



GCM Awards Application 2017-2019

Award #: 35

Award Name: Memorial Garden or Planting

Submitted by: Greenwood Garden Club

Number of members in club: 71

[Enter name exactly as it should appear on any award received] (Must agree with state dues)

Check one: Club Council Individual Plant Society

Date: 11-26-2018

District Hills & Delta

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- Application form is limited to three printed pages, – front of pages only. (No report cover or binders allowed. No plastic sheets allowed).
- Application form will not be returned. (Exceptions: publication (books), CD/DVD). Copy entry for your files.
- Application form must be in the hands of proper chairman (mail or electronically) by December 1, unless otherwise stated. Check with specific award chairman regarding emailing application.

State Awards Chairman: Sandra McCaulla, 5276 Carrollton Rd., Grenada, MS 38901; 662-417-5623,
flower@elizabeth.lib.ms.us

Please complete each topic, if applicable. Use numbering as below when completing form.

1. New project: Yes No Beginning date: 3-2018 Completion date: 7-2018

2. Brief summary and objectives of project:

In July of 2017 a US military C-130 crashed into a field in Leflore County, just north of Greenwood, MS. The crash took the lives of 16 US servicemen, 15 Marines and one Navy Corpsman. The aircraft was moving personnel and equipment from North Carolina to a western base to train before deploying. Six marines and the sailor were members of the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion, based in Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, NC. They were part of a Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command and were traveling to the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, AZ for pre-deployment training. The tragic event impacted the entire community of Greenwood. Many Greenwood citizens helped in some way with the recovery mission, from feeding the over 300 marines brought in to investigate and clear the wreckage, to helping with housing, transportation, and helping to meet any needs brought to the community's attention.

Several months after the event, citizens in Greenwood felt it was important to create a memorial in honor of all the fallen soldiers. The plan was made, in conjunction with the US Marine Corp, to build a memorial located on HWY 82 at the Emergency Food & Shelter Building which was used as the home base for all recovery efforts. The plan also included a 1-year anniversary dedication of the site, involving many Marine personnel as well as the families of all the victims. The Greenwood Garden Club was contacted to assist with the landscaping of the memorial. We were chosen to be the only Garden Club in Greenwood to participate in the event.

3. Involvement of club members, other organizations, etc.:

Several Club members, one of which is a certified landscape designer, worked with the local architect to develop a plan for the landscape that would highlight the memorial site. Greenwood Garden Club was trusted to choose plant material that would highlight the hardscape design, but also be hardy for long term growth since the area was in full sun with no shade for protection. It was decided to use 5 Crepe Myrtles, the Acoma variety which will grow to be 6' to 10' tall and will also do well with full sun.

4. Project expenses and means of funding:

Greenwood Garden Club worked with local landscape company to purchase these trees, as well as soil conditioner and mulch, at a discounted price. Greenwood Garden Club provided all funding, total approximately \$500.00. GGC also paid approximately \$200.00 for flowers provided for the dinner preceding the memorial on Friday, July 13th to welcome the Marines as well as the victim's families to the Greenwood area. These flowers were arranged by several Garden Club Members from across the State of MS.

5. Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance:

Several Greenwood Garden Club members attended the memorial service on July 14th, 2018. Several members also adopted families and served as hosts throughout the weekend of events. GGC members will continue to monitor the growth of the trees. The Leflore County Board of Supervisors has also agreed to provide continuous water and maintenance of the site.

6. Attach or insert photos, digital photos, and/or landscape plan (does not need to be professionally drawn).

Architectural drawing of the design plan



Proposed Memorial to the Marines and Corpsman of Yanky 72

The memorial will consist of a slightly elevated circular paved area surrounding the planform of a C-130, oriented to the last known heading of Yanky 72. A red tile border will surround the aircraft. A cast aluminum marker bearing details of the incident will be mounted in the center of the circle, and three flag poles will be located behind the pavement. The adjacent building served as the Emergency Operations Center for all assets deployed in the search and recovery operation.



Greenwood Garden Club Members working with Leflore County to plant the trees



Pictures during the memorial service 7/14/2018 showing the trees



Marin Corp League Distinguished Service Award presented to the Greenwood Garden Club

