Jesup, GA 31546

Award # 1SC The Garden Club of Georgia Trophy (Small Club)

A silver perpetual trophy dedicated by the Awards Committee 2019-2021, may be awarded to the small garden club whose achievements do most to promote the objectives and support the projects of GCG. **A club cannot win this award in consecutive years.**

Scale of Points			
1	Membership	Date club organized; total membership as of Jan 1 and Dec 1; membership increased or maintained; limited membership #, if any	15
2	Club finances	Amount of dues; how club activities are funded with brief description of fund raisers; list of donations and/or contributions made by club	5
3	Services provided by club	For members and/or community (i.e., newsletters, yearbook, publicity, lectures, exhibits, garden center, etc.	20
4	Club programs	Brief description of monthly programs with names of speakers, additional field trips, if any	20
5	Club projects	Brief description of projects. If continuing project, must show work done in current year. I.e., civic improvement, garden therapy, youth, flower show, etc.	20
6	Club representation	Number of members attending, type of participation, if applicable – State Convention, District Meeting, other State sponsored programs or workshops	15
7	Presentation		5
TOTAL			100

Preparing a Book of Evidence for GCG Award #1 SC	
	Use same directions for preparation as Award #1.

Award # 2 Garden Center Award

All Garden Centers must be registered with The Garden Club of Georgia.

Activity Garden Center. A silver perpetual trophy given by the Bulloch Council of Federated Garden Clubs, Statesboro, in honor of Mrs. Percy Bland, Former Director of Oleander District, may be awarded to the Garden Center, maintained by one member garden club or a group of clubs, which in proportion to size has performed the greatest service to the community (library, lectures featuring NGC objectives, courses, exhibits, trial garden, youth involvement, networking with other civic organizations), and is judged to be the best overall. Text to include days/hours open to public and activities held. The first-place winner in each category will receive a state certificate and be eligible for national competition.

Mini Garden Center. A silver perpetual trophy given by Indian Creek Garden Club, Atlanta, in memory of their former president, Mrs. Charlotte Robertson Edwards, may be awarded to the Mini

Garden Center, maintained by one or more garden clubs, which has performed the greatest educational and informational service to the community.

Activity Garden Center A. Single member garden club 1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club B. Group of member clubs	Mini Garden Center A. Single member garden club 1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club B. Group of member clubs
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Award # 3 Peachtree Garden Club Medal

Peachtree Garden Club Medal is given by the Peachtree Garden Club, Atlanta, in honor of Mrs. Phinzy Calhoun, State President 1928-1929, for individual achievement. It shall be awarded annually, when merited, to a member of GCG for exceptional and outstanding accomplishment in the varied fields of gardening. The work should be recognized as a definite and stimulating influence within the city or state. An application following all State Awards Rules must be submitted. **This award is not administered by the State Awards Committee but is entirely under the jurisdiction of the Peachtree Garden Club.**

Award # 4 Bird Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by the Country Hills Garden Club, Atlanta, in honor of Maibelle Dickey Hodgins, may be awarded to an individual member, a garden club, or a group of member clubs conducting the most comprehensive and effective project for bird protection and welfare, e.g., sanctuaries, providing food, houses, and promoting law enforcement relative to bird welfare. The most comprehensive and effective program of activities for the protection of birds may include educational programs, erection of birdhouses ad feeders, establishing sanctuaries or nature bird trails, etc. **If sanctuary is by official ordinance (new or maintained), copy of same must be included. If a continuing project, detail plans.**

A: Single member garden club	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: Group of member clubs/Council	
C: Individual Garden club member	
D: District	
E. State	

Award # 5 Individual Club Standard Flower Show Award

(See Flower Show Section – Page 56)

Award # 6 Tree Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by the Flower Workshop of Columbus in memory of Margaret Bradley Dykes, State President 1952-1954, may be awarded for the most outstanding tree-planting project for beautification and/or conservation. Emphasis to be on low maintenance, quality tree(s) suitable to local climate and ecological conditions. The planting may be the result of a correlated effort of community involvement but must be sponsored from beginning to the end by the garden club(s) or group of clubs submitting the award entry. Planting may begin at any time but must be completed within the awards year in which application is made.

A: Single member garden club	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: Group of member clubs	

Award # 7 Special Achievement Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by the Beautiful View Garden Club in honor of Mrs. Clarke W. Duncan, State President 1977-1979, may be awarded to member clubs for outstanding achievement in any garden club activity. A perpetual trophy by Mrs. C. Max Miller of Cornelia in honor of Mrs. Ben Carr, Blairsville, may be awarded to an individual member.

A: Single member garden club	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: Group of clubs/council	
C: Individual Garden club member	
D: State	

Award # 8 Conservation Project Award

May be awarded for the finest work in conserving and protecting the natural resources of Georgia. Entry may be in the area of education; legislative activity, conservation field project; natural resource development (such as watershed, erosion control, reforestation, wildlife refuge); or overall excellence and well-balanced year's conservation activities.

A: A silver perpetual trophy given by Redbud District in honor of Mrs. Paul Hamby, Redbud District Director, may be awarded to a single member garden club.	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: A State Certificate may be awarded to a group of clubs or a garden club council	
C: Individual Garden club member	

Award # 9

Award of Merit

This award, administered by The Garden Club of Georgia Awards Committee, is the highest non-member award offered by GCG. A gold medallion may be presented to an individual or group for outstanding service or accomplishments of widespread importance in civic beautification, horticulture, conservation, or other allied garden and community activities. Non-members are eligible for this award. Recipient must be present to accept award.

Award # 10

Garden Therapy Award

Category A (Outstanding Activity) Trophies may be presented for an outstanding activity where the maximum therapeutic benefit to the physically or learning challenged is achieved by creative planning and maximum participation of residents/recipients. A project may be promoted within hospitals, special care facilities, schools, prisons, etc.

A brass perpetual trophy given by the Camilla Garden Club may be presented to	
A: A single member garden club.	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: A silver perpetual trophy given by Mrs. Sam Meeks, Albany, in honor of Mrs. Haskell Venard, State President 1975-1977 may be awarded to a group of clubs, council, or district.	
C: A silver perpetual trophy, given by Mrs. Thomas McComb Hines, Thomasville, may be awarded to an individual member.	

Category B (Outstanding gift and/or service) A silver perpetual trophy given by Mrs. Claude P. Brown, Atlanta, in honor of Mrs. Pierce Blitch, State President 1967-1969, may be awarded to an individual member, garden club, group of member clubs for the most outstanding gift and/or service for the therapy work within hospitals, special care facilities, schools, prisons, etc.

A: Single member garden club	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: Group of clubs, council, or district	
C: Individual Garden club member	

Award # 11WF Wildflower Award

Awarded for the most comprehensive activity for the protection, preservation and/or propagation of wildflowers. Entries must include supporting information as applicable: before and after photos, safety considered in all plantings, educational value, aesthetic beauty, unique aspect and/or unusual features, and financial statement. The first-place winner in each category will receive a state certificate. **No project may receive an award for 2 consecutive years.** See the NGC handbook website for detailed information. The General Scale of Points (GCG Awards Handbook) is the judging guide for this award.

A: A bronze perpetual trophy given by Mrs. T. Edward Clyatt in honor of Mrs. Ben W. Sims, State President 1973-1975 may be awarded to the best overall application from a single member garden club.	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
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B: A silver perpetual trophy given by Mrs. Claude Brown in honor of Mrs. George W. Ray, State President 1971-1973 may be awarded to a group of clubs/council or District.	
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Award # 11NP Native Plant Award

Awarded for the most comprehensive activity for the protection, preservation and/or propagation of native plants. Entries must include supporting information as applicable: before and after photos, safety considered in all plantings, educational value, aesthetic beauty, unique aspect and/or unusual features, and financial statement. The first-place winner in each category will receive a state certificate. **No project may receive an award for 2 consecutive years.** See the NGC handbook website for detailed information. The General Scale of Points (GCG Awards Handbook) is the judging guide for this award.

A: Single member garden club	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: Group of clubs, council, or district.	

Award # 12 Cemetery Award

A state certificate may be given to the garden club making the greatest improvement in a cemetery.

A: Single member garden club	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: Group of clubs/councils	
C: Districts	

Award # 13 Civic Improvement Award

May be awarded for the best civic improvement project, including landscaping grounds of hospitals, public buildings, places of worship, courthouse squares, historic monuments, etc.

A silver perpetual trophy given by Chatham County Garden Club Council in memory of Mrs. Clarence Anderson, State President 1931-1932, may be awarded to a single member garden club.	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
A silver perpetual trophy given by the Cumming Garden Club in memory of Mrs. Lucille B. Otwell, founder of the club, may be awarded to a group of clubs or a garden club council.	Councils Group of clubs

Award # 14 Horticulture Achievement Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by the Atlanta Garden Center may be awarded for the most outstanding contribution for the advancement of horticulture knowledge. Project(s) may be a concentrated horticulture workshop, lecture, or demonstration; intensive horticulture year's study; introduction of new hybrid plant (requires statement from plant society to verify new cultivar); preserving lost or early species; developing and/or opening garden for public; dissemination of horticultural information via public sources (publicity, publications, radio/TV), etc.

A: Single member garden club	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: Group of clubs/councils	
C: Affiliate	

Award # 15 Historic Preservation Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by the Roswell Garden Club to commemorate their thirty-fifth anniversary may be awarded for the completion of an historic preservation project such as the restoration of a park, a building and/or garden of importance to the heritage of a particular locality judged to be the best overall. The first-place winner in each category will receive a state certificate. Appropriate landscaping and/or architectural design to enhance the value and significance of the site will be a consideration.

A: Single member garden club	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: Group of clubs or council	

Award # 16 Yearbook Award

May be awarded for the best yearbook submitted in each of the following categories. Yearbooks accepted for either the calendar year or the club year for competition. *The same yearbook, based on club year, may be entered only one time.*

A: A silver perpetual trophy given by the Lyonia Garden Club, McRae, in memory of Mrs. T. J. Smith, State President 1954-1956, may be awarded for the best yearbook submitted by a garden club. The first-place winner in each class will receive a State Certificate.	1. Clubs under 20 members 2. Clubs of 20-29 members 3. Clubs of 30-44 members 4. Clubs of 45-69 members 5. Clubs of 70-99 members 6. Clubs of 100-299 members 7. Clubs of 300 or more members
B: Council	1. Councils of 2-4 clubs 2. Councils of 5-14 clubs 3. Councils of 15 or more clubs
C: Judges Council/Consultant Group	

Award # 16	Scale of Points for	A: Garden Clubs
Format		
Book Structure: Practical, convenient size, durable, neat. Ample margins and font size.		2
Cover: Name of club, town, state, year. if permanent binder cover is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information on cover and so note		2
Title page: Name of club, town, state, year, number of dues paying members, affiliated organizations (district, state, region, NGC)		2
Table of Contents: Number the yearbook pages & list topics on Content's page.		1
Subsequent pages: (in any order most useful to members and best fit for page placement) Should be in logical order.		
Membership Roster: Complete mailing addresses, phone numbers & email addresses. Avoid crowding		2
List: Club officers and committee chairmen		1
NGC: Name of NGC president, theme, and NGC website		1
Other: Deep South director, theme, and DSGC website. GCG president, theme and GCG website		2
Calendar of events: List date/locations of district/state/region/national meetings/events to avoid conflicts.		2
Programs: Include a variety of NGC goals and objectives such as <i>Birds, Blue Star Memorials, Butterflies, Conservation, Environment, Floral Design, Horticulture, Horticulture Therapy, Landscape Design, etc.</i>		
Meetings: At least seven per year		3
Date, time of meeting, location with address		3
Speaker's name, brief qualifications, program title		4
Variety of program topics (theme not required)		14
Variety of styles of programs (lectures, slides, tours, etc.)		12
Variety of speakers (specialists, members, panel, etc.)		14
PROJECTS: Involve actual membership in participation that benefit the community and further NGC Goals and Objective		
List Continuing and New Participating Projects separately (not required to have new projects)		15
Give brief word description of projects: location, chairman, how members participate, list of donations if applicable, plans for maintenance		20
OPTIONS: NO POINTS- May use as fillers. Some clubs include bylaws, budget, fund		100

Award # 16		Scale of Points for	B: Councils
Book Structure	3	Practical, convenient size for members, durable, neat. Yearbook may be stapled, spiral, or 3 ring binder. Material should be well-placed with ample margins and font size suitable for members to read.	
Cover	3	Include name of organization, state, year, and appealing design. If permanent type binder is used, substitute paper cover for competition including required information and so note.	
Title Page	2	Include number of groups, number of clubs involved, and affiliations including NGC, DS, GCG, and district. Include name of NGC president, DS Director, GCG president, District director.	
Table of Contents	2	Number the yearbook pages and list topics with respective page number.	
Subsequent Pages: Order that is pleasing to your organization and best fit for page placement.			
Organizational Information	10	List organizations officers and committee chairmen. Include complete mailing addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and club affiliation for each. List addresses for GCG, DS and NGC websites.	
Calendar of Events	10	List meeting dates for your organization, GCG, DS, and NGC meetings, as well as schools, symposiums, and special events to eliminate conflicting dates.	
Bylaws, policies, and objectives	10		
Programs	20	List meeting topics, include dates, time, and place (give address). Name of speaker. Indicate if program is a presentation, tour, workshop, sharing activity, etc.	
Projects	20	List projects as continuing or new, including name of chairman, location, and description of project. Indicate if fundraising is a part of the project.	
Member Club Information	20	List of member clubs, including club president names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses. Include meeting dates for each club. List total number of dues paying members.	
Options	0	May use as fillers-former presidents; yearly themes; mission statement.	
TOTAL	100		

Award # 16		Scale of Points for	C: Judges or Consultants
Book Structure	10	Practical, durable, neat; cover includes name of organization, state, year, design optional. If permanent type binder is used, substitute paper cover for competition including required information and so note. Title page: number of members, affiliation including NGC, region, state, other; Table of Contents; name & address of NGC President, Regional Director, State President	
Organizational Information	25	Officers and committee chairmen, Calendar of events, schools, special events	
Member Information	25	Membership roster with complete addresses, telephone numbers	
	40		

Projects and Programs	a	20	List projects as continuing or new, including name of chairman and location/description of project, sponsored courses, donations.
	b	20	List meetings, including date, time, place, title of program, speaker with brief qualifications, workshops, tours, etc.
Total		100	

Award # 17 Home Standard Flower Show Award
(See Flower Show Section – Page 57)

Award # 18 Council Standard Flower Show Award
(See Flower Show Section – Page 57)

Award # 19 Horticulture Program Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by the Lullwater Garden Club, Atlanta, to commemorate their fortieth anniversary, may be awarded to the garden club whose member or members presented the best single horticulture program during the year. Entry must include a typed summary of any talks, lectures or informational materials given, including special exhibits or demonstrations featured. At least three facets of the selected subject should be explored (i.e., culture, propagation, utilization, diseases, etc.).

Award # 19 Scale of Points				
1	Program Content			65
	a	Program summary	30	
	b	Three facets of subject presented	20	
	c	Special or unusual features of program	15	
2	Appeal			20
	a	Novice gardeners	10	
	b	Experienced gardeners	10	
3	Presentation			15
	a	Distinction	5	
	b	Conciseness	5	
	c	Complete as to award rules	5	
TOTAL				100

Award # 20 History Award: Club, Council, Garden Center, District

The history should be in manuscript form in a simple typed narrative format **with no photographs, publicity, or other memorabilia**. Suggested length:

10 years	2,000 words	25 years	3,500 words	40 years	5,000 words	50 years	6,000 words	60+ years	7,500 words
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Club, council, and district histories should include name and address of current president or current District Director, date and place of organization, names of charter members, date of membership in GCG, list of presidents, and promotional efforts of NGC, The Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc., and State projects.

To qualify for award, Garden Centers must be located in a building or part of a building. Mini-Centers are not eligible. Center histories should also include acquisition and improvements on building (if applicable); financial and maintenance policies; garden club related activities; and membership and community involvement. Architectural pictures and landscape plans may be included only if necessary to show the development of the center.

Entries for the History Awards may be submitted either on the year of the anniversary or two years following, with the exception of the 50, 60, or 75 year histories, which may be submitted any year after eligibility. (Example: Applicants observing an anniversary in 1997 would submit a history in 1997, 1998, or 1999. **Cannot apply consecutive years**)

Club Histories			
A	1	10 years	A silver perpetual trophy given by Mrs. Donald M. Hastings, State President 1936-1938, may be awarded to the garden club presenting the best ten-year history
	2	25 years	A silver perpetual trophy given by the Johnson Estates Garden Club, Atlanta, may be awarded to the garden club presenting the best 25-year history
	3	40 years	A silver perpetual trophy given by the Cherokee Garden Club, Camilla, in memory of Eula B. Twitty, may be awarded to the garden club presenting the best 40-year history
	4	50 years	A silver perpetual trophy given by the Seven Hills Garden Club, Rome, in memory of Mrs. Thomas Berry, State President 1932-1934, may be awarded to the garden club presenting the best 50-year club history
	5	60 years	A silver perpetual trophy given by the Seven Hills Garden Club, Rome, in memory of Mrs. Aubrey Matthews, State President 1946-1948, may be awarded to the club presenting the best 60-year club history
	6	75 + years	A silver perpetual trophy given by Seven Hills Garden Club, Rome, in memory of Mrs. Charles Hight, may be awarded to the garden club presenting the best history 75 years or older
B	Council Histories		The first-place winners in each class will receive a State Certificate
	1	10 years	10-year Council History
	2	25 years	25-year Council History
	3	40 years	40-year Council History
	4	50+ years	50-year or older Council History
C	Garden Center Histories		A silver perpetual trophy given by the Marietta Garden Club Council in memory of Mrs. James T. Anderson, Jr., State President 1969-1971, may be awarded to the garden club or garden club council presenting the best garden center history in Division C.

			First place winners in each of the following classes will receive a State certificate.
	1	10 years	10-year Center History
	2	25 years	25-year Center History
	3	40 years	40-year Center History
	4	50 years	50-year or older Center History
D	District Histories		First place winner will receive a State Certificate.

Award # 20	Scale of Points	
Accomplishments	In relation to time span	80
Presentation	Conciseness, neatness	20
	Total	100

Award # 21 Patriotic Standard Flower Show Award
(See Flower Show Section – Page 58)

Award # 22 Holiday Standard Flower Show Award
(See Flower Show Section – Page 58)

Award # 23 Flower Show Schedule Award
(See Flower Show Section – Page 59)

Award # 24 Small Standard Flower Show Award
(See Flower Show Section – Page 59)

Award # 25 Scrapbook Award

There are two categories of scrapbooks that are eligible for this award. Category I is the traditional scrapbook (required size 12" X 12"), and Category II is a scrapbook that is submitted electronically. Both categories must have numbers on each page except the first page that is reserved for the GCG logo and town and club name.

A: Garden Clubs- A silver perpetual trophy given by The Ladies' Garden Club, Athens, may be awarded for the most superior scrapbook (required size 12" x 12", Black, or Dark Blue cover only) submitted by a garden club in Division A, Category I and Category II. The first-place winner in each Category I and Category II in each of the following classes may receive a State Certificate.	1. Clubs under 20 members 2. Clubs of 20-29 members 3. Clubs of 30-44 members 4. Clubs of 45-69 members 5. Clubs of 70-99 members 6. Clubs of 100 or more members
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B: Council- The first-place winner in Category I and Category II in each of the following classes may receive a State Certificate.	1. Councils of 2- 2. Councils of 5- 3. Councils of 15 or more clubs
C: Districts- A State Certificate may be awarded to the first-place winner.	

Award #25			Scale of Points
Category 1- traditional scrapbook, may not exceed 100 pages			
1	Format		10
	A	Conformance to size and cover color (12 x 12, black, or dark blue cover) immediately followed by first unnumbered page with official GCG logo, group name, and town.	1
	B	Conformance for next 6 numbered pages: 1. Name of group, down, date (date to cover current year only, either calendar year or group year) 2. Table of Contents 3. President's name and picture 4. Names of officers, number of members and names of members 5. Scrapbook chairman's name and, if applicable, scrapbook committee names 6. President's Annual Report (narrative resume of year's activities)	6
	C	Yearbook(s) in envelope (glued to inside back cover); Exception for Districts	1
	D	Logical arrangement of materials	1
	E	Correct completed application form	1
2	Regular Meetings		30
	A	Programs (quality; pertinent to garden club work)	15
	B	Speakers identified	3
	C	Member participation in programs (horticulture tips, design, etc.)	6
	D	Number attending each meeting	1
	E	Pictures (must be identified)	3
	F	Dated publicity of meetings	2
3	Projects		30
	a	Group Sponsored: continuing and/or new; civic beautification, historic preservation, environmental education, legislation, garden therapy, workshops, flower shows, youth, youth activity, mini garden center, etc.)	15
	b	Quality; pertinence to garden club work	5
	c	Group Participation	4
	d	Ways and Means	2
	e	Pictures (before and after, if applicable)	2
	f	Dated publicity	2

4	Other Organization Participation (National, Region, State, District, Council, Group; individual member, if representing group)		15
	a	Flower shows, conventions, meetings, workshops, schools, award luncheons, etc.	7
	b	Awards received (may include past year's recognitions)	2
	c	Financial support (donation certificates, scholarships, special promotions, etc.)	2
	d	Pictures (must be identified)	3
	e	Dated publicity	1
5	Personal Achievements by Members		5
	a	Activities and honors in garden club work outside scope of group	3
	b	Offices and memberships held (Judges' Council, Consultants, GALDA, Master Gardener, etc.)	1
	c	Pictures, dated publicity	1
6	Distinction		10
	a	Artistic use of color	3
	b	Marked superiority (programs, projects; participation; achievement)	2
	c	Presentation (quality; concise; neat)	5
TOTAL			100

Award #25	Scale of Points
Category II – The scrapbook must be submitted electronically in PowerPoint.	

The scale of points is like the scale of points for a traditional scrapbook with one exception. The items listed as "Conformance for the first six pages" above must be included but may take more than six pages due to size restraints of PowerPoint slides. Items on each power point page must be large enough to be easily read. The club Yearbook will be on the PowerPoint at the end of the slide show.

Award # 26 Poem Contest

The Louise Phinzy Neely Award, named by Rachel McMaster Fulcher in memory of the State President 1944-1946, may be awarded for the best poem, sonnet or other poetic verse pertaining to nature, gardens and/or flowers. A State Certificate may be presented to the winner. The verse must be original and not previously published. It must be written and submitted by an individual garden club member in good standing, with **only one entry per garden club**. The winning poem in each class will be published in *Garden Gateways*. Submit typed copy of poem with GCG application.

A. Poems written for Adults by Adults
B. Poems written for children by adults

Award # 26			Scale of Points
1	Content		40
	a	Personal expression	20
	b	Arrangement of material	20
2	Poetic technique		40
3	Conformity to subject		20
TOTAL			100

Award # 27

Radio-TV Award

retired 1997

Award # 28

Publicity Press Book Award

A: Single member garden club. A silver perpetual trophy given by the Cardinal Garden Club, Atlanta, in memory of Mrs. Mercer Poole, may be awarded to a Garden Club for the most comprehensive Publicity Press Book.	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: Group of Member Clubs	
A silver perpetual trophy given by The Designers Club, Atlanta, in memory of Mrs. Harold Lang, may be awarded to a Garden Club Council for the most comprehensive book.	Garden Club Council
A State Certificate may be awarded to a District for the most comprehensive book.	District
C: A State Certificate may be awarded to a Garden Center for the most comprehensive book.	Garden Center

Requirements:

- Label on outside cover: number and name of GCG award, category, name of club(s), city, and state.
- Submit in report cover or folder; 8 1/2" x 11" or 9" x 12". No heavy scrapbooks or oversized portfolios. No limit on number of pages.
- Material must consist only of newspaper, magazine, newsletter, or any printed publication clippings with the name and date of publication over each article. Clear photocopies permitted. Reduced photocopies on large or lengthy articles are permitted. Downloaded internet items are permitted.
- Include Table of Contents. Affix contents in chronological order January 1 through December 31.
- Clippings evenly cut. No loose clippings permitted. Attractive order of placement.

- Each published item must contain the name of organization and/or individual(s) identified as a member of the organization. Underline first use of name of organization and/or member in each article.
- Articles should include who, what, when, where etc.; publicity should relate to organizations or individual's project and/or activities; promotion of NGC objectives and goals.

Award # 28		Scale of Points
Presentation	5	Neat, concise, includes all required information on the NGC Awards Application Form. (3 sheets allowed), or the BoE, if required.
Achievement	65	Innovative nature of activities and/or publications; quality of printed materials and contents (includes material to be published electronically); activities to attain goals; planning and execution of activities and/or publications; any successful publicity obtained.
Participation	15	Size of club, involvement of members, community, professionals, youth, etc., as applicable.
Record of Documentation	15	Supporting data (as applicable), clear, well-labeled and neatly attached photos, if applicable, any printed material created (can include content placed on websites, social media sites, etc.)
TOTAL	100	

Award # 29 Landscape Design Award

A certificate or plaque, given by The Landscape Design Consultants Council of Georgia, may be awarded for a fine example of landscape design by a commercial, industrial, community establishment, or place of worship in the state. Considerations shall include influence in the community regardless of cost of project; year-round beauty; constant maintenance. Applications will not be made by establishments; rather, members of the Landscape Design Consultants Council of Georgia will designate those to compete. A committee of five members shall screen and select the winner. **This award is not administered by the State Awards Committee. Do not apply for this award.**

Award # 30 District Standard Flower Show Award (See Flower Show Section – Page 60)

Award # 31 Garden Club Council Award

A. A silver perpetual trophy given by the Augusta Council of Garden Clubs, in honor of Mrs. Sherman Drawdy, may be awarded to the Garden Club Council, which, in proportion to its size, has performed the greatest service to its community. A State Certificate may be awarded for the best entry in each of the following categories:

Categories	Award # 31				Scale of Points	
1. 2-4 Clubs per Council 2. 5-14 Clubs per Council 3. 15-25 Clubs per Council 4. 26 or more Clubs per Council	1	Value to community			60	
		a	Service projects: landscaping public buildings, litter control, plantings, beautification, etc.	45		
		b	Community projects: work on projects developed by the community, etc.	15		
	2	Member participation			20	
	3	Involvement of community and other groups, including youth			15	
	4	Presentation and Supporting Data			5	
	TOTAL				100	

B. Council may coordinate the best single project furthering the objectives of the GCG. Participation by all clubs in the Council is important. It doesn't have to include outside involvement but helpful if results benefit the community. A state certificate may be awarded for the best entry in the following categories:

Categories	Award # 31			Scale of Points	
1. 2-4 Clubs per Council	1	Quality of project, scope of achievement			40
2. 5-14 Clubs per Council	2	Participation and involvement			40
3. 15-25 Clubs per Council	3	Results and benefits			10
4. 26 or more Clubs per Council	4	Presentation and supporting data			10
	TOTAL			100	

Award # 32

World Gardening Award

retired 1997

Award # 33

Member Participation Program Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by The Laurel Garden Club, Atlanta, may be awarded to the club producing the best program by its members. Include typed summary of program presented. Also include specific description of any special or unusual features of the program, such as exhibits, demonstrations, or any printed information given to club members. Photos may be included. The best program may be a duplicate copy of the Horticulture Program entry for Award #19. Two or more members may present the program. A state certificate may be awarded for the best entry in the following categories:

A: Single member garden club	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
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Award # 34 Plant Society Standard Flower Show Award
(See Flower Show Section – Page 60)

Award # 35 Near Club Standard Flower Show Award
(See Flower Show Section – Page 61)

Award # 36 Educational Exhibit Achievement Award
(See Flower Show Section – Page 61)

Award # 37 Publications Award

A. A State Certificate may be awarded for publications that are published at least three times per year under one editorship. Newsletters: submit three sample issues and state number of issues per year.

Types of Publications: 1. Newsletter: one 8 ½" x 11" or one 8 ½" x 14" sheet of paper 2. Newsletter or Magazine 2-12 pages 3. Magazine or Bulletin of 13-24 pages 4. Magazine or Bulletin over 24 pages	Classification criteria: A: Single member garden club 1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club B: Group of member clubs/council C: District
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B. A State Certificate may be awarded for publications judged best in categories 1-7 below.

Categories: 1. Manuals, handbooks (i.e., procedural, duties of officers, awards, etc. 2. Educational (environmental, landscape, gardening, hort. therapy, etc.) 3. Horticulture, design (judging, guide to exhibiting, floral design, mechanics) 4. History 5. Membership (brochure, leaflet) 6. Calendars 7. Other (cookbook, etc.)	Classification criteria: A: Single member garden club 1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club B: Group of member clubs/council C: District
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*Excluded: Notices and flyers relative to one-time events, such as landscape design school, flower show school, environmental conference, etc.

May be sent by email or printed.

Required Information:

- i. Club name, president's name and address, city, state
- ii. Club membership; percent of membership participation
- iii. Financial statement (cost of producing the publication; price if for sale)

- iv. Number of copies distributed; how distributed
 - v. Brief description of publication.
3. Applications for Newsletters should include statement of number of issues per year. Applications should include three (3) sample copies.
4. Applicants are cautioned regarding copyright regulations and laws when reproducing articles publications. Do not reprint without permission.

Award # 37			Scale of Points
1	Presentation	Application includes brief description of publication club and membership. No limit on number of pages. Submit entry in envelope.	5
2	Achievement	Educational, informative, accuracy, clarity of subject; quality of printing, photography, and/or graphics; voice delivery; coverage received; general appeal	65
3	Promotes NGC Objective		15
4	Record or Documentation	As applicable: number of copies distributed/sold, how distributed, financial information: cost of publishing, price if sold, market seen.	15
TOTAL			100

Award # 38 School Grounds Improvements Award

A silver perpetual trophy may be given by the Dunwoody Garden Club, Dunwoody, in honor of Mrs. Elizabeth L. Davis. This trophy may be awarded to the garden club, which, in proportion to its size, has the most outstanding school grounds improvement project.

Award # 38			Scale of Points
1	Project plan; planting schedule		10
2	Actual accomplishment		35
3	Student and community involvement		20
4	Before and after pictures		10
5	Maintenance and upkeep		15
6	Distinction		10
TOTAL			100

Award # 39 Marker Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by Mary Stewart Engelhardt in memory of Mrs. Cary Williams, State President 1965-67, may be awarded to the garden club, group of garden clubs, garden club council, or a district for the best Marker Project. Markers such as Blue Star or Gold Star Memorial Highway Marker, Blue Star or Gold Star Memorial Marker, Blue Star or Gold Star By-way Marker may be submitted in addition to Historic Trail Markers such as Bartram Trail, Three Notch Trail, Thigpen Trail, Union Road, and all Historical Indian Trails. A state Certificate may be awarded to the first-place winner in each category.

Marker Project Type: A. Installation of a Marker B. Landscaping of any existing Marker site C. Landscaping of any Blue Star Marker site D. Historic Trails Marker (A & B may be subdivided as to type of marker.)	Classification categories: A. Single member garden club 1. small club 2. medium club 3. large club B. Group of member clubs or Council C. District
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Award # 40 Gardens for the ChallengedAward

A silver perpetual trophy given by Laurel District in honor of Mrs. Guy H. Northcutt, Jr., State President 1983-1985, may be awarded to a garden club, group of garden clubs or garden club council for an outstanding program working with the physically or learning challenged in nursing homes, schools, prisons, mental health facilities, etc. The first-place winner in each category will be awarded a state certificate.

A: Single member garden club 1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club B: Group of clubs or garden club council C: District

Award # 41 Herb Award

A silver perpetual trophy is given by Country Hills Garden Club, Atlanta, in honor of Jaconette D. Williams, for her outstanding contribution in growing and uses of herbs. This trophy may be awarded to an individual member or garden club for the most comprehensive activity or program of activities on herb lore, culture, or education. This may include establishing an herb garden, educational program, plant exhibits or demonstration on herbs.

A: Single member garden club	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: Individual Garden club member	

Award # 42 Petite Standard Flower Show of Miniatures and/or Small Exhibits Award

(See Flower Show Section – Page 61)

Award # 43

Litter/Recycling/Reclamation Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by the Gainesville Council of Garden Clubs in honor of Mrs. Claude Carter, State President 1961-1963, may be awarded to a garden club, group of garden clubs or a garden club council for the best activity in litter prevention, reclamation and/or recycling. Examples include year-long program, organizing recycling program, establishing community composting site. Community involvement to be stressed. A State Certificate may be awarded to first place winners in the following categories:

A: Single member garden club	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: Group of garden clubs or council	

Award # 44

Flower Show Staged in A Public Building Award

(See Flower Show Section – Page 60)

Award # 45

Flower Show Staging Award

(See Flower Show Section – Page 60)

Award # 46

Public Relations Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by Mrs. Ben W. Sims in honor of Mrs. T. Edward Clyatt, State President 1981-1983, may be awarded to a garden club, group of garden clubs or garden club council for accomplishments in garden club related activities on projects of the State Garden Club, The Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc., or NGC to promote good public relations with one or more non-member groups or organizations. Competition to be based on one selected co-sponsored project in a field such as Conservation, Horticulture, Litter Control, Environmental Concerns, Historic Restoration, Youth Activities, or any other meritorious activity promoting garden club goals to achieve good public relations.

A. Single member garden club - Small club - Medium club - Large club B. Group of garden clubs/council	Award # 46				Scale of Points	
	1	Achievement			70	
		a	Action taken	20		
		b	Involvement	20		
		c	Goal reached	30		
	2	Supporting Data (Summary, publicity, pictures)			15	
	3	Presentation			15	
		a	Neatness	5		
		b	Conciseness	5		
		c	Conformance	5		
	TOTAL					100

Award # 47 DVD/CD/Flash Drive or Power Point Club Programs Award

A State Certificate may be awarded for the best video, CD, or Flash Drive production on history/archives, private garden tours, public garden tours, flower shows, projects, programs, flower arranging, horticulture, landscaping and gardens, environmental protection, Christmas decorations, other.

Award # 47				Scale of Points	
1	Presentation	Design/appearance/audio: Memorable content and delivery; creativity; images clear, concise, easy to view and comprehend; logical order of sequence; all visual effects contribute to rather than detract from the message.			60
2	Achievement			40	
	a	Overall impact (educational, inspiring, persuasive)	20		
	b	Club/group information present and accurate	20		

Award # 48 Member Award of Honor

A silver perpetual trophy given by Mrs. Guy H. Northcutt, Jr. in honor of Mrs. E. Carl White, State President 1989-1991, may be awarded to an individual member of a garden club, who, over a period of at least five years, has made outstanding contributions to club and community in one or more of the following areas: civic development, horticultural therapy, conservation, floral design, horticulture, garden therapy, landscape design, youth activities, or all-around excellence. Eligibility: Any member of a State Garden Club who has never been a member of NGC Board of Directors. One entry per club may be submitted. The winner will be eligible for NGC's Member Award of Honor.

Application, 5 pages maximum, one-sided, must include:

Title page

- Area(s) of nominee's outstanding contribution/s
- Name, complete mailing address, phone number of nominee
- Sponsoring club name, president's name, address, and signature

Information

- Short, typed description of nominee's accomplishments, 1 page
- Maximum 3-page outline listing accomplishments of nominee (including offices and chairmanships held)

Application must be sent electronically.

Award # 49 Holiday Decorations Award

Trophy given by Winding Woods Garden Club in memory of Mrs. Fred Stumpo, awarded to a club or to a group of clubs or council for an outstanding effort to beautify the community during a holiday season. A State Certificate may be awarded to the winner in each of the following categories- Club, Council, District.

Award # 49			Scale of Points
1	Plan of Action		25
	a	Description of project/activities	15
	b	Member participation	10
2	Achievement		60
Goals reached, proof of accomplishment; cooperation with other organizations or community (if applicable); supporting data; summary; pictures; letters; news clippings, etc.			
3	Presentation		15
TOTAL			100

Award # 50 Gardening Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by the Georgia Association of Gardening Consultants may be awarded to an individual, a garden club, a group of garden clubs or a garden club council for the most outstanding activity/activities promoting the study of gardening. A summary outlining year's plan, activities to implement plan, goals and results should be included in the description.

Classification	
A: Single member garden club	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: Group of member clubs or council	

Award # 50		Scale of Points
1	Quality of program or activity	60
2	Accomplishment of goals	30
3	Presentation	10
		Total 100

Award # 51 Butterfly Conservation Award

A Certificate and a perpetual trophy, given by Spalding Garden Club (Dunwoody) may be awarded for conducting the most comprehensive and effective project on butterflies, e.g., habitat protection, protection of migratory routes, public education, or establishment of butterfly garden at school, community site, etc.

A: Single member garden club	Small Club Medium club Large Club
B: Group of member clubs or council	
C: Individual Garden club member	
D: District	

Award # 52

Seal of Honor

The Seal of Honor was initiated in 1998 to recognize and show appreciation to individuals or entities, which have helped GCG significantly achieve its mission, goals, ideals, and purposes on a statewide level. The award is intended to say thank you to a non-garden club member and to be considered a public relations tool. The Seal of Honor may be presented at State Board meetings, and the recipient is the special guest of The Board of Directors at a meal function. In an effort to honor the recipient in their locale, efforts are made to present the Seal of Honor Award when the State Board meeting is held in their part of Georgia. Members of GCG are encouraged to write letters of nomination for deserving individuals or entities and to submit them to the State Awards Committee Chairman. Previous GCG Award of Merit recipients are ineligible for this honor. This award is administered by the State Awards Committee. Please include the name of the nominating club and member contact. Also, include the contact information for the nominee.

Award # 53

Website Award

Winners in each category shall be awarded a Certificate and a distinctive GCG logo for display on the home page of their website. Applications shall be made via email to the State Awards Chairman with applicant requesting email acknowledgment verifying receipt by the State Awards Chairman. Applicants should refer to a GCG Award form and provide all requested information on the electronic form. Judges for this award will view the electronic application and the applicant's website. **Website must be open to public or access granted before deadline of November 15.**

A State certificate may be awarded for the best website in each of the following categories:	
A: Single member garden club	B: Garden club council
1. Small club	C: District
2. Medium club	D: Judges' Council
3. Large club	E: Judges' Study Club
	F: Plant Society/Affiliate
	G: Consultant's Group (Landscape Design, Garden Consultants, etc.)

Requirements:

1. website address.
2. date site went online.
3. how funding is secured.
4. amount spent to establish and maintain site; (cost)
5. who designed and maintained the site (a professional or a club member).
6. effectiveness of the site in promoting garden club membership.
7. how often site is updated and date of last update; is intended for external or internal use or both.

Award # 53			Scale of Points	
1	Presentation			25
	a	Application includes brief description of publication or communication, club membership, club participation in website	5	
	b	Quality of photography and graphics- General appeal of website	15	
	c	Must specify if the site is intended for internal or external use, or both	5	
2	Navigation			35
	a	How easy is the site to use? Can people find what they are searching?	10	
	b	Navigation system: Clear menu options; obvious headers contain appropriate information	10	
	c	Do links work?	5	
	d	Is site logically organized?	5	
	e	If you "click on a link" is it easy to get back to home page or do you reach a dead end?	5	
3	Achievement			20
	a	Educational, informative, accurate	5	
	b	Is there a Calendar or Schedule of (Internal & External) Events? Will members have reason to access the site on a regular basis?	5	
	c	How effective is the site to promote interest in garden club? Does it showcase the club's activities throughout the year and entice prospective members to want to join? Does it show how club supported GCG projects?	10	
4	Promotion			10
	a	Promotes the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.	5	
	b	Does the site encourage its members to participate in NGC projects? Are there links to any NGC sites or mention of NGC projects?	5	
5	Maintenance- Show website address, state when website went on-line, state how funding for website is secured, state amount spent to establish and maintain site, state whether site was initially produced by the club or designed by a professional. Who maintains it now? Must state how often site is updated & when last update occurred. Judge on how up to date is the posted information.			10
	TOTAL			100

A state certificate may be awarded for the best Social Media site in each of the following categories:

A: Single member garden club 1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club	B: Garden club council C: District D: Judges' Council E: Judges' Study Club F: Plant Society/Affiliate G: Consultant's Group (Landscape Design, Garden Consultants, etc.)
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Scale of Points Possible	#53 SM	100
Presentation		25
Application includes brief description of the social media site, club membership, club participation in posting to the site		5
Quality of photography and graphics - General appeal of FB/ social media site. Are photos well labeled to explain what they represent?		15
Must specify if the site is intended for internal or external use, or both		5
Navigation		35
How easy is the site to use? Can people find what they are searching? <i>Is there a good description of the organization? Purpose of the Club/Council/District? Time and place of meeting?</i>		15
Navigation System: Clear Menu options- obvious headers contain appropriate info <i>Applicant has used menu options to best organize the postings to convey info and make it easy to find later. Not just a hodge-podge of unlabeled photos (are Events listed, photos organized into albums with descriptors, some of club events, others of educational value, etc.?) Does it show how a prospective member would contact the club?</i>		20
Achievement		20
Educational, informative, accurate. Is there accurate educational info posted?		5
Is there a Calendar or Schedule of (Internal & External) Events? Will members have reason to access the site on a regular basis?		5
How effective is the site to promote interest in Garden Club? Does it showcase the club's activities throughout the year and entice prospective members to want to join? Does it describe various Club activities or just post a bunch of photos?		10
Promotes NGC Objectives		10
Promotes the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.		5
Does the site encourage its members to participate in NGC projects? Are there links to any NGC sites or specific mention of NGC projects?		5
Maintenance		10

On Application, show social media URL, state when it went on-line, state how funding for maintenance is obtained (if applicable), state whether it is maintained by professional or club member. Must state how often it is updated & when last update occurred. Judge on how up to date the posted information is.	10
Total points:	100

The site or page MUST have at least a portion available for viewing by the general public, (not just club or state members) to be considered for this award. Winners in each category shall be awarded a Certificate. Applications shall be made via email to the State Website/SM Chairman with applicant requesting email acknowledgment verifying receipt by the State Website/SM Chairman. Applicants should refer to a GCG Award form and provide all requested information on the electronic form. Judges for this award will view the electronic application and the applicant's social media page.

REQUIREMENTS: 1. social media URL; 2. date site went online; 3. how funding is secured if applicable; 4. amount spent to establish and maintain site; (cost) 5. who designed and maintained the site (a professional or a club member); 6. effectiveness of the social media in promoting garden club membership; 7. how often site is updated and date of last update; and 8. is intended for external or internal use or both.

Award # 54 Historic Trail Markers Award

(See GCG #39)

Award # 55 GCG Award of Distinguished Service

A non-competitive award of distinguished service presented by local garden clubs, councils and districts to businesses, industrial establishments, schools, youth clubs, civic organizations, etc. who are not affiliated with a garden club, for support of ongoing or completed projects. Each garden club, council and district is permitted one entry which is to include a typed report setting forth reasons why entry deserves consideration. Such evidence as news clippings, etc. may be included with typed report. Certificates will be presented to the winners by the sponsoring clubs. Entries shall be submitted to the State Awards Chairman at any time. Please include contact information for the nominating club, member, and nominee.

Award # 56 National Garden Week Award

A State Certificate may be awarded for best overall promotion of National Garden Week; entry to show community awareness throughout the entire week and include local and/or state proclamations.	
A: Single member garden club	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: Group of member clubs or council	
C: District	

Award # 57 Junior and/or Intermediate Activities Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by the Shirley Hills Garden Club, Macon, in honor of Katherine Willingham Carmichael, State President 1948-1950, may be awarded to an adult garden club, group of garden clubs, or garden club council which contributes the most outstanding service toward the promotion of gardening among youth, based on the belief that educating youth will develop future horticulturists and conservationists.

A: Single member garden club	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: Group of clubs or council	
C: District	

Award # 58 Junior Club Leadership Award

A Junior Club Membership cash award in the amount of \$25.00 given by Mrs. T. Edward Clyatt, State President 1981-1983, and a State Certificate may be awarded to an individual who has given outstanding service to youth as a leader of a Junior Garden Club. An individual cannot win this award in consecutive years.

Award # 59 High School Gardeners Activities Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by the Spade and Trowel Garden Club, Sylvester, may be awarded to an adult garden club, group of adult garden clubs or a council which contributes the most outstanding service toward the promotion of gardening among High School Gardeners.

A: Single member garden club	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: Group of member clubs or council	

Award # 60 Garden Week in Georgia Award

A state certificate may be awarded for the best overall promotion of Garden Week in Georgia. Entry must show at least two activities. Suggestions for activities include, but are not limited to, local garden tours, club members' tour to university or state botanical garden, garden tea sponsored by a club in an historic or nursing home garden developed by garden club members, photos of yard of the month in the local newspaper, or proclamation of local or county government.

A: Single member garden club	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: Group of member clubs or council	
C: District	

Award # 61

Arbor Day Award

A crystal perpetual trophy given by the Thomasville Garden Club, Inc. in memory of Mrs. W. M. Harris, founder of the club, may be awarded to a garden club, group of garden clubs, council or district for the most comprehensive program celebrating Arbor Day.

A: Single member garden club	1. Small club 2. Medium club 3. Large club
B: Group of member clubs or council	
C: District	

Youth Section

Junior and/or Intermediate Awards

General State Rules Are Also Applicable for Junior/Intermediate Awards

Award # J-1 Junior and/or Intermediate Activities Award

(See Award #57)

Award # J-2 Yearbook Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by the Northridge Garden Club, Atlanta, may be awarded to the Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club for the best yearbook. Please submit a hardcopy for entry.

Award # J-2		Scale of Points	
1	Book Structure		20
	a Practical; neatness	5	
	b Cover – name of youth club, adult club, town, state, year	5	
	c Youth membership list (first names only); Name of adult leader, address, phone	10	
2	Programs		40
	a Outline of programs for year, dates, location; special events	10	
	b Balanced program of horticulture, conservation, environmental education, nature study; endangered species	30	
3	Projects		40
	New and/or continuing projects		
TOTAL			100

Award # J-3 Civic Beautification Award

A pewter perpetual trophy, given by the Conyers Garden Club in memory of Mary W. Summers, may be awarded to the Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club that completes the best civic beautification project during the year.

Award # J-4 Horticulture Program Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by the Lullwater Garden Club, Atlanta, may be awarded to the Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club presenting the best horticultural program of the year. Include list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved.

Award # J-5 Conservation Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by Mrs. George W. Ray, Savannah, State President 1971-1973, may be awarded for the best Junior and/or Intermediate conservation project of the year. Include a brief summary of work done in prior years, if any. Include list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved.

Award # J-6 Certificate of Merit for Junior/Intermediate Garden Club

May be awarded to the Junior and/or Intermediate Garden club, which, through its own efforts, has been most successful in promoting all phases of garden club work. Include list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved.

1. Grades 1-3	2. Grades 4-6	3. Grades 7-8	4. Grades 9-12
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Award # J-7 Junior Club Leadership Award (See Award #58)

Award # J-8 Environmental Concern Award

A State Certificate may be awarded to a youth garden club for the most comprehensive program in the field of environmental concern, such as: horticulture, wildflowers, landscaping, litter control, restoration, etc.

Award # J-9 Flower Show Achievement Award for Junior/Intermediate
Gardeners/High School

(Refer to current Handbook for Flower Shows)

A silver perpetual trophy, given by the Creative Study Club, Atlanta, in memory of Mrs. Emma Lovejoy Bailey may be awarded for the best Standard Flower Show staged by a Junior Garden Club(s) and/or Intermediate Garden Club(s) or a High School Gardeners Unit(s). The planning, schedule, staging, etc., of this show is to be the work of the youth group. The sponsoring adult club(s) serves in an advisory capacity **only**. A State Certificate may be awarded to first place winner in each category.

Requirements: Book of Evidence

Indicate school grade level.

1. Grades 1-3	2. Grades 4-6	3. Grades 7-8	4. Grades 9-12
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A. Youth Flower Show held by one (1) Youth club or Youth group, sponsored by an NGC member club. One (1) Educational exhibit and at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division Section required.

B. Youth Flower show held by two (2) or more NGC Youth clubs or Youth groups, sponsored by an NGC member club. One (1) Educational exhibit and at least one (1) additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/sponsored Group Division Section required.

C. Youth Participation in a Standard Flower Show: Youth Division Section/sub-Sections must be evaluated separately from the adults on a separate Scale of Points for Evaluating Standard Flower Shows form by a panel of three (3) accredited flower show judges. Book of Evidence must provide

evidence of youth participation in writing the Youth portion of the Flower Show Schedule and in staging or clerking of the Youth Division. (Photos may serve as evidence)

Award # J-10

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

Children in grades first through fifth are invited to participate in the poster contest

Poster Rules and Tips:

1. All poster entries must be sponsored by a local garden club.
2. Posters must feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl and may not feature both together.
3. Smokey Bear posters must include Smokey's fire prevention message **"Only You Can Prevent Wildfires."**
4. Woodsy Owl posters must include Woody's conservation message: **"Lend a Hand Care for the Land!"**
5. Each poster MUST be 11 x 17 inches in size.
6. The posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires or conserving natural resources.
7. A good poster has a bold and simple design. Its message is easily read and understood and is delivered both in picture and in text.
8. Materials that can be used: crayons, markers, poster paints, watercolors, etc. The choice of the paper is up to the child.
9. Posters may include artwork pasted upon a second piece of paper; however, they must be flat. No 3-dimensional posters, computer scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted.
10. The artist's name, address, home phone, grade, school, teacher's name, city, and state must be printed on the back of the poster in the lower right corner. Please print the label from GCG website, then cut, paste, or tape to the back of each child's poster.
11. Each poster must also show the name and city of the sponsoring local garden club.
12. Posters are to be completed by individual student artist.
13. Students should check spelling. Posters with spelling errors will be disqualified.
14. Posters will be judged for originality, design, slogan, artwork, and overall effectiveness of the message.
15. Since Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are official icons protected by law, the colors of their clothing must be accurate. See the colors on the at www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation. A poster may include just the head of Smokey or Woodsy.
16. Winning posters should be copied as they will not be returned.
17. Visit www.gardenclub.uga.edu and www.gardenclub.org for more contest details.
18. Only 5 first place posters in the state competition will be entered in regional competition. Regional winners will be entered in national competition. National entries become the property of NGC.
19. Please complete the chairman winning posters report and send with posters.

All local 1st, 2nd and 3rd place posters and local chairman winning posters reports should be to your District Chairman by December 1. District Chairmen should have all district winning first, second and third place posters along with local and district chairman winning posters reports to State Chairman by January 20.

Award # J-11 Youth Poetry Contest (NGC Youth Poetry Contest)

A State Certificate will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners in each grade level within Categories A through C for the best poem submitted by an individual youth sponsored by a GCG member club.

Cash awards will be \$25 (1st place), \$15 (2nd place) and \$10 (3rd place) in each of the divisions.

A. General Education – Kindergarten through 9th Grade

B. Special Education – Kindergarten through 9th Grade

C. ESOL/ELL - English as Second Language Students Kindergarten through 9th Grade

Poetry Contest Rules:

1. All entries must be typed on regular 8.5 in x 11 in. paper and titled.
 - Include name, address, age, school, and grade of participant on the back of entry. Also, provide the name of the sponsoring club on the back and sponsoring club contact, phone, and mailing address. (Should school policy preclude giving students' name, address and/or phone number, please include the school address and phone number.)
 - Sponsoring garden club and state federation/club name must also be identified.
 - All entries become the property of NGC, Inc. and will not be returned
 - Poems do not have to rhyme.
 - Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems or Haiku.
 - Only one winner from each general education grade, Special Education grade and
 - Each participating club sends 1st and 2nd place entries from each grade in each division to District Poetry Chairman; The District Poetry Chairman sends 1st and 2nd place winners from each grade in each division to the State Chairman.

Award # J-11		Scale of Points
1	Content	50
2	Creativity	40
3	Title	10
TOTAL		100

TIPS:

- Often the club and the child's school are in different towns. It is important to know both, and an address for the clubs, so that notification to the clubs of the winners can be completed.
- Start early. Poetry must be judged at the state level first, then DS, then NGC. The deadlines, shown below, are December 1 for the state judge.

- The information on the back of each entry is very important. The requirements for the back of the page are listed in the rules above. If a question arises, a method of contact for each entry is needed.
- Make copies of all poems for each student to keep.
- The poems sent for judging will not be returned.

Award # J-12 NGC Youth Sculpture Contest

PURPOSE: To encourage youth to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving the environment. This contest is open to children in grades 4 through 8. The sculpture is limited to a size that would fit onto an 8 ½ inch x 11-inch sheet of paper and must consist of recyclable, reused and reduced materials.

Award # J-12		Scale of Points
1	Creative use of materials and self-expression	60
2	Description of sculpture and materials used	30
3	Craftsmanship and technique	10
TOTAL		100

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Obtain the application form from the NGC website (www.gardenclub.org) and provide the requested information. On the back of the form print photos of the sculpture. Two 4-inch x 6-inch photos are recommended. Submit the application with photos electronically to awardschairmangcga@gmail.com Deadline is December 1st.

High School Gardener Awards

General State Rules Are Also Applicable for High School Awards

Award # J/H-1 Scrapbook Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by Mr. James W. Key, Columbus, in memory of Mr. James B. Key, may be awarded for the most outstanding scrapbook submitted by a Junior or High School Garden Club. There is no size requirement or no limit to number of pages.

Award # H-1		Scale of Points
1	Format	15
	a Cover, completed forms, table of contents	3
	b Officers/membership addresses, phone numbers	6
	c Arrangement of materials	6
2	Program	40
	a Minimum of 5 meetings	10
	b Programs quality and balance	20
	c Special events	10
3	Projects	30
	a New and/or continuing, supporting data	
4	Distinction	15
	a Color unity	5

	b	Neat presentation	5	
	c	Originality	5	
			TOTAL	100

Award # H-2 Yearbook Award

A silver perpetual trophy, given by Mrs. William H. Blackledge, Columbus, to honor her mother, Allie W. Bigham, may be awarded for the best yearbook submitted by a High School Garden Club. Please submit a hard copy for entry.

Award # H-2		Scale of Points	
1	Book structure		20
		Cover, contents, youth membership list, adult leader(s) addresses and phone numbers	
2	Programs		40
		Quality and balance of programs	
3	Projects		40
		New and/or continuing projects	
TOTAL		100	

Award # H-3 Outstanding High School Gardeners Club Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by the Lullwater Garden Club, Atlanta, may be awarded to a high school gardener's club sponsored by a member garden club that has carried out the best all-around gardening program for the year. Only organized garden clubs of the 10th, 11th, and 12th grade age groups are eligible to apply. Include grade/s, sponsoring adult garden club(s), yearbook/ list of programs presented to the youth and meeting dates, and number of youth involved.

Award # H-4 High School Gardeners Activities Award (see Award #59)

Award # H-5 High School Gardener Conservation Award

A silver perpetual trophy honoring Rudy A. Kobs, Columbus, may be awarded for the best conservation project or concentrated study on conservation (3 programs suggested) completed by a High School Garden Club.

Award # H-6 Flower Show Achievement Award for High School Gardeners

Refer to current *Handbook for Flower Shows*

A silver perpetual trophy, given by the Creative Study Club, Atlanta, in memory of Mrs. Emma Lovejoy Bailey, may be awarded for the best Standard Flower Show staged by a High School Gardeners Unit(s), a Junior Garden Club(s) and/or Intermediate Garden Club(s) sponsored by an adult garden club, a group of adult garden clubs or council. The planning, schedule, staging, etc., of this show is to be the work of the youth group. The sponsoring

adult garden club(s) serves in an advisory capacity **only**. A State Certificate is awarded to first place winners in each category.

Requirements: Book of Evidence

Indicate school grade level.

1. Grades 1-3	2. Grades 4-6	3. Grades 7-8	4. Grades 9-12
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A. Standard Flower Show by **one** High School Gardener Unit, or **one** Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club. One or more educational exhibits are required. The show may be staged with a Standard Flower Show of an adult garden club or could be part of the Education Division of the Standard Flower Show of the adult garden club.

B. Standard Flower Show by **two or more** High School Gardener Units, or **two or more** Junior Garden Clubs and/or Intermediate Garden Clubs. Two or more educational exhibits are required. The show may be staged with a Standard Flower Show of one or more adult garden clubs or could be part of the Education Division of the Standard Flower Show of one or more adult garden club.

Award # H-7 High School Gardeners Essay – RETIRED 2023.

Flower Show Awards

- Send GCG Awards Application and Application for Flower Show Achievement Forms found on the GCG website.
- Book of Evidence required unless otherwise stated. ~~If possible, send Book of Evidence electronically. (All winning GCG Books of Evidence submitted to National Garden Club must be sent electronically.) If you are not capable of sending the Book of Evidence electronically – you may send as listed below. The Book of Evidence does not have to be in a specific folder.~~
- Refer to current *Handbook for Flower Shows* for additional information, requirements, and scoring criteria for each Flower Show Achievement Award.

Award # 5

Individual Club Standard Flower Show Award

Each state may receive annually four NGC Purple Rosettes, one in each membership category, for a Standard Flower Show staged by one garden club. **A club cannot win this award in consecutive years.**

A	Fewer than 21 Members	A silver perpetual trophy given by Indian Creek Garden Club, Atlanta, may be awarded to a garden club with fewer than 21 members. One (1) educational exhibit required (more educational exhibits permitted).
B	21 to 49 Members	A silver perpetual trophy given by Indian Creek Garden Club, Atlanta, may be awarded to a garden club with 21 to 49 members. One (1) educational exhibit, and at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.
C	50 to 99 Members	A silver perpetual trophy given by The Designers Club, Atlanta, may be awarded to a garden club with 50 to 99 members. One (1) educational exhibit, and at least two (2) additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.
D	100 or More Members	A State Certificate may be awarded to a garden club with 100 or more members. Two (2) educational exhibits, and at least one (2) additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.

Award # 17

Home Standard Flower Show Award

A	A silver trophy given by Mrs. Raymond R. Coom, Nancy Creek Garden Club, Atlanta, in memory of Odie Q. Kuhrt, may be awarded for a Standard Flower Show sponsored by (1) one garden club in one or more homes; Gardens optional. One (1) educational exhibit, and at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.
B	One (1) member club, one or more homes, in combination with some exhibits staged in a public building; garden/s optional. One (1) educational exhibit, and at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.
C	Two (2) or more member clubs, one or more homes; garden/s optional. One (1) educational exhibit, and at least Two (2) additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.
D	A silver perpetual trophy given by The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. in memory of Mrs. Calder Willingham, Rome, may be awarded for a Standard Flower Show sponsored by two (2) or more member clubs, one or more homes, in combination with some exhibits staged in a public building; garden/s optional. One (1) educational exhibit, and at least two (2) additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group required.
E	Council of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, NGC District/s of Garden Clubs, one or more homes, garden/s optional. One (1) educational exhibit, and at least two (2) additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.

Note: Although there is no NGC Award in this category, the GCG Awards chairman may forward to NGC using an existing appropriate category.

Award # 18

Council Standard Flower Show Award

A	Council of Garden Clubs Standard Flower Show A silver perpetual trophy given in honor of Bessie Fry Kirven, Columbus, by the United Garden Clubs, may be awarded for a Standard Flower Show. At least three (3) NGC members' clubs belonging to an association, federation, group, circle, etc. and recognized by the State Garden Club. One (1) educational exhibit, and at least two (2) additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.
B	Judges Council's Standard Flower Show. One (1) educational exhibit, and at least two (2) additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.

Award # 21 Patriotic Standard Flower Show Award

Note: Although there is no NGC Award in this Category C, the GCG Awards chairman may forward to NGC using an existing appropriate category.

A State Certificate may be awarded for the best Standard Patriotic Flower Show in each category. Standard Patriotic Flower Show may be held in home/s and/or public building/s.

Requirements: U.S. flag must be correctly and prominently displayed. Exhibitors are not limited or required to use patriotic colors.

A	One (1) member club One (1) educational exhibit, and at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.	Minimum of two (2) Special Exhibits required.
B	Two (2) or more member clubs. One (1) Educational exhibit and at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.	Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required
C	Council of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, District of Garden Clubs. Two (2) Educational exhibits and at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.	Minimum of four (4) Special Exhibits required

Award # 22 Holiday Standard Flower Show Award

*If a Holiday Standard Flower Show is presented in November or December Due Date is January 1

Note: Although there is no NGC Award in this Category C, the GCG Awards chairman may forward to NGC using an existing appropriate category.

A silver perpetual trophy given by the Sandy Springs Garden Club Council may be awarded for the best Standard Flower Show sponsored by a garden club or a group of garden clubs. The show must feature the spirit of the holidays. The show schedule must specify materials allowed and other requirements.

A	One (1) member club. One (1) educational exhibit, and at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.	Minimum of two (2) Special Exhibits required.
B	Two (2) or more member clubs. One (1) Educational exhibit and at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.	Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required
C	Council of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, District of Garden Clubs. One (1) Educational exhibit and at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.	Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required

Award # 23

Flower Show Schedule Award

A. The Annie Laurie Godbee Parker silver perpetual trophy given by Mrs. Merrill Johnson, Millen, may be awarded for the best Standard Flower Show Schedule in Division A. Evaluation of Flower Show not required. The first-place winners in each category may receive a State Certificate. **No Book of Evidence required.**

B. A State Certificate may be awarded for the best Standard Flower Show Schedule by a Plant Society. The schedule must be written in cooperation with a member garden club, council, district, or judges study club. Evaluation of Flower Show not required.

C. A State Certificate may be awarded to the best Small Standard Flower Show Schedule.

1. Single member garden club	2. Group of 2 or more garden clubs
a. Clubs of under 20 members	3. Garden Club Councils
b. Clubs of 21-35 members	4. Districts
c. Clubs of 36 - 50 members	a) One District
d. Clubs of 51-70 members	b) Two or more Districts
e. Clubs of 71-100 members	5. Judges' Council
f. Clubs of over 100 members	6. Judges Study Club

D. A State Certificate may be awarded to the best Horticulture Specialty Flower Show Schedule.

E. A State Certificate may be awarded to the best Design Specialty Flower Show Schedule.

Send a copy of the schedule along with a GCG Award Application form and a Standard Flower Shows Award Application.

Award # 23		Scale of Points
1	Required Format	14
2	Title Page or Front Cover	6
3	General Rules (those that apply to the entire show)	10
4	Awards	10
5	Horticulture Rules	10
6	Horticulture Sections and Classes	8
7	Design Rules	8
8	Design Sections and Classes	10
9	Educational Exhibits	6
10	Youth Exhibits/Sponsored Groups	4
11	Botanical Arts	10
12	Other (do not count toward the FSAA)	4
TOTAL		100

Award # 24

Small Standard Flower Show Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by Mrs. Clyde F. Anderson, Jr., Tucker, may be awarded to the garden club producing the most outstanding Small Standard Flower Show. Evaluation of show not required but comments must be made by one of the judges. Comments are written on a special form supplied by the show chairman and immediately mailed by the judge to State Flower Show Awards Chairman (Forms available from District Flower Show Evaluating Chairman).

- A. Fewer than 21 members (One (1) educational exhibit required (more educational exhibits permitted)).
- B. 21-49 members - One (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group required.
- C. 50-99 members - One (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least two (2) additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.
- D. Group of member clubs that do not fit in categories A, B and C.

Award # 30 District Standard Flower Show Award

Note: Although there is no NGC Award in this Category C, the GCG Awards chairman may forward to NGC using an existing appropriate category. A silver perpetual trophy given by Mrs. Charles O. Smith, Jr., (Deen Day Sanders) State President 1987-1989, may be awarded for the best Standard Flower Show sponsored by a District. Based on total number of member clubs within the District, a minimum of 75% must participate in the show. *Award not eligible for NGC Award No. 30.*

A. District/region consisting of fifteen (15) or fewer NGC member clubs. One (1) educational exhibit and at least two (2) additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required. B. District/region consisting of sixteen (16) or more NGC member clubs. Two (2) educational exhibits and at least Two (2) additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.	C. State Certificate may be awarded for the best Standard Flower show sponsored by two or more Districts. A combined number of 75% of garden clubs within the sponsoring districts must participate. Two (2) educational exhibits and at least Two (2) additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.
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Award # 34 Plant Society Standard Flower Show Award

Certificate of Award of Merit. May be held in home/s or public building/s. The show should display the featured flower in an imaginative way. Show must fulfill all Requirements of a Standard Flower Show except that the Horticulture Division may be judged by plant Society judges. Minimum of one (1) Educational Exhibit required.

A	Plant Society affiliated with NGC on local, state, regional or national level.
B	NGC organization co-sponsored with non-NGC affiliated Plant Society.

Award # 35 Near Club Standard Flower Show Award

State Certificates may be awarded for a Standard Flower Show sponsored by two or more member clubs, located near each other, must share sponsorship of the show and not merely be exhibitors in the show. May be held in home/s or public building/s. One (1) educational exhibit and at least two (2) additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division or Youth Sponsored Group Division required. Districts, Councils of Garden Clubs and Judges Council are not eligible for this award.

Award # 36 Educational Exhibit Achievement Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by the Imagination, Study Club, Atlanta, may be awarded for the best Educational Exhibit at a Standard Flower Show staged by a garden club, group of garden clubs, garden club council or an affiliate plant society.

A State Certificate may be awarded to the first-place winners in each of the following categories.

A. Single member garden club	C. Individual member
B. Groups of clubs, council, or district	D. Plant Society

Evaluation of show not required; however, exhibits must have been Blue Ribbon winners. See Compiling a Book of Evidence for Awards #36 and #45.

Award # 36		Scale of Points	
1	Educational Value	Interest to Viewer	25
		Clear, concise presentation	15
		Adequate signage	10
		Conforms to NGC Objectives	10
2	Staging	Craftsmanship/Technique	10
		Distinction	10
3	Creativity and Expression		20
TOTAL			100

Award # 42 Petite Standard Flower Show of Miniatures and/or Small Exhibits Award

Note: Although there is no NGC Award in this Category C, the GCG Awards chairman may forward to NGC using an existing appropriate category.

A State Certificate may be awarded to the best Petite Standard Flower Show in each category. Show must qualify as a Petite Standard Flower Show in Horticulture, Design and Special Exhibits. May be held in home/s and/or public building/s. Winning organization is not eligible to receive this award in consecutive years

A	One (1) member club	One (1) educational exhibit, and at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.
B	Two (2) or more member clubs	One (1) educational exhibit, and at least two (2) additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts

		Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.
C	Council of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, District of Garden Clubs	One (1) educational exhibit, and at least two (2) additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.

Award # 44 Flower Show Staged in a Public Building Award

Note: Although there is no NGC Award in this category, the GCG Awards chairman may forward to NGC using an existing appropriate category.

A State Certificate may be awarded to the best Standard Flower Show Staged in a Public Building. Show must be staged in a historical landmark (home, historical restoration, etc.), museum, church, business, shopping center, mall, housing development, fair (world, state, or country), garden center or other Commercial building. **Councils of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, State Districts of Garden Clubs are not eligible for this award.**

A	One (1) member club	One (1) educational exhibit, and at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.
B	Two (2) or more member clubs	One (1) educational exhibit, and at least two (2) additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required

Award # 45 Flower Show Staging Award

A silver perpetual trophy given by Evergreen Garden Club, Atlanta, in honor of Mrs. Edward T. Brown, may be awarded for the most creative staging of a Standard Flower Show sponsored by a garden club. A Certificate may be awarded to a group of member clubs, council, district, or affiliate plant society for the most creative staging of a Standard Flower Show.

Requirements:

1. The show must have been evaluated and scored 95 or more.
2. A Book of Evidence is required. See Compiling a Book of Evidence for Flower Show Awards #36 and #45.
3. Submit one or more photographs from each division showing staging, with appropriate descriptions.
4. Enclose one copy of the schedule

Classification
A. Single member garden club
1. Club under 21 members
2. Club of 21-49 members
3. Club of 50-100 members
B. Group of garden clubs or council
C. District
D. Plant Society

Award #45 Scale of Points		
1	Creative Staging	35
2	Beauty	25

Award # 62 Holiday Small Standard Flower Show Award

*If a Holiday Standard Flower Show is presented in November or December Due Date is January 1. State Certificate may be awarded for a Holiday Small Standard Flower Show sponsored by One (1) member club with fewer than 100 members. One (1) educational exhibit, and at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.

Award # 63 Patriotic Small Standard Flower Show Award

(United States Flag must be correctly and prominently displayed.)

A State Certificate may be awarded for a Patriotic Small Standard Flower Show sponsored by One (1) member club with fewer than 100 members. One (1) educational exhibit, and at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group required.

Award # 64 Petite Small-Standard Flower Show Award

A State Certificate may be awarded for a Petite Small-Standard Flower Show sponsored by One (1) member club with fewer than 100 members. One (1) educational exhibit, and at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division required.

Award # 65 State Flower Show Award

A. A State Certificate may be awarded for a small state; no more than 100 member clubs with 10% of adult clubs participating. Two (2) educational exhibits, and at least any combination of three (3) additional education exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Groups Division required.

B. A State Certificate may be awarded for a large state; 100 or member clubs with 10% of adult clubs participating.

*Horticulture Division: minimum of 20 classes with at least 80 exhibits total

*Design Division: minimum of 20 classes with at least 4 exhibits in each class.

Five (5) educational exhibits and at least any combination of five (5) additional education exhibits, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group required.

Award # 66 Horticulture Specialty Show Award

- A. A State Certificate may be awarded for a Horticulture Specialty Show by one (1) club. One (1) educational exhibit and at least one (1) additional education exhibit from Educational Division, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division is required.
- B. A State Certificate may be awarded for a Horticulture Specialty Show sponsored by two (2) or more clubs. One (1) educational exhibit and at least (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits from Educational Division, Botanical Arts Division or Youth/Sponsored Group Division.
- C. A State Certificate may be awarded for a Horticulture Specialty Show sponsored by council, district, state, or region sponsoring organization. One (1) educational exhibit and at least (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits from Educational Division, Botanical Arts Division or Youth/Sponsored Group Division.

Award # 67 Design Specialty Show Award

- A. A State Certificate may be awarded for a Design Specialty Show sponsored by one (1) Club. One (1) educational exhibit and at least one (1) additional educational exhibit from Educational Division, Botanical Arts Division, or Youth/Sponsored Group Division.
- B. A State Certificate may be awarded for a Design Specialty Show sponsored by two (2) or more clubs. One (1) educational exhibit and at least (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits from Educational Division, Botanical Arts Division or Youth/Sponsored Group Division.
- C. A State Certificate may be awarded for a Design Specialty Show sponsored by council, district, state, or region sponsoring organization. One (1) Educational exhibit and at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits from Educational Division, Botanical Arts Division or Youth/Sponsored Group Division

Compilation of Book of Evidence -- (Except for Flower Show Awards # 36 and # 45)

Requirements: Send by email.

- a. Send electronically and label
AW _____ BOE Club Name City
- b. No more than 20 pages.
- d. Carefully follow the sequential order of requested information. (See Compilation of Book of Evidence)
- e. **If sent to NGC,** the State Flower Show Awards Chairman will add NGC application for.

Book of Evidence for Flower Show Achievement Award will first be evaluated on the state level and the state's selection on the National level by panels of three or more Judges. The Book of Evidence must convey an overall descriptive picture of show in text and pictures. This appraisal is worth 25 of the 100 points. The deadline means the entry must be in the hands of the GCG Awards Chairman by November 15th, with the exception of Award #22, Holiday Standard Flower Show which is due December 15. No exceptions.

Scale of Points for **Compilation of** Book of Evidence except #36 and #45

1	Cover Label	Information included: award name and number. State, show sponsors (clubs, plant society, council, district, state, or region), and show site (city and state). Neatly printed, typed, or computer generated. No decorative artwork.	$\frac{3}{4}$		
2	Pages		1		
	a	Uncrowded with attractive spacing			
	b	b. Legible printing and drawings			
3	Contents		21 $\frac{1}{4}$		
	a	Title Page	$\frac{3}{4}$		
	1	Award number and name	$\frac{1}{4}$		
	2	Sponsoring organization with city and state	$\frac{1}{4}$		
	3	Applicant's contact with address, e.g., president, Director, or general chairman	$\frac{1}{4}$		
	b	Table of Contents. List items by page number.	$\frac{1}{2}$		
	c	Show Description. 300 words or less. Text includes: title, size, scope, type of show, theme and division staging, and special features.	3		
	d	Show Data. This information must appear in the body of the application as well as on the application form. Approved Data Forms are available on the NGC website.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$		
	1	List of sponsoring clubs or organizations, if more than one.	0		
	2	Number of club members in sponsoring organization or if Council of Garden Clubs, District or State organization, number of Garden clubs in sponsoring organization.	$\frac{1}{4}$		
	3	Number of participating club members; or if Council of Garden Clubs, District or State Organization, number of participating garden clubs.	$\frac{1}{4}$		
	4	Percentage of participating club members, or if Council of Garden Clubs, District or State Garden Club organization, percentage of participating garden clubs.	$\frac{1}{2}$		
	5	Total number of exhibits in: Design Division _____ Educational Division _____ Youth/Sponsored Group _____ Botanical Arts _____	$\frac{3}{4}$		
	6	List of NGC Top Exhibitor Awards offered. Design _____ Note if any awards not given: Education _____ Division _____ Youth/Sponsored _____ Groups _____ Botanical _____ Arts _____	$\frac{1}{2}$		
	7	Sources of flower show funding	$\frac{1}{4}$		
	e	Photographs. Need not be professional pictures; omit people if possible.	4		
	1	Top Exhibitor Award winning exhibits in all divisions.	1		
	2	Each picture labeled with division, section, class, award (if applicable) and brief description, i.e., botanical name, design type and plant material used	3		

	f	Staging. Theme staging & actual staging with overall views within each division; also staging of individual sections in all divisions	4	
	g	Publicity. Total Newspaper and other publications, with name and date of publication. City/County newspaper publicity preferred, but not required. Scripts or schedules from radio/TV broadcasts, flyers, and pictures of posters displayed in public buildings are also acceptable	1	
	h	Schedule.	4	
	1	Include only one (1) schedule, placed in envelope attached to back inside cover.	1	
	2	Correctness of text and all necessary inclusions	3	
	i	Conformance. Adhere to the sequential order and requirements.	1 ½	
4		Request Distinction: Evidence of quality exhibits, creative staging (appropriate to site), overall unity, plus special features.	2	
TOTAL			25	

Compilation of Book of Evidence – (For Flower Show Awards # 36 and # 45)

Requirements – Send by email:

1. maximum of 12 pages
2. Cover Page:
 - a. include number and name of GCG Award,
 - b. size of category, and
 - c. name of club, city, and state
3. Complete the necessary information on the GCG Awards Application Form. Award form can be downloaded from the GCG website, www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org
 - b. Entries are to arrive no later than November 15th.

4. Categories by size Garden club applications shall be judged according to size determined by number of members on whom GCG dues are paid, including Active, Associate, Inactive, Honorary, etc.
 - a. Small club of 1 to 20 members
 - b. Medium club of 21 to 50 members
 - c. Large club of 51+ members
5. Presentation

Written Text

- a. BOE should be sent electronically.
- b. Begin page one at the top of page with the number and name of the GCG Award, name of club(s), number of members on whom GCG dues are paid.
- c. Be concise. Follow all requirements in award description and Scale of Points.
- d. BOE must include text and not just photos with labels.
- e. Photos may be interspersed
6. f. Photocopies are permitted.



GCG Standard Flower Show Achievement Award Application

Send this form with the electronic or printed Book of Evidence to:
awardschairmangcga@gmail.com
Or 129 Hannah Drive, Jesup, GA 31546.
Must be received by Deadlines designated in award description.

Date of Application: _____

Name of Achievement Award being sought

Number and Category (if applies) of Achievement Award

Title of Standard Flower Show Seeking Award

Name of Garden Club/s, Council, District (Include city and state of club)

Name of District

Applicant's Contact (Name of individual representing organization)

Name:

Address:

City: _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

For detailed information on Standard Flower Show Achievement Awards, consult current *Handbook for Flower Shows*.