

**2009 - 2011
DEEP SOUTH REGION AWARDS**

**Deep South Region Awards Chairman
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Awards Deadlines & Rules

- DEADLINES:** January 25 All State winners applicable for Deep South Region Awards to Deep South Region *Awards* Chairman.
- January 31 State winners applicable for NGC, Inc. Publicity Press Book Awards to Deep South Region *Publicity Press Book* Chairman.
- February 1 Entries for the Member Award of Honor (one per state) to Deep South Region *Awards* Chairman.
- February 15 List of Deep South Region Publicity Press Book Award winners to Deep South Region *Awards* Chairman for publication.

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NOTE: The 2009-2011 Unified Regional Project Awards are special one-time awards covering two years' activities. Each state's winning entries *must* be submitted to Kathy Bedenbaugh, Deep South Unified Regional Project Chairman, *to be received no later than* November 15, 2010.

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Eligibility: The State Garden Club (s), or Federation of any of the six states of the Deep South Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc. (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, or Tennessee) (hereinafter referred to as a *State Garden Club Organization*), individual Garden Clubs, groups of Garden Clubs, individuals, Circles or Councils affiliated with a State Garden Club Organization are eligible to apply. (See each Award for specific categories of eligibility).

Awards Year: January 1 to January 1. Awards #2, #4, and #6 are determined by official records of NGC, Inc. as of October 31st, before the Deep South Region Convention. Award #14 is determined by the Deep South Region High School Gardeners Chairman as of three weeks before the Deep South Region Convention.

Application: Must be on current prescribed Deep South Region Application Form (obtained from each State's Award Chairman). Two copies of the form are required. Attach the original to the inside front cover of the Book of Evidence (permanently). Secure the second copy with a paper clip to the outside front cover of the BOE. **NOTE:** Award #1 School Grounds Improvement Award requires a special application form. Awards #2, #4, #6, and #14 do not require an application.

Book of Evidence: Should contain no more than six (6) sheets. (Both sides of the sheets may be used). All scripts should be typed, neat and concise. Material should be attached to pages and secured in a lightweight, theme-type binder. **NO HEAVY SCRAPBOOKS, OVERSIZED PORTFOLIOS, OR LOOSE CLIPPINGS, ETC.** will be judged. On outside front cover, attach a label on which is typed the number & name of award, name of applicant(s), city and state. At the top of the first (title) page, type number and name of the award, the number of members, percentage of membership participation, and a brief, concise description of the project. On succeeding pages, summarize the project: when & where activities began; scope & accomplishment; involvement of members, youth, and other groups; publicity; before & after pictures; letters of appreciation; and/or other supporting evidence. Photocopies are permitted. **REDUCTION OF ARTICLES SHOULD BE DONE CAREFULLY.** Every article used should be easy to read. Protective covers may not be split for the purpose of covering several pages as one. A page is a page. Exception: program books, schedules for flower shows, or a book that has information regarding the project. These may be put in protective covers, or the cover may be split. Material must be accessible.

Description: Date project started; scope and accomplishment; involvement of members, youth, and community; dated publicity; before & after photographs; and letter(s) of appreciation. Where applicable, list botanical and common names of all plants and trees, size & quantity, used in project. Include plans for maintenance and budget for the project. All information must be pertinent to the project. **DO NOT** include copies of prior awards.

Landscape Plans: Attach set (professional or amateur). Include a landscape plan for grounds, grading plan, construction details, and planting plan. These may be folded neatly in an attractive manner and placed in a protective cover.

Winning entries from each state *must* be in the hands of the Deep South Region Awards Chairman *no later than* the January 25th deadline. **ONE ENTRY PER STATE PER AWARD**, unless otherwise stated, may be submitted for regional competition. The same project entry cannot be submitted in more than one award category. **AWARDS MAY BE SUBDIVIDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE.**

All awards, if merited, will be presented at the annual Deep South Regional Convention. Each winner will receive a *Deep South Region Award Certificate*.

Books of Evidence will be on display at the convention when space permits. First, second, third, and honorable mention winners will be printed in the *Awards Program Book* given at the convention.

Information regarding awards may be obtained from each state's Awards Chairman, the Deep South Region Awards Chairman, and at <http://www.DSRegion.org>. **NOTE: Each state will be responsible for printing and distributing additional copies of all materials pertaining to Deep South Awards.**