

**2011-2013**

**DEEP SOUTH REGION AWARDS**

Deep South Region Awards Chairman

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**1. School Grounds Improvement Award (revised 2000)**

Class A: 12 - 30 members

Class B: 31 members or more

A certificate may be awarded in each class for the beautification and improvement of the grounds of any school building (old or new). They may be awarded to an individual garden club, council or group of clubs, a garden club circle, or group of circles acting as a sponsor for this project and who are members of their State Garden Club.

The individual state designated chairman and at least two (2) other qualified persons are to judge the entries. The two winning entries – one from each class - may be submitted to the DSR Awards Chairman no later than January 25th.

**2. *National Gardener Award***

A certificate will be awarded to the member State Garden Club having the greatest number of PAID subscriptions to *The National Gardener* as of October 31, calculated on a percentage basis of state membership dues paid to NGC, Inc. as of December 31, before the Deep South Regional Convention. Not applied for.

**3. Historic Preservation and/or Restoration Award**

A certificate may be awarded to an individual, a club, or group of clubs for a Historic Preservation or Restoration project.

The project must comply with the principles of good landscape design as set down in the *Handbook of Landscape Design* by NGC.

#### **4. National Gardener Award**

A certificate will be presented annually to the member State Garden Club with the greatest number of INCREASED PAID subscriptions to *The National Gardener* recorded at NGC over the previous year as of October 31, before the Deep South Regional Convention. Not Applied For.

#### **5. Public Relations Award (1973, revised 2001)**

A certificate may be awarded in each of the classes for accomplishments in garden club related activities with one or more non-member groups or organizations in promoting good public relations. These should be projects of the State Garden Club, Deep South Region, or NGC, Inc. Competition will be judged on ONE selected co-sponsored project in a field such as Conservation, Horticulture, Litter Control, Environment Improvement, Youth Involvement, Historic Restoration, or any other meritorious activity promoting garden club goals which will broaden the scope of public relations. **The identical project is not eligible to win this award for two consecutive years.**

#### **6. Membership Award**

A certificate will be awarded annually to the State Garden Club with the greatest percentage increase in membership during the year. Winner will be determined by official membership records of NGC as of October 31, before the Deep South Regional Convention. Not Applied For.

#### **7. Litter Control Award (1976, revised 1987)**

*Donor: Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.*

An annual cash award of \$25 to a garden club, council or group of clubs affiliated with one of the State Garden Club of the DSR 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 to be emphasized.

## **8. Birds Award (1984, revised 2010)**

*Donor: Jane Hersey*

An annual cash award of \$100 may be awarded to a garden club, group of clubs, or individual member of a club for outstanding activity in the protection or care of birds, such as establishing, maintaining, identifying, or marking sanctuaries; promotion of legislation relative to bird welfare. If sanctuary is by official ordinance (new or maintained), a copy of the ordinance must be included. If it is a continuing project, detail the plans.

## **9. Tree Planting Award (1976, revised 1983)**

*In Honor of Mrs. Thomas C. Lacey (Virginia)*

*DS Regional Director 1979-1981*

*Donor: The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.*

An annual cash award of \$25 may be awarded to a garden club for the most outstanding tree planting project. Emphasis to be on low maintenance, quality trees suitable to local climatic and ecological conditions. Project may be started at any time but must be completed within the award year in which application is made.

## **10. Special Achievement Award (1977, revised 2001)**

A certificate may be awarded annually in each class for the most outstanding achievement in ONE of the following: civic development, conservation, beautification, garden therapy, or any other garden club related project. Youth involvement will be an asset. **The identical project is not eligible to win this award for two consecutive years.**

## **11. Horticulture Award (1979, revised 1987)**

*In Memory of Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin (Ellen)*

*DS Regional Director 1977-1979;*

*NGC President 1987-1989*

*Donor: Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.*

An annual cash award of \$25 may be awarded to a garden club for the most outstanding activities in the field of horticulture. The award is given to promote planned gardening activities in the study of horticulture by club members. Membership participation shall be emphasized. Summary outlining year's plan, activities to implement the plan, goals, and results should be included in description of project.

## **12. Landscape Design Award (1979)**

A certificate may be awarded annually to a State Garden Club in the Deep South Region sponsoring the most outstanding activity in the area of Landscape Design. The activity may be in the area of Landscaping Education or in actual project(s) – (a series of related activities /projects promoting Landscape Design).

## **13. Historic Preservation and Restoration Award (1980, revised 1988)**

A certificate may be awarded annually to a garden club or group of clubs for the most outstanding promotion and/or project involving a historic building or buildings.

## **14. High School Gardeners Award**

A certificate may be awarded annually to the State Garden Club registering the greatest number of high school gardeners within the Deep South Region, according to the DSR High School Gardeners Chairman as of three (3) weeks before the DS Regional Convention. Established procedure for organizing High School Gardeners must be observed. Not applied for.

## **15. Environmental Education Award (1980, revised 2001)**

A certificate may be awarded in each class for the most comprehensive program in the field of environmental education with emphasis on Youth. **The identical project is not eligible to win this award two consecutive years.**

## **16. Butterfly Conservation (1985).**

A certificate may be awarded to an individual garden club for the most outstanding work in the field of butterfly conservation stressing community involvement.

### 17. Junior Garden Club Award (1985)

*Donor: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.*

An annual cash award of \$25 may be awarded to the highest scoring Junior Garden Club sponsored by a State Garden Club, which, through its own efforts, has been successful in promoting all phases of garden club work. Grades: preschool through sixth.

#### Scale of Points

Year round balanced programs (2 or more) (Flower Show participation or workshop; horticulture workshop, growing projects for individuals; field trips; others)	30
Conservation (2 or more) (Nature study, birds, trees, water, field trips, others)	30
Civic (1 or more) (Community involvement projects; assisting sponsoring club; anti-litter campaigns; Arbor Day celebration, etc.)	20
Other (Garden therapy, world gardening, poster participation, 6-9 meetings with 7 or more members)	10
Presentation of materials (Include yearbook)	<u>10</u>
TOTAL	100

### 18. Adopt-A-Park Awards (1987)

*In Memory of Marilyn Carlton*

*DS Regional Direction 1985-1987*

*Donor: Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.*

A certificate and cash award of \$25 may be offered in each class to an individual garden club for the establishment of city, mini, pocket, or subdivision parks and/or enhancement of specific areas in existing parks.

### 19. Community Action Award (1989)

A certificate may be given annually to a garden club for the most outstanding program/ project relating to garden club objectives. Involvement of community groups to be a major consideration. This may be a continuing project, but the major portion of worthiness must have been accomplished within the year of application. Examples: Arbor Day activities, Blue Star Memorial Marker and or Historical Markers erection/dedication, beautification of community buildings, churches, or cemeteries, etc.

## **20. Wildflower Award (1990, revised 2001)**

A certificate may be awarded in each class for the most comprehensive activity in the area of wildflowers. This project shall be a concentrated effort in the protection, planting, growing and/or identification of wildflowers within the Deep South Region. **The same project is not eligible to win this award two consecutive years.**

## **21. Historic Trails Award (1991, revised 2001)**

*In Memory of Mrs. Charles H. Blanchard (Van),*

*Past President, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.*

*Donor: Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.*

A cash award of \$50 may be awarded annually in each class for a worthwhile project of lasting value involving a historic trail such as the Bartram Trail, The Natchez Trace, etc.

## **22. Intermediate Gardeners Award (1999)**

*In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Lowe*

*Donor: Deep South Region, NGC, Inc.*

Class A: An annual cash award of \$50 may be awarded to the Overall Winner in the Intermediate Garden Club Award sponsored by a garden club in the region for an outstanding project or program worthy of recognition.

Class B: An annual cash award of \$50 may be awarded to a State Garden Club registering the greatest number of Intermediate Gardeners with the DSR Chairman as of three weeks before the Deep South Regional Convention. (Established procedure for organizing Intermediate Gardeners must be observed.) The award to be calculated on a percentage basis of state membership dues paid to NGC as of October 31. Not applied for.

## **23. Conservation Award (1994)**

*In Honor of Mrs. Noel T. Cumbaa (Eloise)*

*DS Regional Director 1991-1993*

*Donor: The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.*

An annual cash award of \$25 may be awarded to the Overall garden club winner for the most outstanding conservation project using “NATIVE” and/or “TOUGH” plants. The project may be started at any time but must be completed within the award year in which the application is submitted.

## 24. Deep South Garden Club of the Year

A certificate may be awarded annually to a garden club that excels in the following categories: membership increase, service to members, club programs, projects, members attending club, district, and state meetings and/or sponsored programs. The garden club shall produce substantiating evidence of the club's accomplishments in the stated categories in the Scale of Points. Place typed information in a theme binder for protection. **A Book of Evidence is required.**

### Scale of Points

Membership increase for 1 year	20
Number of members Jan.1 _____	
Number of members Dec. 31 _____	
If membership is limited, what number? _____	
Service	10
Continuing service provided by club for members	
Communications (describe briefly)	
Other (describe briefly)	
Club Programs (number _____)	20
Horticulture _____ Design _____	
Environmental Concerns _____	
Special and/or Regional projects _____	
Members presenting programs/ workshops _____	
Describe briefly (include copy of yearbook page showing programs)	
Club Representation	20
Average attendance at garden club meetings _____	
Number attending Spring/.Fall district meetings _____	
Number attending environmental or other State Programs _____	
The following are not required but will be a bonus in case of a tie:	
Members attending State Convention _____	
Members attending Deep South Regional Convention _____	
Members attending National Convention _____	
Club Project	20
Describe briefly on one page. Two photos may be included on a second page.	
Club Finances – Funding club activities	10
Fundraisers (describe briefly) Number _____	
Amount \$ _____	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## **25. Arbor Day Award (2000)**

A certificate may be awarded annually to a garden club or group of garden clubs for the most comprehensive program celebrating Arbor Day.

## **26. Deep South Region Life Membership Award (2001)**

A certificate will be awarded to the State Garden Club with the greatest per capita increase in Deep South Region Life Memberships from March 1 to March 1. Winner will be determined by the Deep South Region Life Membership Chairman. Not Applied For.

## **27. Roadside Beautification Award (2007)**

*Donor: Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.*

A certificate and cash award of \$25 may be awarded for the most outstanding Roadside Beautification project in each class. The beautification project may be continuous, but must have reached an advanced degree of completion in the year of application. **This award may be given only once for the same project.**

## **28. Deep South Region Mentor of the Year (2010)**

In Honor of Phyllis J. Wood

Donor: Deep South Region, NGC

An Award may be given to an outstanding Mentor, who as a DSR garden club member is an individual that often goes above the call of normal garden club duties, assignments and/or activities, one who is known as a loyal member that is always available as a willing adviser giving invaluable assistance and/or support to garden club officers and members across their state and the DSR.

A DSR garden club member may be nominated by any DSR garden club member in the nominee's state by submitting a **Book of Evidence of up to four pages, front and back, detailing how the nominated individual has been a Mentor in garden club work within the state.** Up to three actual photographs or media pictures may be included in the book. Send to your state's Awards Chairman by their deadline. Each State Garden Club shall select one of the nominees to submit to the DSR Awards Chairman by the DSR deadline. An overall DSR winner shall be selected from those submitted by the State Garden Clubs within the DSR.

## **29. Flower Show Schedule (2011)**

*Donor: Gina V. Jogan, NGC Master Judge and Instructor*

A certificate and an annual cash award of \$50.00 may be awarded to the garden club, council or group of garden clubs submitting the highest scoring schedule for a Standard or Small Standard Flower Show, including General or Specialized. Use standard DSR Award Application. Include 2 copies of schedule. Refer to Rules and Requirements as published in *Handbook for Flower Shows*, current edition.

## **30. Small Standard Flower Show (2011)**

*In Honor of Bonnie T. Borne*

*DS Regional Director 2003-2005*

*Donor: Mississippi Flower Show Judges' Council*

A certificate and an annual cash award of \$50.00 may be awarded to the garden club, council or group of garden clubs for the highest scoring flower show designated as a Small Standard Flower Show. Use standard DSR Award Application. Refer to Rules and Requirements as published in *Handbook for Flower Shows*, current edition for preparing Book of Evidence. Special Exhibit Division is optional, with no extra points.

## **31. NGC Publicity Press Book**

Certificates may be awarded to winning Books of Evidence exhibiting quality, quantity and diversity of coverage in the print media promoting garden clubs and NGC goals and objectives.

Deadline: to State Chairman by their deadline; first place winners in each category sent to Region by February 23; first place books in each category sent to NGC by March 23.

Categories:

- A. Single member garden club
  - 1. Small Club: under 29 members
  - 2. Medium Club: 30 - 99 members
  - 3. Large Club: over 100 members
- B. Group of member clubs, councils, districts
- C. Affiliated Garden Center



never been a member of NGC Board of Directors, including State Presidents. **A Book of Evidence is required.**

Entries are submitted to State Awards Chairman by January 1. (See Award's full details at [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)). State Awards Chairman forwards one entry to Regional Awards Chairman by February 1. Region forwards one entry to NGC Member Award of Honor Chairman by February 20. The eight Regional winners will receive a NGC certificate and be recognized in *The National Gardener*.

### **33. Yearbooks** (budgets no longer needed)

#### **A. (Clubs) Yearbooks for State Garden Club**

A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for outstanding yearbooks in each of the following categories, determined by number of members, including Life Members, on whom NGC dues are paid. Yearbooks may be accepted for competition on the calendar year or the club year (the same yearbook may be submitted only one time in awards year). No envelope necessary. State Awards Chairman submits Yearbook winners in each category to DSR Awards Chairman. DSR Awards Chairman sends name of winning entries in each category to NGC Awards Committee Member.

#### A. Single member garden club

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 - A**

<u>Format</u>	<u>15</u>
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.

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, 40  
give brief word description (lecture, slides, demonstration, hands-on workshop)
  - 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)

1. List Continuing and New Participating Projects 15
2. Give brief word description of projects: location, how others 20  
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)

**TOTAL 100**

**B. Yearbook** (Group of Member Clubs, Council, District,)

B: Group of member clubs, council, district

**SCALE OF POINTS - B**

- A. Book Structure 10  
Practicability, durability, neatness  
Cover to include: name of organization, state, year, design optional  
Title page: number of clubs, affiliation including NGC, region, state, other.  
Table of Contents, name & address NCG president, regional director, state president  
If permanent type binder is used, substitute paper cover for competition including required information and so note
- B. Organizational Information 30  
Organization officers and committee chairmen, including club affiliation.  
Calendar of events including meeting dates, programs, projects, national/ regional/state conventions, schools.  
Bylaws, policies, objectives
- C. Projects and Programs 40

1. List projects as continuing or new, including name of chairman and location/description of project; state if project is fundraiser
2. List meetings, including date, time and place of meeting; theme; program and speaker; workshop; tour; social activity, etc.

D. Member Club Information 20  
 List of member clubs, including club president names and meeting dates;  
 list total number of dues-paying members

**TOTAL 100**

**D. Yearbooks for State Garden Club**

- D. State Garden Club Yearbooks  
 1. With Advertisements 2. Without Advertisements

**SCALE OF POINTS - D**

A. Book Structure 10

Practicability, durability, neatness  
 Cover to include: name of state garden club, state, year, design optional  
 Title page: total membership, number of clubs, affiliation including  
 NGC, region, other  
 Table of Contents and/or Index. Names & addresses of NCG President,  
 Region Director (their themes and projects are optional)  
 If permanent type binder is used, substitute paper cover for competition  
 including required information and so note

B. State Information (in order most useful to members) 30

Names & addresses of state officers, committee chairmen,  
 district directors (if any)  
 Business office information and services offered (if any), policies and dues  
 Calendar of events including meeting dates,  
 schools, national/regional/state/district conventions, workshops  
 Brief history, state awards information (if applicable), and information  
 on submitting articles or advertisements to state  
 publication (if applicable)  
 Optional information: bylaws, objectives, former presidents, guidelines/duties  
 of chairmen, lists of NGC consultants and judges, NGC and regional awards  
 information and guidelines to enter and/or to judge, how to federate a new club,  
 conservation list/s, membership ideas, fund raising help

C. Projects 40

1. List projects as continuing or new, including name of chairman and location/description of project
2. NGC sponsored schools and course information

D. Member Club Information 20

Roster: name and address of club president  
 (choice of alphabetical, by district, etc)  
 Youth Garden Clubs, Affiliates and Plant Societies  
 Optional information: total number of dues-paying members,  
 year federated with state

**TOTAL 100**

**E. Yearbooks for Clubs/Councils of Judges or Consultants**

**E. Judges/Consultants Yearbooks**

**SCALE OF POINTS - E**

- A. Book Structure 10**  
Practical, durable, neat  
Cover to include: 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 NCG president, regional director, and state president  
Subsequent pages in any order most useful to members
- B. Organizational Information 25**  
Officers and committee chairmen (club affiliations optional)  
Calendar of events including national/regional/state conventions, schools, special events  
Policies, objectives (bylaws, history are optional)
- C. Member Information 25**  
Membership roster with complete addresses, telephone numbers (status, refresher dates, club affiliations optional)
- D. Projects and Programs 40**  
1. List projects as continuing or new, including name of chairman and location/description of project, sponsored courses, donations  
2. List meetings, including date, time and place of meeting; title of program, speaker with brief qualifications; workshops; tours; etc

**TOTAL 100**