

LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC
AWARDS 2011-2013
General Rules

1. Award Year: January 1 to December 31. This applies to all applications, except where otherwise indicated in an award description.
2. Deadline: All awards MUST be in the hands of the award chairman by December 1st.
3. Where to Send Award Applications: Books of Evidence and Yearbooks must be sent to the respective LGCF Chairmen designated in the Awards Rules. The names and addresses of LGCF Officers and Chairmen appear only in the Directory Issue of the Newsletter. Each Club President and Awards Chairman should carefully study these General Rules and the Rules shown for each of the listed Awards,
4. Forms: The only application forms for LGCF Awards are the Garden Club Achievement Application Form (#1) and the Horticulture Honor Roll Application Form (#5B).
5. How to Apply for An Award: All applications, except the Yearbook, are to be presented in a theme-type folder (Oxford or Mead, for example), typewritten or computer generated, and must include all information and evidence pertinent to the particular award, such as dated News clippings or pictures, with date and name of newspaper cut from newspaper, photographs, letters, etc. Data is to be brief, well-secured (not paper clipped). Clear plastic covers, held together by slip-on type binders are not acceptable. Applications are to be no more than 6 pages (the front and back of each page equals 12 surfaces), with the exception of the Publicity Press Book, for which there is no limit on the number of pages. Clear plastic pages covers (slip-in type) may be used. Please be neat and concise. A distinctive presentation is always a plus!
6. Cover Label: Type Award number, Name of Award, Club Name, Membership Number, District and Year.
7. State Chairmen who are Judging Awards: You shall compile a list of Award Applications received AND a list of LGCF Award Winners. There will be one first place, one second place, one third place and one honorable mention winner in each category. These lists shall be sent to the LGCF Awards Chairman, postmarked no later than January 15th. Exception to this date is Award #22 Publicity Press Book. A list of winners of Award #22 shall be sent to the LGCF Awards Chairman as soon after judging as is possible. Those awards deemed eligible by the respective Chairmen and conforming to specific NGC Award requirements shall be sent to the LGCF-NGC Awards Chairman, postmarked no later than January 1st.
8. Deep South Awards: Many Deep South Awards may be available to your club. Rules and listings follow this section of the Newsletter. Please note: If your club wishes to submit an application for an LGCF Award which may also be eligible for a NGC Award and a Deep South Award, two separate (duplicate or similar) applications must be made. Each application must conform to the specific award requirements. Deep South Award applications are not forwarded to NGC, with the exception of the Publicity Press Book Award. Consult the LGCF Deep South Awards Chairman for more information.

BOOK OF EVIDENCE

The guidelines for preparing a book of evidence for all Deep South and LGCF awards must conform to the new NGC regulations. Please see the **NATIONAL AWARD APPLICATION DIRECTIONS** at the end of this document (page 31).

AWARD # 1 - GARDEN CLUB ACHIEVEMENT

Send application to:

LGCF Awards Chairman

Lena Bateman

199 Weecama Rd., Ferriday, LA 71334-4510

To be eligible for Award #1, the application must comply with the following rules. More or less material than called for disqualifies the application.

1. Garden Club Achievement Application Form
2. Brief summary, not more than two (2) typewritten pages, describing club's activity or project in any one of LGCF or NGC objectives, such as Birds, Garden Therapy, Civic Development, etc.
3. Front and back of one page, (ONLY ONE), for publicity, letter of thanks, and/or photographs of evidence of objective accomplished.
4. NO YEARBOOK is to be included.
5. The required pages are to be well-secured, not paper clipped, in a theme-type folder.
 - 300 or more points Gold Seal Certificate with Gold Ribbon
 - 200-299 points Gold Seal Certificate
 - 100-199 points Blue Seal
 - 99 points or less No Award

AWARD #2 - YEARBOOK AWARD

Send one copy of yearbook to:

Club Yearbook Chairman

Sherri Labbe

701 Wellington Dr., Houma 70360-7124

DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31. Budgets are no longer needed in the yearbook.

LGCF AWARD #2 and NGC AWARD #16 A (Clubs) Single member garden club determined by number of members, including Life Members, on whom NGC dues are paid.

A certificate and \$10.00 will be presented to the best club yearbook, in each of the following categories:

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| 1. Club under 20 members | 2. Club 20-29 | 3. Club 30-44 | 4. Club 45-69 |
| 5. Club 70-99 | 6. Club 100-299 | 7. Club 300 or more | |

SCALE OF POINTS

Format

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| A. Book Structure | 3 |
| 1. Practical, convenient size, durable, neat | |
| B. Arrangement of contents | |
| 1. Cover: name of club, town, state, year (design optional) | 2 |
| 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 Members, affiliated organizations (district, state, region, NGC, other) | 2 |
| 3. Subsequent pages (in any order most useful to members) | 8 |
| Club officers; club membership roster with complete mailing addresses and telephone numbers; names and addresses of NGC President, NGC Regional Director, State President, State District Director, Council President (if any); Calendar of events | |
| C. Options: club's choice to include bylaws, fund raising, roll call. | 0 |
| NGC/Region/State themes; club theme, if used, should be evident through out the book | |

Programs (Indicate if special interest club. Ex. Horticulture, only; Design, only; etc.)**50**

Study on variety of NGC Goals and Objectives such as: Birds, Blue Star Memorials, Butterflies, Civic Achievement, Conservation, Environment, Flower Shows, Floral Design, Historic Preservation, Horticulture, Horticulture Therapy, Landscape Design, Legislation, Litter Control, Roadside Beautification, US & World Gardens, Wildflowers, World Gardening, Youth, etc.

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| 1. At least seven meetings a year | 3 |
| 2. Date, location/address, time of meeting | 3 |
| 3. Speaker's name, qualifications (brief), program title | 4 |
| 4. Programs, workshops, tours furthering NGC Goals & Objectives, give brief word description (lecture, slides, demonstration, hands-on workshop) | 40 |
| a. Variety of program topics (theme not required)(12 pts.) | |
| b. Variety of styles of programs (lectures, slides, tours, etc.)(12 pts) | |
| c. Variety of speakers (specialists, members, panel, etc.) (12 pts.) | |
| d. Portion or full program explaining projects of NGC Pres.) (2 pts) | |
| e. Portion or full program on Member Services items (2 pts) | |

Projects (judged upon scope of projects)**35**

Projects involve actual membership participation that benefit the community and further NGC Goals and Objectives (does not include fund-raising or social activities)

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| 1. List Continuing and New Participating Projects | 15 |
| 2. Give brief word description of projects: location, how others benefit, how members are expected to participate, chairman, etc. List donations: amount, in-kind donations, to whom, sale of state/NGC products (Vision of Beauty Calendars, state cookbook) | 20 |

TOTAL 100**AWARD #3 (A-H) - JUNIOR AND/OR INTERMEDIATE GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**

(Juniors, grades 1 - 6, Intermediates, grades 7 - 9.)

Send applications to:

Youth Activities Chairman

Mary Lou Adragna

4617 Park Drive North, Metairie, 70001-3323

AWARD #3A - YEARBOOK AWARD

A certificate and \$10.00 will be presented to the best Junior/Intermediate yearbook. Certificates will be awarded for Second and Third Places and Honorable Mention.

AWARD #3B - CARMELITE BRECHTEL JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE AWARD

Eligible for NGC #10. May be awarded to a Junior/Intermediate Garden Club that has most successfully promoted all phases of garden club work. Grade level must be stated. See General Rules.

AWARD #3C - HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Eligible for NGC #14. May be awarded to a Junior/Intermediate Garden Club for outstanding Horticultural activity. See General Rules.

AWARD #3D - HONOR ROLL

A certificate may be awarded for accomplishments as noted below:

STANDARD RATING: Achieved by meeting the first five standard requirements for Juniors, and all seven requirements for Intermediates.

1. At Least 6 student members
2. Minimum of 5 meetings during calendar year
3. At least one program per year on each of the following subjects: Horticulture, Conservation, Nature Study, Floral Design and Flower Show Procedures
4. Participate in a Flower Show
5. Have a Club Project
6. Have at least one workshop on one of the following subjects: Horticulture, Conservation, Nature Study, Floral Design and Flower Show Procedure
7. Have a Club Library.

EXCELLENT RATING: Achieved by meeting any of the five following for Juniors, and any seven for intermediates:

1. Study of Birds
2. Participation in a Conservation Contest (such as speech, poetry, essay, poster)
3. Each club member able to quote "Conservation Pledge"
4. Garden Therapy project
5. Garden visits or field trips
6. Litterbug program or clean-up projects
7. Observe Arbor Day (plant a tree or shrub)
8. Make a Club Scrapbook
9. Make a Club Yearbook
10. Visit a State Park,

SUPERIOR RATING: Achieved by Juniors who meet five standard requirements, plus any five excellent requirements and any two of the following requirements:

1. Sponsor a Standard Flower Show
2. Participate in roadside plantings
3. Participate in one or more plantings at public buildings (church, school, municipal)
4. Plant and care for a flower or vegetable garden
5. Plant and care for at least two container plants
6. Apply for at least three LGCF Awards

AWARD #3E - AWARD OF MERIT FOR CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT

Eligible for NGC #32. A Certificate and \$10.00 will be awarded to a Junior/Intermediate Garden Club which has successfully carried out a conservation project. Grade level must be stated. See General Rules.

AWARD #3F - AWARD OF MERIT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FLOWER SHOWS

Eligible for NGC #47.

- a. A certificate will be awarded to a Junior/Intermediate Garden Club whose Flower Show scores 90 or more as judged by the Standard Flower Show Evaluation Form.
- b. A certificate will be awarded to a group of Junior/Intermediate Garden Clubs for a Flower Show that scores 90 or more, as judged by the Standard Flower Show Evaluation Form. All procedures relating to application for a Flower Show Award for a Senior Garden Club are applicable to the Junior/Intermediate Garden Club application. Follow procedures in Rules 9 and 10A in presentation.

AWARD #3G - GARDEN THERAPY AWARD

A certificate may be awarded to a Junior/Intermediate Garden Club for having sponsored an outstanding program of garden therapy whereby handicapped and/or institutionalized or special needs individuals in one or more institutions have received noteworthy benefit. Grade level must be stated. See General Rules.

AWARD #3H - ARBOR DAY AWARD

A certificate may be awarded to a Junior/Intermediate Garden Club for conducting a tree/shrub planting ceremony during the month of January. Grade level must be stated. See General Rules. Note: Senior Garden Clubs who

contribute outstanding service toward the promotion of gardening among youth may apply for NGC Award #8. Award application made through LGCF-NGC Awards Chairman.

AWARD #4 - HIGH SCHOOL GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

Eligible for same award categories listed under #3 A-H.

Contact LGCF Awards Chairman for listing of these awards:

Mary Lou Adragna

4617 Park Drive North, Metairie, 70001-3323

AWARD #5 (A-D) - HORTICULTURE AWARD

Send applications to:

Horticulture Chairman

Peggy Murray

1206 Concordia Ave., Vidalia, LA 71373-2678

AWARD #5A - HORTICULTURE PAPER AWARD

A Certificate of Merit and \$10.00 will be awarded to the author and garden club member of a Horticulture Paper. Points considered in judging are informative data and comprehensive treatment of subject matter. This paper must be submitted in duplicate. If merited, Certificates will be given Second, Third and Honorable Mention. Criteria: Length of no more than 750 words; all words count; title page and bibliography excluded; dates count as one word. It should be prepared in black ink, typed, double spaced using a standard, non-script font no smaller than 12 point or larger than 14 point. Paper must be the author's own work. Essay must have a bibliography listing all references utilized. Internet resources, if used, should be cited in a similar format to that used for printed resources. Add the electronic address used to access the document as supplementary information. (Any paper with information copied directly from sources without using quotes will be disqualified.) Title page to include: Author's full name and address, phone number (optional), e-mail address (optional), name of author's garden club and district, and number of words in paper. Judging will be based on historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of material, interest, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and neatness. Pictures, maps, drawings, graphics, and other such additions will not be considered in judging and should not be included.

AWARD #5 B - HORTICULTURE HONOR ROLL

A certificate with Blue Seal will be awarded to a club making 100 points or more. A certificate with Gold Seal for Outstanding Achievement in Horticulture will be awarded to a club making 200 or more points. Use Horticulture Honor Roll application form. See General Rules.

AWARD #5C - CERTIFICATE FOR EXCELLENCE IN HORTICULTURE

A certificate with Green Rosette for Excellence in Horticulture or Horticulture Education may be awarded to an individual, who may or may not be a Garden Club member, for Excellence in Horticulture interpreted as outstanding service, to development of new hybrids, achievement in research, or disease control and/or education in any of these fields. Authorship of books, pamphlets, magazine articles, etc. will be considered for this award. See General Rules.

AWARD #5D - CERTIFICATE FOR CREATIVE HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT

Eligible for NGC #4. A certificate with orange, blue and green ribbons may be awarded to an individual who is a LGCF Garden Club member for Creative Horticultural Achievement which makes a permanent contribution to Horticulture. In the case of the development of a new variety, it is requested that a statement from the respective Plant Society be submitted with the application. See General Rules.

AWARD #6 - JO N. EVANS ROADSIDE IMPROVEMENT AWARD

Donor: District V

Eligible for DS Award #9; NGC Awards #20, 56-2, or 64

Send application to:

Roadside Development Chairman

Jean Gilstrap

161 Donna Dr., Farmerville, LA 71241-7245

A Certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded to a garden club for outstanding Roadside Improvement, \$15.00 for Second Place and \$10.00 for Third Place. Honorable Mention certificates will be awarded, if merited. See General Rules.

AWARD #7 (A-B) - INTER-CLUB RELATIONS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Send Application to:

Inter-Club Relations Chairman

Billie Massa

139 Citrus Road, River Ridge, LA 70123-2500

AWARD #7A - CLUB AWARD

Donor: Mary Sue Colvin

A Certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded to the Garden Club contributing most to the community through cooperation with public officials, service organizations, etc. This award may be received by a club only once in a lifetime. See General Rules.

AWARD #7B - INDIVIDUAL AWARD

A medallion or charm may be awarded to an LGCF member whose garden club activity through the years has contributed most to the community. The individual must be nominated by a Federated Garden Club and may receive this award only once in a lifetime. Award application should include a summary of the individual's activities and verification in the form of pictures, press clippings, letters or any other pertinent material. See General Rules.

AWARD #8 (A-C) - RADIO AND/OR TV AWARD

Eligible for NGC #27 Send Application to:

Public Relations/Radio-Television Chairman

Jane Stacy

745 Pecan Grove Ln., Jefferson, LA 70121

A certificate and \$5.00 may be awarded to a Garden Club, a group of Garden Clubs, or a District for the best garden-oriented programming in the following categories:

#8A Radio

A series of 13 programs

Public Service Announcements (10, 20, 30, 60 sec.)

Guest appearances

#8B Television

A series of programs on community access cable TV or public TV station

Public Service Announcements (10, 20, 30, 60 sec.)

Guest appearances

#8C Best use of Radio and/or TV throughout the year to promote Garden Club objectives:

Radio

TV

Radio and TV

In A or B, section 1, scripts of programs must be submitted, each under its own title, with date and length, and complete enough to clearly indicate the extent of coverage achieved. Include index of the entire series by date and

subject, and one taped recording (audio or video cassette) of any ONE of the programs. In A or B, section 2, submit scripts of PSA's, including length and date first aired.

In A or B, section 3, submit tape of aired segment. NOTE: Request tapes of PSA's (unless you furnished tape), programs, or segments from the station to assure best quality video.

AWARD #9 STANDARD FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARD

Send Schedule to:

**Flower Show Schedule Consultant
Harriet Osborne
5924 Hargerstown Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70817**

The show must have been staged in the current Award calendar year. Any Standard Flower Show schedule, except a State Show, may apply for Award #9. With more than one club sponsoring a Standard Flower Show, ONLY ONE schedule should be submitted for this Award. However, each club involved in a winning schedule will receive the Award A Certificate will be given to those schedules scoring 90 or above according to the revised Point System. Schedule is to be submitted in a pocket folder.

POINT SYSTEM FOR STANDARD FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULES

A. GENERAL INFORMATION.....7
 May be on Cover and/or Title Page
 1. Name of Club(s) presenting show
 2. Location of show with complete address
 3. Appropriate show theme or title
 4. Date and times of opening and closing
 5. Must include the phrase: Standard Flower Show
 6. Must state if open and free to the public, or open and price of admission, or by invitation
 7. Must include: member of NGC, Deep South Region, District & Name of Local Affiliation (if any).

B. FORMAT4
 1. Cover and/or Title Page
 2. Table of Contents (optional), but all pages must be numbered
 3. Committee Chairmen with telephone numbers
 4. General Rules
 5. Standard system of awards and top exhibitor awards being offered stated in full or with Handbook for Flower Shows page references include minimum requirements, and sections and classes where awards are offered
 6. Divisions: (order is determined by staging requirements)
 a. Division I: Horticulture or Design - specific division rules, sections, and classes
 b. Division II: Design or Horticulture - specific division rules, sections, and classes
 c. Division III: Special Exhibits - two (2) exhibits required to be eligible for this award. Sections may be: educational, youth, sponsored groups, gardens, artistic crafts. Note: Commercial gardening exhibits do not count toward the two required exhibits.

C. GENERAL RULES.....17
 1. Stated information applying to the entire show 11
 a. Who may enter exhibits in each division
 b. Complete procedure for making entries
 c. Date(s), Time and place for entering and removing exhibits
 d. Time of Judging
 e. Specify chairmen to be present during judging
 f. Specify obligation of the classification chairman
 g. Phrase stated: Decision of the judges is final. Awards may be withheld if not merited
 h. Phrase stated: Plants on the Louisiana native plant list may be used if garden grown or gathered with conservation in mind. They must be botanically named.

i.	Phrase stated: There must be an emphasis on fresh plant material. No artificial plant material can be used in any division.	
2.	Correctness and clarity of all stated rules	6
D.	AWARDS	10
1.	Information to be stated	6
a.	List: all places, ribbon colors, and point values with statement that the NGC standard system of awards will be used for all competitive judging.	
b.	List: all top exhibitor awards being offered with either full descriptions or Handbook pages. Include: minimum number of exhibits and classes required; identify sections and classes eligible.	
2.	Correctness of awards offered	4
E.	HORTICULTURE RULES and CLASSES	23
1.	Information to be stated	14
a.	Phrase stated: All plant material must be fresh and have been grown by the exhibitor.	
b.	Rule regarding period of ownership prior to show	
c.	Phrase stated: All entry cards are to be filled out in advance, if possible, and in pencil. Advise how entry cards may be obtained.	
d.	Specify restrictions on potted plant containers.	
e.	Phrase stated: All entries are to be labeled by genus species, and/or variety. Common names may also be given.	
f.	Specify who is to furnish cut specimen containers. If required by exhibitor, specify clear, preferably colorless, glass bottles. Include type of wedging and anchoring allowed.	
g.	Phrase stated: Classification committee has authority to subdivide classes as necessary (optional, since allowed in the Handbook)	
2.	Correctness and clarity of stated rules	3
3.	Correctness of horticulture classes	6
F.	DESIGN RULES and CLASSES	23
1.	Information to be stated	14
a.	Design must be the work of one individual, exception: club competition award, but plant material need not have been grown by exhibitor.	
b.	Fresh plant material may not ever be treated in any manner.	
c.	If designer if unable to fulfill assignment, it is the designer's responsibility to find a replacement (applies when advanced entries are required.)	
d.	Dimensions of allocated design space (frames of reference) and all provided background/staging. Advise if designer must/may provide own staging needs.	
e.	Design scale of points (optional) or state Handbook page.	
f.	Freedom of style: traditional, creative, with or without required type.	
g.	List things permitted without schedule approval or refer to Handbook page.	
2.	Correctness and clarity of stated rules	3
3.	Correctness and clarity of design classes	6
G.	SPECIAL EXHIBITS DIVISION	10
1.	Information to be stated	6
a.	Phrase or paragraph describing each educational exhibit	
b.	Description of staging facilities in all sections: size of exhibiting area, background color, tables, restrictions.	
2.	Correctness and clarity of this division	4
H.	THEME OR TITLE EXPRESSED THROUGHOUT ENTIRE SCHEDULE	6
1.	Division and sectional sub-titles related to overall theme	
2.	Design class titles appropriate	
TOTAL	100

AWARD #10 LGCF AWARD OF COMMENDATION

Send Application to:

LGCF President

Mary Jacobs

29 Chateau Mouton Dr., Kenner, LA 70065-1902

Awards are approved by the Executive Council. The LGCF award of Commendation may be awarded to an individual, organization or institution, not affiliated with the LGCF, for outstanding work in the field of horticulture, conservation, or furtherance of other Garden Club objectives. Not more than two (one to an individual and one to an organization) awards will be given annually. Recommendations for this award may originate a club, a group of clubs, or responsible citizens. This award may be received only once in a lifetime. See General Rules.

CONSERVATION AWARDS #11 (A - C)

Send Application to:

Wildflower/Native Plants Chairman

Beth Erwin

P. O. Box 126, Collinston, LA 71229-0106

AWARD #11A CORINE ROBERIE : WILDFLOWER/NATIVE PLANT AWARD

Donor: Martha Lejeune in memory of Corine Roberie.

Eligible for Deep South #20 and #23, NGC #56.

A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded annually to a member of a federated garden club or a garden club for the most comprehensive activity in the area of wildflower/native plants. This project is to be a concentrated effort in the area of identifying, promotion, planting and protection of wildflowers/native plants in Louisiana. Book of Evidence to include documentation according to General Rules.

AWARD #11B CORA POWELL CONSERVATION AWARD

Donor: The Federated Council of New Orleans Garden Clubs, Inc.

A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded annually to a member of a federated club, a member club, or group of clubs for the best Conservation Exhibit staged in a Standard Flower Show. Application shall include one picture, a description and written evaluation by judges for the standpoint of educational value, message impact, design, harmony and simplicity.

AWARD #11C SPECIAL CONSERVATION AWARD

A certificate will be given to clubs whose entire membership grows at least one native plant in their gardens. Each garden club must grow at least five different varieties from the Louisiana Native Plant list and each member must have the selected plant in her possession at least three months in order to qualify for the award.

AWARD #12 - CONSERVATION PROJECT AWARD

Donor: Donna Bucci

Eligible for NGC #6 or #41

Send Application to:

Environmental Incentives Chairman

Kathy Tell

9696 Simon LeBleu Rd., Lake Charles, LA 70607-0362

A certificate and \$25.00 will be awarded annually to an individual Federated club or group of clubs for meritorious achievement in any of the following conservation activities: Education, legislative, cleaning of bodies of water and/or wetlands, other field projects or year's overall conservation program. Second place will receive a certificate and \$15.00. Third Place will receive a certificate and \$10.00. See General Rules.

AWARD #13 - THE BEAUTY OF LIFE GARDEN AWARD

Sponsored by Mary Hazen and Kathy Bedenbaugh

Send Applications to:

Beauty of Life Garden Chairman

Patti Killen

625 Martin Spring Road, Lecompte, LA 71346

A freestanding, acrylic, Louisiana shaped, traveling plaque will be awarded annually to a federated state garden club for the most out-standing, permanent, pink rose-garden. The garden must be planted in a public place in the community during the month of October in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. The garden is to be planted to create awareness of breast cancer in both men and women; or in recognition/dedication to breast cancer survivors; or in memory of breast cancer victims, both men and women.

A certificate will be presented to each applicant. (See General Rules.)

AWARD #14 A - AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FLOWER SHOWS

Send Application to:

DSR/NGC Awards Chairman

Linda Finley

4101 Mary Ann St., Lake Charles, LA 70605-4101

A certificate will be awarded for clubs whose Standard Flower Show scores 95 or more. Consult the September/October issue of the National Gardener and the Handbook for Flower Shows, 2007 Edition for further information. The following show awards may be applied for:

- ❖ Four Purple Rosettes per state Federation, one in each membership category, a club is not eligible to receive this award two consecutive years. NGC #5
- ❖ One Blue Rosette for Standard Home Flower Show, one club, NGC #17A
- ❖ One Blue Rosette for Standard Home Flower Show, 2 or more clubs, NGC #17B
- ❖ One Blue Rosette for Standard Home Flower Show, one club, some of show staged in public building, NGC #17C
- ❖ One Blue Rosette for Standard Home Flower Show. 2 or more clubs, some of show staged in public building, NGC #17D
- ❖ One Rose Rosette for Council Standard Flower Show, NGC #18A
- ❖ One Rose Rosette for Judges Council/s Standard Flower Show, NGC #18B
- ❖ One Red/White/Blue Rosette for Patriotic Standard Flower Show, NGC #21 A, B
- ❖ One Red/Green Rosette for Holiday Standard Flower Show, NGC #22 A, B
- ❖ One Green Rosette for District Standard Flower Show, NGC #30 A, B
- ❖ One Blue/White Rosette for Near-Club Standard Flower Show, NGC #25
- ❖ One Burgundy/Pink Rosette for Standard Flower Show staged in public building, NGC #57 A, B
- ❖ One small Yellow Rosette for Standard Flower Show of Petite Exhibits. Show must qualify as Petite Show in Horticulture, Design and Special Exhibits, NGC #25 A, B, C

YOUTH FLOWER SHOW AWARDS (or Youth Section of an Adult Standard Show) non-competitive

- ❖ One Red Rosette for One NGC Youth Garden Club
- ❖ One Red Rosette for Two or More NGC Youth Garden Clubs

AWARD #14B FIFTH DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW JUDGES AWARD

Donor: District V

Send Application to:

DSR/NGC Chairman

Linda Finley

4101 Mary Ann St., Lake Charles, LA 70605-4101

A silver traveling trophy will be awarded to a member club applying for a NGC Flower Show Award and receiving the highest number of points on the evaluation of its Flower Show. This trophy will not be awarded to a club in consecutive years.

AWARD #15 - VALERIE BARNUM CIVIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Donor: District V

Eligible for Deep South Award #1

Send Application to:

Civic Development & School Grounds Improvement Chairman

Jo Ann Blanchard

1702 McDermott Ave., Morgan City, LA 70380-1539

A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded annually to a Federated garden club or group of clubs having accomplished distinguished civic work by making permanent beautification improvements for public benefit, in any planned undertaking that results in a change for an improved environment. Second Place will receive \$15.00 and Third Place will receive \$10.00. An organized record of proof of the achievement shall constitute the application. Actual "before and after" photographs of the project, cost sheets and adequate description of the activities involved shall provide the required documentary evidence. See General Rules.

AWARD #16A-B - GARDEN THERAPY AWARDS

Eligible for NGC Award #19.

Send Application to:

Gardening Consultant Council President

Delores Ward

2710 Myrtle Grove Ln, Lake Charles, LA 70605

#16A GARDEN THERAPY CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

May be awarded to a member club for having sponsored outstanding, beneficial project in Garden Therapy, whereby handicapped or special needs individuals receive noteworthy benefits. See General Rules.

#16B ESTHER CARRIERE GARDEN THERAPY AWARD

Donor: District V

A certificate and an award of \$25.00 may be awarded annually to First Place, \$15.00 for Second Place, and \$10.00 for Third Place to a club for outstanding work for at least two years in furthering participant cooperation in Garden Therapy. A complete record of plans, procedures and achievements shall constitute the application. See General Rules.

AWARD #17 ARBOR DAY AWARD

Send Application to:

Arbor Day Chairman

Joe E. Baucum

P.O. Box 168, 5141 Privateer Blvd., Barataria, LA 70036-4719

The official Arbor Day in Louisiana is the third Friday in January. A certificate will be awarded to clubs observing Arbor Day by planting trees and/or shrubs. Include an informative and interesting program in your ceremony. Any

tree planting ceremony during the month of January may be considered in observance of Arbor Day. See General Rules. Deep South Arbor Day Awards #9 and #25 are available - see specific rules for application.

AWARD #18 - VICKIE La COMBE BIRD AWARD

Donor: Willie Hundley LaNasa

Eligible for Deep South #8, NGC #42

Send Application to:

Birds Chairman

Lee Baraldi

1421 Pecan Ave, Metairie, LA 70001-3239

A certificate and \$15.00 for First Place and \$10.00 for Second Place may be awarded to the club which contributes most to the study of and protection of birds. Certificates may be awarded to runners-up, if merited. Applications must include verification pictures, dated press clippings, letters of appreciation, or any other pertinent material, such as titles of programs, speakers, and a brief summary of the type of study. If municipal bird sanctuary is maintained, include copy of ordinance.

AWARD #19 - WILLIE ALLEN HUNDLEY PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

Donor: Willie Hundley LaNasa

Eligible for Deep South #5

Send Application to:

Public Relations/Radio-Television Chairman

Jane Stacy

745 Pecan Grove Ln., Jefferson, LA 70121,

A certificate and \$15.00 will be awarded annually to an individual Federated garden club, or group of clubs, for accomplishments in garden club related activities with one (or more) non-member group/s or organization/s in promoting, through good public relations, LGCF, Deep South of NGC projects. \$10.00 awarded for Second Place and a certificate for Third Place. Competition to be based on one and only one selected co-sponsored project in a field such as conservation, horticulture, litter control, environmental improvement, youth involvement, historic restoration, or any other meritorious activity promoting garden club goals which will broaden the scope of public relations. See General Rules.

AWARD #20 - PEGGY CAZES BUTTERFLY PROTECTION PROJECT AWARD

Donor: Peggy Cazes

Eligible for Deep South #16

Send Application to:

Butterfly Gardening Chairman

Denise Woodward

46 Chateau Palmer Dr., Kenner, LA 70065-2033

A certificate and \$25.00 may be presented to the member club presenting the best butterfly project, which contributes most to the study and protection of butterflies. If merited, Second Place will receive \$15.00; and Third Place will receive \$10.00. If a Butterfly Garden is maintained, please include this in the application. Application to include verification pictures, dated press clippings, and/or other pertinent materials, such as titles of programs, speakers, etc. See General Rules.

AWARD #21 - HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND/OR RESTORATION AWARD

Donor: Gill Deville, Jr. in memory of Sue DeVille

Eligible for Deep South #3 and 13, NGC #50

Applications sent to:

Historic Preservation Chairman

Linda Taylor

487 White Oak Rd., Washington, LA 70589-4056

A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded annually to an individual, club or group of clubs for an Historic Preservation/Restoration project or Landscape project at an historic site. If a Landscape project, it must comply with the principles of good landscaping set down in the Handbook of Landscape Design from NGC. Book of Evidence to include landscape plans designed to professional standards. Planting plans and pictures should show actual locations. Include botanical and common names, quantity of all plants used and arrangements for maintenance.

AWARD #22 - PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK AWARD

Eligible for Deep South, NGC Publicity Press Book Awards

Books sent to:

Publicity Press Book Chairman

Sue Wallner

35115 Bend Rd., Denham Springs, LA 70706-0613

Deadline: January 15. All garden clubs, districts, councils and garden centers belonging to LGCF may submit a Press Book. Garden Club entries are divided into three categories based on membership: Small Clubs – 29 members or less; Medium Clubs – 30 to 99 members ; Large Clubs – 100 members or more. Certificates will be awarded to winners. For format and content refer to Deep South Regional and NGC Award information.

AWARD #23 - SILVER TROWEL AWARD

Donor: Southwest Louisiana Judges Council

Send Application to:

Lynn Bonin, Council President

122 Compromise St., St. Martinville, LA 70582-4105

337-394-3433

A Silver Trowel pin will be awarded annually to the person with the most outstanding horticulture entry in a Standard Flower Show scoring 95 points or above. Entries must include a 5x7 or larger, color photograph with the botanical name of the exhibit and name of the exhibitor and are to be submitted by the Show Awards Chairman or club hosting the flower show to the President of the Southwest Louisiana Judges Council for awarding at the Annual Convention.

AWARD #24 - BILLIE MASSA LITTER CONTROL AWARD

Donor: District II

Eligible for Deep South #7, NGC #45A/B

Send Application to:

Litter/Reclamation/Recycling Chairman

Camille Stakes

3828 Placid Lane, Lake Charles, LA 70605-6773

A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded to a Federated club, council of group of clubs for sponsoring a project in the field of litter control encompassing such activities as waste reduction, recycling, and endeavors for a quality environment. Youth involvement emphasized. Project documentation must include: extent of involvement of individual club members; involvement of other organizations in the community, youth involvement, including youth garden clubs and other youth groups; government involvement; the actual or potential extent of the goals that the project accomplished; and the influence on the public for a quality environment.

AWARD #25 - MAUDE VISKELL DESIGN AWARD

Send Application to:

LGCF Awards Chariman

Lena Bateman

199 Weecama Rd., Ferriday, LA 71334-4510

A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded annually to an individual exhibitor winning a Tri-Color, Award of Distinction, Designer's Choice, Table Artistry, or Petite Award in a Small Standard/Standard Flower Show, staged by one or more LGCF member clubs. Only one application can be accepted from each individual; however, no limitation is on the number sent from each show. Application must include: letter signed by the show chairman; 8 x 10 color picture of design **only taken from front of design to include the total frame of reference** (remove ribbons before taking pictures); **a 3 x 5 card listing names of all plant materials**; name of exhibitor; exhibitors club; name of member club or clubs staging show; district; date of show and Show Schedule. See General Rules.

AWARD #26 - SARA GLADNEY LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARD

Donor: Landscape Consultants Council Eligible for NGC #28, 62

Send Application to:

Landscape Consultants Council President

Betty Foret

7929 Hwy 31, Opelousas, LA 70570-1620

A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded annually for the best designed landscape in a church yard or neighborhood park by a Federated garden club, group of clubs or council of garden clubs OR an individual garden club member. Application should be submitted in the year the project is considered complete. Requirements are: Simple, workable plan to scale; pictures of the progress of project; narrative account of the project and ultimate goal. See General Rules. Scale of Points for judging:

Design principles	35
Function	20
Suitability to site	10
Selection, placement, condition of plants and materials	15
Ease of maintenance	10
Neatness of presentation	10

AWARD #27 - ZELDA ROSE EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT AWARD

Donor: Covington Garden Club

Send Application to:

Carrie Martin

123 W. 19th Ave.

Covington, LA 70433-3111

A certificate and \$50.00 may be offered annually to a member of a Federated garden club for the most comprehensive activity in the presentation of an educational exhibit presented in a Standard Flower Show. The applications will be judged for educational value, the organization of components within the exhibit and the ability to attract and hold the viewer's attention. Application must include location and the date of the Flower Show, 5x7 photo of exhibit, handouts, a written evaluation from the judging panes of the exhibit and its staging and lighting. This award may be received only once by an individual.

AWARD #28 - BETTY BAGERT MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARD

Donor: Betty Bagert

A certificate and award of \$25.00 will be given annually to the District with the highest percentage of increase in number of members. The award will be based on the LGCF Treasurer's list of paid members as of March 31, each year and no application is necessary.

AWARD #29 – Margo Racca Sweepstakes Award

A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded annually to the garden club submitting the largest number of competitive awards at the LGCF, DSR, and NGC levels combined. In case of a tie, the club winning the most first place awards will be named the recipient of the Sweepstake Award. The award will be presented annually at Summer Board.

Award #30 - CLEANEST CITY CHALLENGE

In honor of Mrs. Dorothy Anne Norworthy George

Sponsored by Collinston Garden Club

A trophy will be awarded to the Louisiana village, town, or city that wins the Louisiana Garden Club Federation State Cleanest City Contest three consecutive years. The winner of the award is to be determined by the LGCF Cleanest City Contest State Chairman. In the event of a tie, the highest point scores would determine the winner over the three-year period.

The winner shall have possession of the trophy for one year. The display and responsibility of the trophy shall belong to the sponsoring LGCF club. The sponsoring club is responsible for returning the trophy to the State Cleanest City Contest Chairman at the LGCF Annual Convention.

NATIONAL AWARD APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

1. **AWARDS YEAR:** January 1 to December 31 annually. This applies to all projects submitted with application form. All awards may be presented annually, if merited. Any exceptions will be noted. **THIS IS THE SAME AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS. NO CHANGES.**
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Only National Garden Clubs members are eligible to apply for NGC awards unless otherwise stated in the award description. Members are: member garden clubs, groups of member clubs, State Garden Clubs, NGC Regions, and individual members of garden clubs. Junior, Intermediate, High School Garden Clubs, Individual Youth must be sponsored by a member garden club to be eligible for specific NGC awards. National Affiliates, Affiliate Members, and International Affiliates are eligible to apply for Awards as noted. **THIS SECTION IS ALSO THE SAME AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.**
3. **APPLICATION FORMS:** NGC has a **NEW** application form and procedure for applying for awards. The application form contains topics to be addressed along with any supporting photographs. **THIS IS THE SECTION THAT CONTAINS THE MAJOR CHANGES. NOTE CAREFULLY. READ MORE THAN ONCE.**
 - There is a three (3) page limit, using only the front of the page.
 - Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer required or allowed.
 - Applications will not be returned.
 - Applications may be submitted electronically to the State Awards Chairman and National Awards Chairman where applicable.
 - Forms are available on the NGC website, www.gardenclub.org, and from State Awards Chairmen, IA Awards Chairman, Flower Show Achievement Awards Chairman, or Award of Excellence Chairman.
 - This NEW application form should not be used for Awards of Excellence or Flower Show Achievement Awards

REMEMBER THAT APPLICATIONS NO LONGER REQUIRE PAGE NUMBERS OR TABLE OF CONTENTS.
4. **PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING AND DEADLINES:**

APPLICANTS: THERE ARE MAJOR CHANGES IN THIS SECTION. READ CAREFULLY:

 - Complete the application form. Submit the original form (3 pages, only) to your State Awards Chairman by the deadline set by your state. If submitting by mail, include original and one copy. (This indicates that if sending electronically, send one copy of application form – if sending hard copy of applications, include two copies of application form.)

- Keep one copy for your records.
- **YEARBOOKS** – complete the necessary information on the NGC Application Form. Do not answer the questions. Firmly clip two copies of the completed application form to the inside front cover (send only 1 yearbook). No envelope necessary.

YEARBOOKS WILL BE SENT AS USUAL TO THE STATE YEARBOOK CHAIRMAN (Sherrie Labbe) AND WINNERS IN EACH SECTION WILL BE SENT BY THAT CHAIRMAN TO DEEP SOUTH. WINNERS IN DEEP SOUTH WILL BE SENT TO NATIONAL. YEARBOOK TO BE MAILED TO Sherrie Labbe by October 31 for judging.)

- **PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS** – complete the necessary information on the NGC Application Form. Do not answer the questions. Prepare a Book of Evidence. No limit on number of pages. Submit to your State Awards Chairman by deadline set by your state.

SAME PROCEDURE HERE – YOU WILL SEND YOUR PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK TO THE STATE PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK CHAIRMAN AND WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY WILL BE FORWARDED TO DEEP SOUTH. WINNERS IN DEEP SOUTH WILL BE SENT TO NATIONAL.

SEND YEARBOOKS AND PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS TO STATE CHAIRMEN ONLY.

- **PUBLICATIONS:** Submit entry for #3, #12, or #13 in an envelope with one Application Form secured to outside and one enclosed inside envelope if sending by mail. Electronic submissions permitted. Submit entries to your State Awards Chairman by deadline set by your state.

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS MADE HERE FOR ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON THE APPLICATION FORM. SO BE SURE TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. BE SURE YOUR PUBLICATION SUPPORTS NATIONAL GOALS.

STATE AWARDS CHAIRMAN:

- All winners in each category must be sent by mail or e-mail by the State Awards Chairman to the NGC Awards Chairman, Bobbie Verser, 705 Stagecoach Village Circle, Little Rock, AR 72210, bobbieverser@att.net (501-455-2488), to arrive no later than January 15, any exceptions will be noted. A complete list of entries from your state should be included with submissions.
- National Affiliate and Affiliate Members apply directly to: Bobbie Verser - **no later than January 15**. THE ABOVE DIRECTIVES APPLY TO STATE CHAIRMEN.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE STATE CHAIRMEN BY DECEMBER 1, EXCEPT PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK. ALL STATE CHAIRMEN SHOULD HAVE THEIR WINNERS SENT TO STATE DEEP SOUTH AND NATIONAL CHAIRMEN NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR DEEP SOUTH AND NATIONAL AWARDS.:

1. THE STATE AWARD CHAIRMAN WILL SUBMIT WINNERS TO THE STATE DEEP SOUTH OR NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OR
2. YOU MAY SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO THE STATE DEEP SOUTH AND STATE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN.

CATEGORIES BY SIZE:

Garden Club applications shall be judged according to size determined by number of members on whom NGC and state dues are paid, including Active, Associate, Inactive, Honorary, etc.

- i Small Club: 29 members and under
- ii Medium Club: 30-99 members
- iii Large Club: 100 members and over

State Garden Clubs applications shall be judged according to size determined by number of members on whom NGC dues are paid, including garden club members, Affiliates, State Life Members, etc.

- i. Small State: 1,999 members and under
- ii. Medium State: 2,000-5,999 members
- iii. Large State: 6,000 members and over

SCALE OF POINTS FOR ALL NGC AWARDS: (exceptions: Promotions, Publications, Yearbooks, Flower Show Achievement Awards, Publicity Press Books, Website, as noted).

Presentation 5 pts. - neat, concise, includes all required information on the NGC Awards Application Form (3 sheets allowed), or the Book of Evidence, if required.

Achievement 65 pts. - scope of project; need and fulfillment; benefit; accomplishment; comprehensiveness of work; activities to attain goals; evaluation of goals reached; educational; prior planning; very brief history if continuing project; financial report; other.

Participation 15 pts. - size of club; involvement of members, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, residents in facilities, others. Not all of these have to be involved.

Record or Documentation 15 pts. - supporting data (as applicable), clear, well-labeled and neatly attached before & after photographs if applicable, landscape plan (does not have to be professionally drawn), financial report, letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles (if possible), radio or TV script (if possible), etc. Photocopies are permitted.

TOTAL 100 points
