

APPLYING FOR AWARDS (6/23/22)

Books of Evidence as we have previously used for awards will continue for Publicity Press Books, Flower Show Achievement Awards, and a few others as noted in this directory. The rules and procedures are listed below. Read carefully because your state chairmen will only be able to consider award applications that are submitted in the correct format. Descriptions of individual awards are available in the President's Packet and on the GCM Website. **PLEASE KEEP THIS DOCUMENT FOR REFERENCE.** Remember that some awards vary from year to year. Most awards will be presented at the annual State Convention. There are also District Awards that will be presented at the respective Fall District Meetings. Those who receive NGC awards will be given their awards at the Spring District Workshops. If additional information regarding award applications is needed, please contact the State Awards Chairman, **Debby Cooper, 204 W. Park Ave., Greenwood, MS 38930 (662-299-8573), coopcooper@aol.com** or the designated state chairman. Additions/corrections will be posted on the GCM website as needed and/or electronically distributed.

These websites may provide additional information:

Garden Clubs of MS	www.gardenclubsofmississippi.com
Deep South Garden Clubs	www.deepsouthgardenclubs.com
National Garden Clubs	www.gardenclub.org

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL AWARDS

1. **AWARDS YEAR:** Any project, which meets the awards criteria, is eligible if completed during the awards year, including last year's work if completed this awards year. The awards year is January 1st – December 31st. Club year is defined as June 1st – May 31st. If Award work occurred between December 1 – 31st, submit for next Award Year.

2. **DEADLINES:** All award applications must be received by the appropriate state chairman, as listed with the awards, by the designated deadline (exceptions will be noted in the award descriptions). After receiving award applications, each State chairman will forward ALL scored applications to the State Awards Chairman no later than December 15th unless otherwise noted in award description. Deadlines are:

October 1–	Yearbook
October 1 –	Special Awards State #19 & #20 (Must submit before Advisory Council meets)
December 1–	All awards not otherwise designated in award description
December 1–	ALL Flower Shows, immediately after show and no later than Dec. 1, except Nov. or Dec. Holiday Shows
December 1-	Youth Essay, Poetry, and Sculpture Contests; Youth awards and Youth yearbooks
December 15-	Holiday Flower show (applies to a Nov. or Dec. Holiday Show)
January 15 –	Press Books
January 25 --	Youth Poster Entries
February 1 –	Special Award No. 39 (Send to State President, NOT Special Awards Chairman)

3. **ELIGIBILITY: PLEASE NOTE** - Only clubs, councils, etc., that are members in good standing (state dues paid for all members to GCM by July 1) of The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc., are eligible to apply for awards. If a club size category is designated for an award, your award application will be judged according to the number of members on whom GCM dues were paid. You must have had an active membership when the project applied for took place. Junior, Intermediate and High School clubs, sponsored by an eligible adult club, may apply for awards offered. In award descriptions, State refers to The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc., or GCM, National Garden Clubs, Inc. is referred to as NGC, and Deep South Garden Clubs is referred to as DSGC. **Clubs and Councils may only apply for GCM awards.** Only the State Awards Committee determines if applications are advanced to DSGC and NGC.

- **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. Sizes are:
 - i. Small Club: 29 members and under
 - ii. Medium Club: 30-59 members
 - iii. Large Club: 60-99 members
 - iv. Ex-Large Club: 100 members+
 - v. (If award permits groups of clubs, councils etc. to apply)

Awards will be given in each named category with an overall winner chosen from all categories first place winners.

4. **APPLICATION FORMS:** All award applications must be on an official application form. An Award application form is in the current Club President's Kit and on the GCM website. All Flower Show award applications must be made 60 days in advance of the actual flower show. Request forms directly from the State Flower Show Chairman and enclose a stamped return envelope. The application form contains topics to be addressed along with any supporting photographs.

- There is a three (3) page limit, using only the front of the page. The application form is in addition to the three (3) page limit.
- Applications will not be returned.
- ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS ARE REQUIRED.
- Forms are available on the GCM website, www.gardenclubsofmississippi.com, in the President's Kit, and from the GCM Awards Chairman.
- This application form should not be used for Awards of Excellence or Flower Show Achievement Awards.

5. **PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING:**

- Complete the application form. Submit the original form (3 pages, only) and one additional copy to the proper chairman by deadline that applies to that award.
- Keep one copy for your records.
- **YEARBOOKS** – Complete the necessary information on the GCM 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).
- **PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS** – Complete the necessary information on the GCM Application Form. Do not answer the questions. Prepare a Book of Evidence. No limit on number of pages. Submit to Publicity Press Book Chairman by January 15.
- **EXCEPTIONS** – State No. 15 and State No. 66 - Submit articles in binder. Complete the necessary information on the GCM Application Form. Do not answer the questions. No limit on number of pages.

6. **SCALE OF POINTS FOR ALL GCM AWARDS:** (EXCEPTIONS: Yearbooks, Flower Show Achievement Awards, Publicity Press Books, others as noted).

Presentation 5 pts. – neat, concise, includes all required information on the GCM 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 of Documentation 15 pts. – supporting data (as applicable); clear and well labeled before and 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 of articles are permitted.

TOTAL: 100 POINTS

Please note that when the same project is eligible for various awards, submitting the EXACT same award application is not acceptable.

******Exception****Awards #31, 34, 46, 76 listed under Special Awards**

FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

Sponsoring a Standard Flower Show is an excellent way for Garden Clubs to realize their goals as a garden club. Flower shows educate both club members and the public in horticulture, floral design, and National Garden Club objectives. Flower shows also provide a creative artistic outlet for club members.

A successful Standard Flower Show is planned well in advance of the show date. The **CURRENT Handbook for Flower Shows** contains all the information you need to put on a successful show. A club can apply for one or more of the many flower show awards that Mississippi offers. All state flower show awards are listed on the Garden Clubs of Mississippi website, gardenclubsofmississippi.com, (under FORMS, then click GCM AWARDS for the list). When your club decides which type of flower show you want to have, write a schedule. Then, during the club year have workshops or speakers to help educate the members on

the horticulture and designs you will be exhibiting. If your club plans to apply for a Flower Show Award, you must send in an application 60 days before the show date to the State Flower Show Awards Chairman as listed in the current directory. The application form can be found on the GCM website, in your President's Packet or requested from the State Flower Show Awards Chairman.

You can send the application by mail or e-mail. Please call if you have any questions.

Pattie Smith, Flower Show Awards Chairman, 542 Northwoods Dr., Grenada, MS 38901
(662-229-8024) nabersgirl@icloud.com

2021—2023 AWARDS

ACHIEVEMENT

Send to: Debby Cooper, 204 W. Park Ave., Greenwood, MS 38930 (662-299-8573) coopcooper@aol.com

State No. 5 – Outstanding Achievement - A certificate may be awarded for an especially outstanding achievement in garden club work by a club, group of clubs, or individual, not covered by another award.

State No. 74 – Garden Club of the Year

The winner of “Outstanding Garden Club” in each District is eligible to be considered for this award.

A cash award of \$100.00 may be awarded annually to a member garden club in the State which excels in the following categories: 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 during the garden club year (June 1-May 31) in the stated categories in the Scale of Points. Place typed information in a theme binder for protection. **A Book of Evidence is required, up to six pages, front and back.** The State winner of this award shall be forwarded to the DSGC Awards Chairman by their **January deadline** to be considered for DS #24, Deep South Garden Club of the Year Award.

SCALE OF POINTS

SERVICE	10 pts
Continuing service provided by club for members	
Communications (Describe briefly)	
Other (Describe Briefly)	
CLUB PROGRAMS (Number _____)	30 pts
Horticulture _____ Design _____	
Environmental Concerns _____	
Special and/or Regional Project _____	
Member presenting programs/workshops _____	
Describe briefly (include yearbook page copy showing programs)	
CLUB REPRESENTATION	20 pts
Average attendance at garden club meetings _____	
Number attending Spring/Fall district meetings _____	
Number attending environmental and other State Programs _____	
Members attending State Convention _____	
Members attending Deep South Garden Clubs Convention _____	
Members attending National Convention _____	
CLUB PROJECT(S)	30 pts
Describe briefly on one page; two photos may be included on second page.	
CLUB FINANCE- Funding club activities	10 pts
Fundraisers (Describe briefly) Number _____	
Amount \$ _____	
TOTAL	100 pts

ADOPT-A-PARK

Send to: Marsha Barber, 17875 Hwy. 465, Vicksburg, MS 39183 (601-618-0864) marshadbarber@aol.com

State No 62 – Adopt-A-Park - Awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council for the establishment of city, mini, pocket, or subdivision parks, and/or to enhance specific areas in existing parks.

ARBOR DAY/TREES

Send to: Ann Godwin, 2730 Northplace Dr., Tupelo, MS 38804 (662-842-3505) abgodwin@comcast.net

State No. 43 – Arbor Day-(A) Member club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council. May be awarded for outstanding work in recognition of Arbor Day.

State No. 65 – Tree Planting - May be awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council for the most outstanding tree planting project. Emphasis to be on low maintenance, quality trees suitable to local climate and ecological condition. Project may be started at any time but must be completed within the award year in which application is made. Scale of points same as Deep South No. 9.

BACKYARD HABITAT and BIRDS

Send to: Phyllis Adams, P. O. Box 74, Cary, MS 39054 (662-822-8044) phyllis.harris1948@gmail.com

State No. 68 - Backyard Wildlife Habitat - Awarded to a garden club which shows the greatest percentage of its members with Backyard Wildlife Habitats. Consideration will be given to the following: photos of members in an area of his/her habitat, summarized descriptions of unique features of various habitats, including provision for food and water, places for cover from weather and predators, and breeding areas provided.

State No. 42 - Carrie Avent Bird Award - Three awards, one each for adult club, youth club, and a council may be awarded for conducting the most comprehensive and effective bird program/ project. Considerations include Award Application Presentation, Membership Participation, Protection and Care of birds, Quality of programs or projects, and Community involvement

WG-1 – May be awarded annually to a garden club with the most notable project or projects educating the public on the benefits of gardening for wildlife. Extra points will be given for originality and new ideas. Club size will be taken into consideration when judging, so please include the number of members in the club, the percentage of member participation (with the names of member participants), and the approximate number of people educated and how they were notified of the project.

WG-2 – May be awarded annually to a garden club establishing a wildlife garden or gardens at a public place or places, to include signage to educate the public on how to garden for wildlife and the benefits of doing so. Extra points will be given for articles published in newspapers and periodicals on the project. Club size will be taken into consideration when judging, so please include the number of members in the club, the percentage of member participation (with the names of member participants), and the approximate number of people educated and how they were notified of the project.

Scale of Points for WG-1 and WG-2:

Presentation: 5; Achievement 40; Participation-Club15; Community Involvement 30; Record or Documentation10; and1-10 bonus points for emphasized project qualities, as listed in each award description

BLUE STAR and/or GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIALS

Send to: Nancy Moore, P. O. Box 116, Decatur, MS 39327-0116 (601-635-3160) (C 601-417-3450) jm Moore@decaturtel.net

State No. 81 – Blue Star and/or Gold Star Families Memorial – First, Second and Third Place awards may be given to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) council for the establishment of a Blue Star or Gold Star Families Memorial Marker. Consideration will be given to money-raising efforts, club participation, publicity, dedication events, and overall appearance of finished project. Awards may be given for a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker, Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker, Blue Star Memorial Marker, or Gold Star Families Memorial Marker.

BUTTERFLIES

Send to: Gale Moore, 77 Lakefront Dr., Grenada, MS 38901 (662-417-6198) mogirl03@gmail.com

State No. 23 – Butterfly Conservation - (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council. Awarded for conducting most comprehensive and effective butterfly program/project.

State No. 93 - Pollinator Garden Award – May be awarded to a Club Member or Member Club including a \$50.00 cash award given by Gale Moore for a newly established Pollinator Garden(s) in their community. Special Emphasis on the use of native plants. Consideration for water source, sunny location, accessible to community and continuous bloom. Please include before and after Photos.

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT

Send to: Patricia Weathersby, 131 Rosemont Loop, Oxford, MS 38632 (662-299-8114) Weathersbypatricia53@gmail.com

State No. 1 – Civic Achievement – Awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council for any project of a permanent nature significantly improving a town and/or countryside. Consideration will be given to club's role in research and reasons for selection/need, length of project, what goals were set, how obstacles were overcome, improvements achieved, and benefits to community.

CLUB PROGRAMS (VIDEO OR DVD)

Send to: Lynette Fulton, 3 Katyford Dr., Laurel, MS 39443 (601-335-1440) fultonlynette@yahoo.com

State No. 17 – Club Programs (video, CD, DVD or FLASH DRIVE) - Awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council which contributes the best Video, CD, DVD or Flash drive to the state club program file.

CONSERVATION

Send to: Jayne Cooper, 1505 Lakeview Dr., Laurel, MS 39440 (601-649-7334) (C 601-422-9910) jrcooper5@bellsouth.net

State No. 4 - Conservation Award - May be awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council for a worthy conservation project of a permanent nature.

State No. 72 – Eloise Cumbaa Conservation Award - Maybe awarded annually to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council for the most outstanding conservation project using NATIVE and/or "TOUGH" PLANTS". Project may be started at any time but must be completed within the award year in which application is made. Consideration to appropriateness of plant material, quality of project, member participation and community involvement.

DISTRICT AWARDS

No application required for District Awards. District Awards are based on the Club President's Annual Report which MUST be received by club's District Director by June 1. The winners do not necessarily score the most points, but they are based on participation in GCM activities, programs and projects as outlined in Club President's Annual Report.

"Outstanding Garden Club in District" – First Place and Second Place Certificates of Achievement may be presented at the respective Fall District Meetings to the top two clubs which achieve the most in all phases of garden club work as per information submitted on the Club President's Annual Report forms. To be considered for this award, clubs must fulfill the Honor Roll requirements. No club may win First Place in District competition two years consecutively. ***First Place winner are eligible to apply for State Award # 74 "Garden Club of the Year"***. The award Certificates of Achievement for "Outstanding Garden Club in District" will have either a First Place (Blue) or a Second Place (Red) ribbon attached with a GCM Seal.

"Outstanding Horticulture Work by Club" – A District Award may be presented within each District at the Fall District Meetings. Judging to be based on the Club President's Annual Report forms. A Certificate of Achievement, with a Blue and a Gold ribbon attached with a GCM Seal, may be presented within each District to a club with the most outstanding emphasis on horticulture and/or horticulture project.

Certificates of Merit – Awarded to clubs at the discretion of the district's Director, based on the Club President's Annual Report forms, in recognition of their outstanding participation in the projects and programs of The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. They are presented at Fall District Meetings. (No ribbons or Corporate Seals on Certificates of Merit.)

NON-COMPETITIVE DONATION RECOGNITION

State Certificates of Appreciation may be awarded for monetary donations to projects/programs of The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. All donations accepted; no minimum required. To receive credit on your Club President's Annual Report for donations and to receive a certificate, ALL donations from clubs, councils, and/or individuals, for state projects/programs, must be sent to the appropriate state chairman or appropriate Treasurer by March 1. (See Board roster for correct addresses). Make checks payable to GCM and/or State Headquarters and designate for specific project/program. Those receiving donations (Chairmen/Treasurers) must mail these donations, postmarked no later than April 1, to the GCM Treasurer. Otherwise, the donations cannot be credited for the current club year, and no certificates for monetary donations may be given for that club year. No application required (based on official records).

Certificates presented at the respective Fall District Meetings for donations to the following:

1. Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorials— (Send to Chairman Nancy Moore)
2. Wildflower Fund— (Send to Chairman Jean Taylor)
3. Governor's Mansion Landscape Fund (Send to Chairman Carmel Lopez-Lampton)
4. Habitat for Humanity— (Send to Chairman Paula Grayson)
5. MSU Horticulture Summer Camp Scholarship— (Send to Chairman Elaine Thompson)
6. Lanoux Youth Nature Camp— (Send to Coordinator Allison Ashmore)
7. Mississippi State University Scholarship Fund— (Send to Chairman Ann Chiles)
8. Natural Disasters USA— (Send to Chairman Suzanne Ross)
9. Garden Therapy—MS State Hospital— (Send to Chairman Andrea Michael)
10. Botanic Gardens—Crosby Arboretum— (Send to Chairman Darlene Underwood)
11. Penny Pines—(Send to Chairman Pat Crouse)
12. Magnolia Gardens—(Send to Chairman Pat Rutledge)-Checks payable to Magnolia Gardens

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Send to: Joan Alliston, 444 Busick Well Rd., Brandon, MS 39042 (601-825-4074) joanalliston@hotmail.com (Exceptions noted below)

State No. 58 – Environmental Education Awards. - Three awards, one each for adult club, youth club, and a council, may be awarded for conducting the most comprehensive and effective Environmental Education Program.

State No. 71 – Air Quality

Send to: Carol Knight, P. O. Box 328, Marks, MS 38646 (662-934-8231) quitmancodemocrat@att.net

Three awards, one each for adult club, youth club, and a council, may be awarded for conducting the most comprehensive and effective activity of Air Quality.

State No. 59 – Energy Awareness Award

Send to: Cyndi Long, 103 E. Market St., Greenwood, MS 38930 (901-463-0433) clong@aercap.com

Three awards, one each for adult club, youth club, and a council, may be awarded for conducting the most comprehensive and effective Energy Awareness Program.

EC-6 Water. Awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council which has sponsored the most outstanding project with an emphasis on water conservation and/or clean water.

EC-7 Organic Gardening Practices. Awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council for the most outstanding project emphasizing and employing the use of organic materials and methods in a gardening project, or educational activity.

FOOD GARDENING (Including HERB/ORGANIC)

Send to: Sassy Mauldin, 965 Gates St., Hernando, MS 38632 (662-647-9471) yayamauldin@gmail.com

State No. 60 Food Gardening. Awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council which has demonstrated, through its programs and activities, the significance and importance of food (including herbs) gardening. A \$25.00 cash award may be given to the overall winner. (Donated by Dorian Rogers-Heindl)

CS-4 – Food Bank Donations. Awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council for donating the largest quantity of freshly-grown food to a food bank, pantry or other organization providing food to those in need in a community.

G-2 -Edible Gardening. Awarded to (A) Individual GCM Member and (B) GCM Member Club for the most outstanding garden of edibles, (fruits, vegetable, edible flowers).

G-2 A-Garden of Edibles grown by a GCM Member

G-2 B-Garden incorporating edibles in an ornamental landscape grown by a GCM Member

G-2 C-Garden of Edibles grown by a GCM Member Club

G-2 D-Garden incorporating edibles in an ornamental landscape grown by a GCM Member Club.

GARDEN EDUCATION CENTER

Send to: Shirley Lynchard, 1965 Hwy. 82 West, Greenville, MS 38701 (662-378-5888) (C 662-820-9692)
shirleylynchard@yahoo.com

State No. 2 – Garden Education Center. May be awarded for Garden Education Center maintained by one or more member clubs, which in proportion to size has performed the greatest service to the community. A Garden Education Center's main objective are to educate the public, dispense information, and library source information. For (1) Mini-Center without a building; (2) Garden Education Center owned or rented by the member club.

GARDEN PILGRIMAGE

Send to: Tamara Scales, 410 B. St., Natchez, MS 39120 (615-339-4417) tamaranscales@gmail.com

State No. 10A – Garden Pilgrimage Recognition (Without Charge). First, Second, and Third Place may be awarded for a garden club or group of clubs sponsoring a GARDEN Pilgrimage which is open to the public WITHOUT charge. Awards will be given in the following population groups (1) communities under 5,000; (2) communities 5,000 to 30,000, and (3) communities over 30,000. Consideration will be given to publicity, originality of garden tour theme, interesting plant material in garden, items of public interest in garden, etc.

State No. 10B – Garden Pilgrimage Recognition (With Charge). First, Second, and Third Place may be awarded for a garden club or group of clubs sponsoring a GARDEN Pilgrimage with an admission charge in the following population groups: (1) under 5,000; (2) 5,000 to 30,000; and (3) over 30,000.

GARDEN THERAPY

Send to: Andrea Michael, 5729 River Pointe Dr., Southaven, MS 38671 (901-634-0904) Amichael1981@yahoo.com

State No. 16 – Garden Therapy Program. Awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council or individual for sponsoring an outstanding program of garden therapy where physically challenged or learning disabled, and/or shut-ins have received noteworthy benefit. Consideration will be given to cooperation between club and institution, number of persons reached and value to the handicapped.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Send to: Joan Alliston, 444 Busick Well Rd., Brandon, MS 39042 (601-825-4074) joanalliston@hotmail.com

State No. 38 – Historic Preservation.

- A. May be awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council for a historic preservation project such as the restoration of a park, a building and/or garden of importance to local, state or national heritage.
- B. May be awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council for the tasteful decoration of a historic building/house/mansion. Decorations are not required to be of the period of the building, but should be creative, distinctive, and harmonize with the building style. Designer's choice of all materials within the purview of curator, official or owner of the building.

HORTICULTURE

Send to: Margaret Fancher, 619 Van Buren Ave., Oxford, MS 38655 (662-234-1359, C. 662-701-9604)
fancherm@bellsouth.net

State No. 25 – Excellence in Horticulture Education. May be awarded to an accredited plant society or to an individual for excellence in horticulture, interpreted as outstanding service, development of new hybrids, achievement in plant research or disease control, and/or education in any of these fields.

State No. 26 – Individual Excellence in Horticulture. May be awarded to a member of a garden club for outstanding personal effort and distinguished service promoting horticulture or for one who has helped in the conspicuous advancement of a plant.

State No. 67 –Gay Austin Award for Outstanding Horticultural Activities. May be awarded annually to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council, including a \$100.00 cash award given by the Austin family for the most outstanding activities in

the field of horticulture. The award is given to promote planned gardening activities and the study of horticulture by club members. Membership participation to be emphasized. Summary outlining year's plan, activities to implement plan, goal and results should be included in description of project.

G-1 Container Gardening. May be awarded for the most outstanding container or containers of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, or a combination thereof. G-1 A-Singe container grown by a GCM Member, G-1 B-Multiple containers in one location grown by a GCM Member, G-1 C-Single container grown by a GCM Club, G-1 D-Multiple containers in one location grown by a GCM Club.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Send to: Marty DeBolt, P. O. Box 525, Columbia, MS 39429 (601-596-4670) deboltmartha@yahoo.com

State No. 18-A. School Grounds Improvement. May be awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council for beautification and improvement of the grounds of any school building (old or new).

State No. 18-B. Edward C. Martin Award for Education in Landscape Design. May be awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council for the most comprehensive and effective program of education in this field. Application will be judged on accomplishments in successfully informing their members on good landscape practice and the benefit realized in following the principles of landscape design in developing layouts for home grounds, parks, roadsides, communities, and cities.

State No. 18-C. Lillie Brown Landscape Award. May be awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council that has promoted the planning and/or planting of city community property, other than school grounds, or for a church or synagogue garden. The appropriateness of the plan and planting rather than size of property are the criterion. A blueprint or sketch of the plan, including proportions and materials used, together with photographs, must accompany the application (Scale of Points same as State No. 63-Church Gardens)

State No. 18-D. Mississippi Tri-Consultants' Council. A \$20.00 cash award may be given to a club, council, or group of clubs with the best-completed landscape project in their community. Landscape project to be choice of applicant. Emphasis must be placed on ease of maintenance. Application to include landscape plan, plant list, photographs – before and after – proving completion and expenses.

LANDSCAPE AWARD FOR THE ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED

Send to: Paula Grayson, 3660 Melda Drive, Lauderdale, MS 39335 (601-632-1523) paulaggrayson@gmail.com

State No. 18-E Landscape Award for the Economically Challenged (formerly Habitat for Humanity) May be awarded to (A) Member club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council with a cash prize of \$200.00 for first place, \$150.00 for second place and \$100.00 for third place for the best completed *Economically Challenged landscape project. Emphasis shall be on ease of maintenance, choice of enduring plant materials, and overall results from start to finish. Project must be completed in award year. Youth and/or community group involvement is encouraged. Photographic documentation, expense accounting (including donations) must be included. *an individual homeowner or for Government Housing, playground or common areas in a low income housing community. Or to rebuild/repair a home landscape, playground, etc. of economically challenged areas after a disaster. Or a Habitat for Humanity home.

Judging is based on the following Scale of Points:

Benefits and visibility in the community	35
Impact and scope of the project	20
Involvement and participation by club members	15
Emphasis on live plant material	15
Collaboration with other community groups	<u>15</u>
	100

LITTER CONTROL/RECYCLING

Send to: Janis Koestler, 404 Pecan Blvd., Vicksburg, MS 39183 (601-630-6828) janiskoestler@ymail.com

State No. 21 – The P.M.B. Self Award. Awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council which excels in promoting cleanliness (including recycling) throughout the town; clean streets, well groomed parks, other public areas, and private property will be taken into consideration. Application must be accompanied by a full report of work done and publicity releases concerning anti-littering and/or recycling.

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman: Darlene Underwood, 21205 Windermere Ln., Kiln, MS 38655 (228-216-1366) darlene.underwood@att.net

State No. 30 – Membership Increase. Certificate to be awarded annually to the garden club showing the greatest percentage increase in paid memberships as of December 31. This award to be determined by Official State Membership Records. No Application required.

State No. 30-A. New Club Sponsor. To be awarded to a club sponsoring into federation a new club within the awards year. No application required

State No. 61 – Mary Lou Williams Award. A certificate may be awarded each year to the club that organizes a new club with the largest number of members. State membership records determine the winner. No application required.

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

Send to: Linda Holland, 164 Oak Acres Rd., Batesville, MS 38606 (662-458-1878) linda.holland40@gmail.com

State No. 70 – Garden Week. Presented to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council or District with the best promotion of National Garden Week. Consideration will be given to community awareness and educational value.

PLANT-IT-PINK

Send to: Martha Jo Venable, P. O. Box 35, Charleston MS 38962 (662-609-8231) thepugs@bellsouth.net

State No. 82 – Plant-It-Pink Landscape Award- A \$100.00 cash Breast Cancer Awareness Award sponsored by Diamondhead Garden Club in memory of all the women and families affected by breast cancer may be awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council that has completed the most outstanding “Plant-It-Pink” landscape project in their community. Emphasis must be placed on the selection of “PINK” flowers/plant materials. Application to include landscape plan, plant list, before and after photographs proving completion and expenses.

PUBLIC GARDENS - (CHURCH, HISTORIC, MEMORIAL)

Send to: Jean Tucker, 2018 Country Club Dr., Meridian, MS 39305-1005 (601-227-1005) jeantucker96@gmail.com

State No. 35 – Memorial Garden or Planting - May be awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council or individual member of a club, for establishing and completing a memorial garden OR memorial planting in their community during the current awards year. The program may have been continuous for a number of years but must have been completed during the current year.

State No. 63 – Church Gardens - May be awarded to an organization, a garden club or a group of garden clubs that has promoted the planning and/or planting of a church or synagogue garden. The fitness of the garden to meet the needs of the congregation, rather than the size, will be considered.

Send to: Betty Newman, 801 Country Place, Pearl, MS 39208 (601-936-7220) (c 601-594-6919) bettymiles@aol.com

State CG – Children’s Gardens - May be awarded to a garden club or a group of garden clubs for the establishment or improvement of an existing community or school garden which is focused on enhancing gardening education of children. Actual children involvement in the project is encouraged.

PUBLICITY PRESSBOOK

Send to: Jennifer Flautt, P. O. Box 75, Webb, MS 38966 (662-299-8219) j_flautt@yahoo.com

State No 13–Publicity Press Book. Awarded a club and/or council for its Press Book of “clippings” of publicity generated throughout the year in the following categories: small (up to 29 members); medium (30 to 99 members); large (100 and over members). Deadline to State Press Book Chairman is January 15; DSGC Publicity Chairman must receive state winner of each membership category by February 23.

- A. Publications for a large market: daily or no less than 4 times per week.
- B. Publications for a small to medium market: 3 times per week or less.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Entries must be submitted in a solid color folder with holes to firmly hold the pages: a theme-style binder 9” by 12” or 8 1/2” by 11”. All pages must be securely fastened to the binder, NO loose clippings and NO heavy scrapbooks or oversized portfolios will be accepted or judged.
2. Each cover must have label affixed stating the category as follows: FOR GARDEN CLUBS, Note category (Small, Medium, Large), Name and Number of Award, Name of Garden Club, city and state, DSGC, and name and address of person submitting Press Book; FOR COUNCILS: List name, location, and state.
3. THERE IS NO PAGE LIMIT. Plastic page protectors may be used. Material must consist only of newspaper, magazine, newsletter, notices or flyers for one-time event, or any printed publication clippings (Ex: the state or regional official publication, *The National Gardener*, etc.), with the name and date of publication over each article. Clear photocopies are permitted. Downloading of published newspaper articles from the Internet is permitted.
4. Clippings evenly cut. No loose clippings permitted.
5. No page numbering or Table of Contents needed. Affix contents in chronological order January 1 through December 31.
6. Each published item must contain the name of organization and/or individuals identified as a member of the organization. Underline first use of name of organization and/or member in each article.
7. Articles should include who, what, when, where etc. where applicable; publicity should relate to organization’s or individual’s projects and/or activities; promotion of GCM, DSGC or NGC objectives and goals.

Scale of Points for Publicity Press Books

Presentation	15 pts.	Meets all requirements, neatly presented
Quality	40 pts.	Articles well written, publicity related to projects or activities
Quantity	25 pts.	Articles for each month (take into consideration dark months), use of varied publications and media, magazines, newsletters, notices/flyers, journals, etc.
Diversity	20 pts.	Local, council, district, state, national, other
TOTAL	100 pts.	

Scale of Points for Pub-1 and Pub-2

Presentation (as applicable) 5 points. Application includes brief description of publication, club membership.

Achievement (as applicable) 65 points-educational, informative, accuracy, clarity of subject; quality of printing, photography, and/or graphics; coverage received; general appeal; **indicates that your organization is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.**

Promotes NGC Objectives-15 points

Record or Documentation (as applicable) 15 points-number of copies distributed/sold, how distributed, financial information: cost of publishing, price if sold, market seen.

PUB-1 Publications. Awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) club and (C) Group of Member Clubs (Council or District) in each category. For publications that are published at least three times per year under one-editorship or management. Notices and flyers for one-time events do not apply. Newsletters: submit only three sample issues and state number of issues per year. Printed publications or those prepared for electronic distribution are acceptable entries when submitted as HARD COPIES. No entries may be submitted electronically.

Categories:

1. Newsletter-one 8 ½ x 11” or one 8 ½ x 14” sheet of paper
2. Newsletter or Magazine of 3-12 pages
3. Newsletter, Magazine or Bulletin of 12-24 pages
4. Newsletter, Magazine or Bulletin over 24 pages

PUB-2 Publications. Awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council in each category. Notices and flyers for one-time events are not eligible. Printed publications or those prepared for electronic distribution are acceptable entries.

Categories:

1. Manuals, handbooks (examples: procedural, duties of officers, awards)
2. Educational (examples: environmental, landscape, gardening, horticulture therapy)
3. Horticulture, design (examples: judging, guide to exhibiting, floral design, mechanics)
4. History
5. Membership (examples: brochure, leaflet)
6. Calendars
7. Cookbooks
8. Other

MP-1 Garden Club Membership. Awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council for the most innovative activity or activities, or most outstanding effort, to increase public visibility; to increase club membership, or to make the public aware of the mission and activities of garden clubs; including membership brochures, leaflets, or any other publication used, as well as any publicity received. (Printed materials, materials for electronic publication and publicity may be attached in their entirety to the application and are not counted as part of the three-page limit). MP-1 A-Single member garden club-(i, ii, iii, iv), MP-2 B-Group of members clubs (council, district, etc.) (v).

Scale of Points

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

Achievement (65 points)-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 points)-size of club; involvement of members, community, professionals, youth, etc., as applicable.

Record of Documentation (15 points)-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.)

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICITY

Send to: Dixie Thornton, 1111 Case Rd., Wesson, MS 39191 (601-259-3445) dh.thornton@yahoo.com

State No. 41 – Radio and/or TV Programs. A certificate may be awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council or District for the best garden-oriented programming in the following categories:

- A. Radio – (1) A series of 13 programs
(2) Public Service Announcements (10, 20, 30, 60 seconds)
(3) Guest Appearances.
- B. Television –
(1) A series of programs on community access cable TV or public TV stations
(2) Public Service Announcements (10, 20, 30, 60 seconds)
(3) Guest Appearances.
- C. Best use of radio and/or television throughout the year to promote garden club objectives – (1) Radio; (2) Television (3) Radio and/or television combined.

State No. 64 – Public Relations. May be awarded annually to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council for accomplishments in garden club related activities with one or more nonmember groups or organizations in promoting good public relations. Competition to be based on 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 broaden the scope of public relations.

State No. 15 – Frances VanLandingham Stewart Award. A certificate and \$25.00 cash award for First Place may be awarded, and a Certificate for 2nd Place and 3rd Place to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council for special achievement in the field of publicity in the form of weekly, twice a month, monthly garden club column; limited to horticulture, floriculture, or any phase of garden club interest. May be published in city, town, or county newspaper. Clippings or dated publicity releases along with name and dateline of newspaper submitted with application.

May include newspaper picture. State Chairman must receive application by February 1, of the following year. Consideration will be given to chronological arrangement, contribution to high garden club standards, promotion of gardening education, accurate information on gardening and flower arranging, and information regarding services to gardening and community.

State No. 66 – Excellence in Horticulture Education (Newspaper columns). May be awarded to an individual, club or clubs, for newspaper columns of horticultural interest. Object is to encourage and recognize excellence in horticulture education through the use of the newspaper on a regular basis, i.e. daily, weekly, monthly. Book of evidence to include all articles as printed as well as datelines.

MP-3 Social Media/Website. Awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council for the most outstanding website or social media page promoting the sponsoring organization and NGC objectives. The site or page MUST have at least a portion available for viewing by the public, (not just club or state members) to be considered for this award. Provide on Award Application Form your website address, who maintains site, how often updated, and cost. Ease of navigation will be considered while judging from the current issue.

- A. Website designed and managed by a GCM Club Member/Members
- B. Social media page designed and managed by a GCM Club Member/Members
- C. Website professionally designed
- D. Social media page professionally designed

ROADSIDES

Send to: Pat Rutledge, 404 Kathryn Drive, Fulton 38843 (662-862-4032) (C 662-321-4032) prutledge38843@yahoo.com

State No. 12 – Louise Godwin Highway Beautification Award. A cash award of \$50.00 may be given annually by the Godwin Family for outstanding permanent roadside beautification within the state. The project may be continuous but must have advanced degree of completion prior to making application. The award may be given only once for the same project.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Send to: Brierley Acker, 5610 Ahuli Place, Diamondhead 39525 (228-255-2697) brierleyaa@bellsouth.net

State No. 19 – Gold Award. (Non-Club Member) May be awarded to an individual, organization, or institution for some special contribution toward the advancement of the work of garden clubs. One award, if merited. Nominations should be sent to the State President by October 1 for consideration by the Advisory Council Board at their October meeting. No application required.

State No. 20 – Silver Award. (Garden Club Member) May be awarded to an individual, organization, or institution for recognition of a contribution to the field of garden club work or to the field of horticulture of State or National significance. One award, if merited. Nominations should be sent to the State President by October 1 to be considered by the Advisory Council Board at their October meeting. No application required.

State No. 31 – Van Zyverden, Inc. Keep Mississippi Beautiful Award. A cash award of \$250.00 may be presented annually to a club or individual making the greatest contribution to beautification and conservation over the state. Send application and supporting data to Special Awards Chairman.

State No. 34 – MACD’s Conservation Education Award. A cash award may be presented annually by the Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts for outstanding work in conservation education. Send application and supporting data to Special Awards Chairman.

State No. 36 – Outgoing President Recognition Award. Special recognition shall be presented, in appreciation of her service to the organization to the outgoing State President at the conclusion of her administration.

State No. 39 – State President’s Award-May be presented annually to a garden club, group of garden clubs, council, or individual that best promotes and executes the theme of the current State President’s administration. Send state Award Application Form, along with narrative description and any other supporting data of club’s accomplishments to State President by February 1.

State No. 46 – MDOT Transportation Commissioners’ “Mississippi Roadside Awards” (1993). Awards may be given annually by the Transportation Commissioners of the Mississippi Department of Transportation to an individual, an organization, a garden club, or a group of garden clubs for the year’s most improved and interesting project with or without supporting help, which has promoted the planning and/or planting of an effective and outstanding roadside improvement project along the highway median and/or roadside approaching a town or community. Any project must have the approval, in writing, from the Mississippi Department of Transportation. The program may be continuous but must show advanced progress before applying for the award. Good landscape design and maintenance to ensure permanent beauty, with highway safety in mind, will be the major considerations. A club may not receive this award two consecutive years based on the same project. Two Certificates of Merit may also be given for notable work. Application must comply with state award application rules.

State No. 76 - Mississippi Urban Forest Council Awards

A. Garden Club/Group of clubs. This award is presented annually to a club(s) responsible for:

- Planting trees in community or town
- Projects that influence or educate local decision makers
- Projects that influence citizens of community
- Work that has contributed to the town becoming a Tree City USA
- Urban Forestry education
- Student participation or education in projects, and
- Publicity and outreach of tree projects
- Partnering with other urban forestry groups, agencies, or organizations

B. Individual Award – “Queen of Trees”

This award is presented annually to an individual responsible for:

- Focused work on urban forestry and tree planting in town
- Significant number of years spent on project development
- Coordinating of volunteers
- Outstanding and significant contribution to tree programs in their community, and
- Chairperson of committee developing forestry projects

Silver/Gold/Platinum/Diamond Anniversary Certificates. Presented to those clubs FEDERATED (not organized) with The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc., for Twenty-five Years, Fifty Years, Seventy-five Years and One hundred Years. No application required. In determining anniversary clubs, state membership files shall be used, and the club year shall be defined as June 1 – May 31.

Deep South No. 28 - Deep South Mentor of the Year. An Award may be given to an outstanding Mentor, who as a DSGC 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 DSGC. A DSGC member may be nominated by any DSGC 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. Each State Garden Club shall select one of the nominees to submit to the DSGC Awards Chairman by the DSGC deadline. An overall DSGC winner shall be selected from those submitted by the State Garden Clubs within the DSGC.

Deep South No. 32 - Member Award of Honor. A certificate may be awarded to one member in the region whose efforts during a period of five or more years, has made outstanding contributions to club and community, in one or more of the following areas: civic development, horticulture therapy, youth activities, conservation, landscape design, horticulture, floral design, or all-around excellence. Eligibility: any member of a State Garden Club, who has never been a member of NGC Board of Directors, including State Presidents. **A Book of Evidence is required.**

National No. 23 Award of Excellence - Award of Excellence is the highest award of National Garden Clubs presented to a **non-member** of NGC and sponsored by a State Federation. It may be awarded to an individual, organization, or institution that has made a significant contribution toward the advancement of goals and purposes of National Garden Clubs. A maximum of three (3) NGC Awards of Excellence may be awarded per year. The application for an NGC Award of Excellence may be obtained from the NGC website or the NGC Award of Excellence Chairman. Text and photo/photocopies to substantiate the applicant’s qualifications for this award is limited to four (4) one-sided pages of text. **Send applications to State Special Awards Chairman.**

TRAILS

Send to: Mary Lynn Powers, 85 Melon Rd., Greenville, MS 38703 (662-335-2746, c 662-822-0221) mlpowers43@gmail.com

State No. 54 – Rosie Rotwein Award for Trails in Mississippi - Cash awards may be awarded to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council, with or without supporting help, which has promoted the planning and/or the implementation of an effective and outstanding trail or portion of a trail, such as a trail for the handicapped, an exercise trail, a nature trail, or a trail along an historic route, etc. The project must comply with the principles of good landscape design. The award may be presented for a new or continuing project, and the granting of the award does not exclude a project from further consideration in subsequent years. Two awards may be presented annually: a \$75.00 cash award and a \$25.00 cash award may be presented to the two outstanding projects, respectively.

WILDFLOWERS/NATIVE PLANTS

Send to: Jean Taylor, 1510 Hickory Ln, Columbus, MS 39705 (662-251-5806) ptaylor59@cableone.net

State No. 32 – Wildflower Award. May be awarded annually to (A) Member Club, (B) More than one club and (C) Council for the most outstanding and effective use of wildflowers and native plant material in a natural area during the award year. Special Requirements: before and after photographs of the same areas, unique aspects of the project, and unusual design features and achievement. Consideration will be given to compatibility with area, promotion of wildflowers and native plant material, educational value, and visual appeal.

(Note: State No. 72, the Eloise Cumbaa Conservation Award may apply to wildflowers and natives.)

NATURAL DISASTERS, USA (Natural Disaster Grant Applications)

Send to: Suzanne Ross, 507 College St., Brandon, MS 39042 (601-955-8988) sross18@bellsouth.net

YEARBOOKS

Send to: Martha Jo Mims, 3011 Wolfe Rd., Columbus, MS 39705 (662-328-3778) (C 662-889-2256) mjmims@muw.edu

State No.11 – Geraldine Dean Award. Awarded for the best yearbook in the state in size categories listed. Chosen from the winners of the listed categories. Other winners will receive Certificates. Send one yearbook to the state chairman listed above by October 1st. Must send award application form. Categories are as follows:

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| 1. Clubs of 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 | 8. Councils |

SCALE OF POINTS

FORMAT: Total of 100 points

****Book Structure**

Practical, convenient size for membership, durable, neat. Yearbooks may be stapled, spiral, or 3-ring binders. Materials should be well placed with ample margins, and format size suitable for members to read. **2 pts.**

****Cover**

Include name of club, town, state, year, and appealing design. If 3-ring binder cover is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information listed above, and so note. **2 pts.**

****Title Page**

Include name of club, town, state organization, year, number of dues paying members, and affiliated organizations (district, region, NGC, other). If state and national dues are paid on associate, inactive/honorary members, they are counted in total membership. **2 pts.**

****Table of Contents**

Number the yearbook pages and list topics on Contents Page

**** Subsequent Pages**

In any order most useful to members and best fit for page placement. Information in a club yearbook should be in logical order. National and State information does not have to be in front.

**** Membership Roster**

With complete mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses (if applicable). Avoid crowding. Suggestion to save space. *All area codes are ___ and postal zip codes are ____, nine digits) unless otherwise noted. **2 pts.**

**** List of Club Officers and Committee Chairmen**

1 pt.

**** NGC Information**

Name of NGC President with home and email address, theme, and projects. List address and phone number of NGC Headquarters in St. Louis. List NGC website address. (Locate above information at www.gardenclub.org) **1 pt.**

**** Other Information**

Name, address, phone number, and e-mail of Region Director, State President, State District Director, Council President (if applicable). List themes for Region Director and State President. List website addresses for state and region. **2 pts.**

**** Calendar of Events**

List dates and locations for district/state/region/national meetings and events to encourage members to attend and to eliminate the setting of conflicting dates. **2 pts.**

**** Programs**

Topics should cover a variety of NGC Goals and Objectives such as Birds, Blue Star Memorials, Butterflies, Conservation, Environment, Floral Design, Horticulture Therapy, Recycling, NGC, and State President's projects, etc. (Indicate if special interest club, e.g. Horticulture, only; Design, only; Faith Based; etc.)

1. Meets minimum number of meetings required by state **3 pts**
2. List date and time of meeting, location with address **3 pts.**
3. List name of speaker/s, qualifications (brief), program title **4 pts.**
4. Variety of program topics (theme not required) **14 pts.**
 - a. Variety of styles of programs (lectures, slides, power point, tours, etc.) **12 pts**
 - b. Variety of speakers (specialists, members, panel, etc.) **14 pts**

**** Projects**

Projects involve actual membership participation that benefit the community, and further NGC Goals and Objectives. Some fund raisers (sale of bulbs, bedding plants, herbs, etc.) may help to beautify the community, as well as produce revenue for clubs. Some fund raisers may help promote NGC Member Services as well as publicize our organization and goals. Certain social activities may lead to membership increase. State such in descriptions.

1. List Continuing and New Participating Projects (A club is not required to have new projects) **15 pts.**
2. Give brief word description of projects: Include location, name of chairman, how members participate, list of donations if applicable, in-kind donations if applicable, plans for maintenance if applicable, etc. **20 pts.**
e.g. Establish a Teaching Garden at Atkins Elementary School, afterschool program with planned curriculum, 4 days a week from 3:30-5:00 p.m., Laurie Benson, Chairman.

**** Options**

(no points given) Could fill available space.

Some clubs include bylaws, budget, fund raising, roll call, former club presidents. Club theme: If theme is used, it should be evident throughout the book. Themes may be interpreted with monthly program topics and/or titles, graphics, quotes. Projects do not need to be limited to theme.

NGC Mission Statement
NGC Conservation Pledge
NGC Environmental Mission Statement
NGC Water Conservation Platform
Club Collect
List of members who are Life Members in state, region, NGC
Awards received previous year

YOUTH RELATED AWARDS FOR SENIOR CLUBS/MEMBERS

Send to: Allison Ashmore, 2741 Sweethome Road, Grenada, MS 38901 (662-417-0612) flowersquaw@yahoo.com

State No. 6 – Special Service. Awarded to the senior (Adult) club, which contributes the most outstanding service toward the promotion of gardening and conservation among youth.

YOUTH CLUB REQUIREMENTS AND AWARDS

Categories: **Junior – Pre-school through 6th Grade**
 Intermediate – Grades 7 through 9
 High School – Grades 10 through 12

All Youth clubs must be sponsored by a GCM affiliated garden club. Must have a minimum of four members per age group. Must meet at least five times during the club or school year. All youth clubs must be registered with the state Youth Coordinator by November 1 each year. Awards may be not received unless club is properly registered. No dues are required. Registration Form is available from the Youth Coordinator and is in the President's Kit. Use state awards application.

District Youth Awards – Based on the Youth Club Annual Report. (This is an exception to the 3 page requirement.) The Youth Coordinator will select an Honors Club from each age group if merited. Honors Clubs shall be the most outstanding club for the year based on their meeting the requirements for "Standard of Excellence for Young Gardeners" which are marked by asterisks in the list below. The award Certificates will be presented at the Fall District Meetings. From these winners, the Youth Coordinator will select over-all state winners to be recognized at the annual State Convention.

"Standard of Excellence for Young Gardeners"

(**Asterisks indicate requirements for Honor Roll Recognition)

1. Have a club project that creates public interest in gardening and lasts throughout the year.
2. Have at least 5 meetings during the year (Honor Roll and Tri-Color clubs must have 9).**
3. Learn HORTICULTURE through individual garden projects. This may be a plot in a garden, a butterfly garden, a dish garden, terrarium, or container-grown plants.**
4. Have a CONSERVATION program or project.**
5. Have a NATURE STUDY program or project on wildflowers, birds, butterflies, etc.**

6. Participate in a Standard FLOWER SHOW or have a DESIGN WORKSHOP.**
7. Have a GARDEN PILGRIMAGE to a well landscaped home to learn basic steps in landscaping, or have a field trip.
8. Observe ARBOR DAY by planting a native tree on the second Friday in February. If weather does not permit, plant a tree on another day using Arbor Day ceremony.
9. Have an ANTI-LITTER campaign or project.
10. Participate in a WORLD GARDENING project.
11. Have a GARDEN THERAPY program or project. Bring cheer to the ill or shut-ins with flower bouquets, container plants, terrariums, door decorations or Christmas wreaths, trees, dish gardens, or decorating.
12. Have a GARDEN EDUCATION CENTER. May be a shelf of useful garden books in the Public Library or School Library or in the Leader's home, but must be accessible to all members.
13. Promote an HONOR MEMBERSHIP program.
14. Have a club YEARBOOK with club name, town, your garden club sponsor, leader(s), list of members, programs, and projects for the year.**
15. Prepare a CLUB BOOKLET as your ANNUAL REPORT. (Use 8 1/2 x 11 paper in a theme-style binder). Include Yearbook and annual report of completed year's work, with newspaper clippings and photos representative of each meeting. Mark outstanding projects. Mail to State Young Gardeners Chairman by **December 1**. If you desire to have booklet returned, please include return envelope with postage.

SEND REQUIRED 3-PAGE APPLICATION AS LISTED BELOW UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE:

Youth Coordinator - Junior, Intermediate, High School –

Allison Ashmore, 2741 Sweethome Road, Grenada MS 38901 (662-417-0612)
flowersquaw@yahoo.com

State No. 27 – High School Gardeners (Youth) - Awarded to the club, which has carried out the best all-around program in high school gardening for the school term. Second Place and Third Place may also be awarded

State No. 33 – Junior Garden Club Award (Youth) - Awarded to the most outstanding junior garden club in the state. The club will be chosen on the merit of accomplishment in all fields of activities as set forth in the Youth Club Annual Report.

State No. 44 – Horticulture (Youth) - Awarded to the Junior, Intermediate, and/or High School Garden Club for Horticultural activity. Include yearbook and indicate grade division.

State No. 45 – Conservation (Youth) - Awarded to the Junior, Intermediate, and/or High School Garden Club, which successfully completed the most outstanding conservation project. Include yearbook and indicate grade division.

State No. 48 – Garden Therapy (Youth) - Awarded to the Junior, Intermediate, and/or High School Garden Club for sponsoring the most outstanding project on garden therapy for disabled or institutionalized individuals. A group consisting of members residing in an institution would be ineligible for this award.

State No. 49 – Anti-Litter (Youth) - Awarded to the Junior, Intermediate, and/or High School Garden Club for the most outstanding anti-litter project.

State No. 50 – Arbor Day (Youth) - Awarded to the Junior, Intermediate, and/or High School Garden Club for the most outstanding work in recognition of Arbor Day.

State No. 51 – Birds (Youth) - Awarded to the Junior, Intermediate, and/or High School Garden Club for the most comprehensive and effective bird project. Scale of Points – 80 pts. for project and 20 pts. for Book of Evidence.

State No. 52 – Yearbook (Youth) - Awarded for the best Yearbook in the following Grade Divisions: Preschool, 1 – 6, 7 – 9, 10 – 12. If your age group has a broad range, use the oldest applicable. See Scale of Points for State No. 11 under YEARBOOKS.

State No. 53 – Special Project (Youth) - For any worthy project, not covered by another award, completed by a Junior, Intermediate, and/or High School Garden Club.

State No. 55 – Environmental Concerns (Youth) - Awarded to the Junior, Intermediate, and/or High School Garden Club for the most comprehensive project in the field of environmental concerns, such as: Horticulture, Landscaping, Anti-Litter, Restoration, etc.

State No. 58 – Environmental Education (Youth) - Awarded to the Junior, Intermediate, and/or High School Garden Club for most outstanding project in the field of environmental education.

State No. 59 – Energy Awareness (Youth) - Awarded to the Junior, Intermediate, and/or High School Garden Club for the most outstanding project related to energy awareness.

State No. 71 – Air Quality (Youth) - Awarded to the Junior, Intermediate, and/or High School Garden Club for completing the most comprehensive and effective activity on Air Quality

State No. 73 – High School Essay

Send to High School Essay Contest Chairman: Sandra Hultz, 128 Memory Lane, Madison, MS 39110 (662-502-4200) firemouse2480@gmail.com

Theme for 2022-2023 will be “Natural Habitats: How We Can Protect Them”

The High School Essay contest is open to High School students in grade 9 through 12. All entries must be sponsored by a single club, group of clubs, council, or districts.

Contest entries must be 600 to 700 words in length. All entries must be typed and titled. Students should write the essay so it is suitable to be published in a digital Garden Club publication if chosen.

Essays must be submitted in PDF format to Sandra Hultz by December 1, 2021, at this email: firemouse2480@gmail.com

Essays are graded in following areas:

Content (65 points)

- Knowledge of subject: **10 points**
- Thesis statement: **10 points**
- Practicality of Proposal: **10 points**
- Originality: **15 points**
- Organization, clarity of subject matter and presentation: **20 points**

Composition (20 points)

- Grammar and punctuation: **10 points**
- Vocabulary and spelling: **10 points**

Manuscript (15 points)

- Conformance to length: **5 points**
- Cover sheet includes: Name, address, phone number, school attending, grade, list of activities, and sponsoring club (photo optional): **5 points**
- Entry is submitted via email in PDF document format: **5 points**

A Certificate and a cash award of \$100.00 will be awarded to the winner.

WG-3- May be awarded annually to a junior garden club with the most notable project or projects educating the public on the benefits of gardening for wildlife. Extra points will be given for originality and new ideas. Club size will be taken into consideration when judging, so please include the number of members in the club, the percentage of member participation of the junior garden club (with names of member participants) and the approximate number of people educated and how they were notified of the project.

Scale of Points:

Presentation: 5; Achievement 40; Participation-Club15; Community Involvement 30; Record or Documentation10; and1-10 bonus points for emphasized project qualities, as listed in each award description

STATE, REGIONAL, NATIONAL YOUTH CONTESTS
(Check DSR and NGC websites for complete contest information)

NGC Poetry Contest 2022-2023 Theme: “Seed, Trees and Bees, Oh My-celebrating the diversity of Nature”
Send 1 poem per grade to Poetry Contest (K-9) Chairman: Margaret Henderson, 505 E. Cleveland, Greenwood, MS 38930 (662-453-8964) margarethenderson38@yahoo.com
Kindergarten through 9th grade students are invited to participate in the NGC Poetry Contest. Contact Poetry Chairman for rules and tips or see Youth Contests on www.gardenclub.org.

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest
Send 1 poster per grade to Poster Contest (1-5) Chairman: Allison Ashmore, 2741 Sweethome Rd., Grenada, MS 38901 (662-417-0612) flowersquaw@yahoo.com
1st through 5th grade students are invited to participate in the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl National Garden Club Poster Contest. Contact Poster Chairman for Rules and Tips or see Youth Contests on www.gardenclub.org.

Youth Recycled Sculpture Contest
Send 1 entry form per grade with photos to: Charlene Louwerens, P. O. Box 1496, Greenville, MS 38702-1496 (662-335-4375) (C 662-347-7838) jpcvlou@suddenlink.net
The purpose of this contest is to encourage youth to keep our planet green and recycle. Children in grades 4—8 are eligible to enter. The width of the sculpture can be no more than 8 1/2 x 11 inches; height should be proportional to width. Entries should include as many photographs as can be printed on the back of the entry form. Two 4x6 photographs are recommended. Entry form can be found on NGC website, www.gardenclub.org.

DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS SPECIALPROJECT AWARD RULES

2021-2023

“Plant Deep South With a Rainbow of Color”

For Complete Information Contact:

Sandra McCaulla, GCM Chairman
5276 Carrollton Rd, Grenada 38901
662-417-5623
sandra_mccaulla@yahoo.com

or

dsgardenclubs.com

NGC PRESIDENT’S PROJECT

2021-2023

“Plant America-Play Outdoors”

For Complete Information Contact:

Gay L. Austin, GCM Chairman
405 Marion Ave., McComb 39648
(601-248-7661)
gaylaustin@gmail.com

or

gardenclub.org

Plant America Grant Information

2021-2022

gardenclub.org

Flower Show

Send to: Pattie Smith, 542 Northwoods Dr., Grenada, MS 3890 (662-229-8024) nabersgirl@icloud.com

Preparing a Book of Evidence

(Refer to Handbook for Flower Shows revised 2017)

1. Flower Show Award Application: At least SIXTY days before the show date, obtain a Flower Show Award Application, fill out completely including which award you will be applying for and return to State Flower Show Awards Chairman. The Chairman will send you information along with the evaluation form for each member of your evaluating panel; evaluation judges must complete their form along with their score, comments, and signature and return it to the State Flower Show Awards Chairman within one week after the show.
2. Flower shows must achieve an evaluation score of at least 90 for state awards and 95 for Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. and National Garden Club, Inc. awards as judged by the Flower Show Evaluation Scale of Points, HB p. 132.
3. There are two different kinds of Flower Show Awards. One is applied for by the club/s that have sponsored the show and the other kind is awarded by the Flower Show Awards Committee. A club can apply for only one overall Flower Show Award, but we offer other specialty awards that can be applied for, such as a Schedule Award, Table Artistry Award and Staging Award, to name a few. Applications for Flower Show Awards shall apply only to shows held within NGC award year of January 1 – December 31.
4. Book of Evidence Contents:
 - A. Cover Label-typed giving award name and number, name of club, district and show site (city and state).
 - B. Title Page-Table of Contents-Award Number and Name, Club Name with City and State; Applicant Contact with address, phone, email (president, show chairman etc.). Pages are limited to 20 pages total (10 pages front and back). All pages must be numbered. List items by page number in the table of contents.
 - C. Show Description-300 words or less and should include: title, size, type of show, theme and division staging and special features. This can be included on the Title Page.
 - D. Show Data Sheet-should follow the show description. This form may be found on the GCM/ NGC website under FORMS-FLOWER SHOW AWARDS.
 - E. Photographs-should OMIT all people and INCLUDE ribbons if possible. The photos should include top award-winning exhibits in ALL divisions. Pictures should be labeled with division, section, class, award, and a brief description, i.e. design type and plant materials used with botanical names. Horticulture winners MUST have binomial botanical name listed. Additional photos of the rest of the show may be added if there is room.
 - F. Staging-photos of theme staging and actual staging with overall views within each division; also staging of individual sections in all divisions.
 - G. Publicity-newspaper and other publications, with name and date of publication. City/county newspaper publicity is preferred, but not required. Publicity is the LAST item in the book of evidence. Large articles may be reduced in size.
 - H. Schedule-one copy of the schedule is placed in an envelope attached to the inside back cover of the book of evidence. The schedule will be evaluated for correctness of text, all necessary inclusions; theme, terminology, rules, and conformance to NGC requirements (according to the Standard Flower Show Schedule Evaluation Scale of Points, HB p. 135-138.

Flower Show Awards for Club/s

Show must score 90+, club size categories based on number of members of whom GCM dues for the current awards year were paid

Awards Requiring a Book of Evidence ***

State No. 8 – Flower Show Staging Award

1. Not applied for
2. Awarded to the garden club/s judged for most creativity in theme and staging

State No. 9 – Club/s Overall Standard Flower Show Achievement Award – chosen from winner of 9A, 9B, 9C, 24, 37, 56 A-1, 56 A-2, 56 A-3, 56 A-4, 69 and 77 in each district.

State 9A – Club/s Standard Flower Show – Public Place***

1. Show staged in public place
2. One certificate given in each district per membership division
3. Membership divisions:
 - A. Club/s of under 21-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit (more educational exhibits permitted).
 - B. Club/s of 21-49-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Section.
 - C. Club/s of 50-99-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.
 - D. Club/s of 100 or more-minimum of two (2) educational exhibits **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections, or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.

State 9B – Club/s Standard Flower Show - Home or Homes with Garden Tour***

1. Show staged in home or homes
2. One certificate given in each district per membership division
3. Membership divisions:
 - A. Clubs of under 21-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit (more educational exhibits permitted).
 - B. Club/s of 21-49-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Section.
 - C. Club/s of 50-99-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.
 - D. Club/s of 100 or more-minimum of two (2) educational exhibits **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections, or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.

State No. 9C – Club/s Standard Flower Show – Home/s***

1. Staged in home/s
2. One certificate to be given in each district per membership division
3. Membership divisions:
 - A. Club/s of under 21-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit (more educational exhibits permitted).
 - B. Club/s of 21-49-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Section.
 - C. Club/s of 50-99-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.
 - D. Club/s of 100 or more-minimum of two (2) educational exhibits **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections, or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.

State No. 10-Club/s Overall Specialty Flower Show Achievement Award-chosen from winners of HSS and DSS.

State No. 14 – Club/s Flower Show Schedule – Awarded to club/s submitting the highest scoring schedule for Standard, Small Standard, Near Club, Holiday, Patriotic or Petite NGC Flower Show. Chosen from winners of 14A, 14B, 24, 37, 56 A-1, 56 A-2, 56 A-3, 56 A-4, 69 and 77 in each district according to membership divisions. Two schedules are required when applying for this award. These are in addition to the schedule required for a flower show award. Submit two schedules only, no Book of Evidence for show.

State No. 14A – Club/s Flower Show Schedule-Public Place

1. Show staged in a public place
2. One certificate awarded in each district per membership division
3. Membership divisions:
 - A. Club/s of under 21-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit (more educational exhibits permitted).
 - B. Club/s of 21-49-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Section.
 - C. Club/s of 50-99-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.
 - D. Club/s of 100 or more-minimum of two (2) educational exhibits **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections, or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.

State No. 14B – Club/s Flower Show Schedule-Home/s

1. Show staged in a home/s
2. One certificate awarded in each district per membership division
3. Membership divisions:
 - A. Club/s of under 21-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit (more educational exhibits permitted).
 - B. Club/s of 21-49-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Section.
 - C. Club/s of 50-99-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.
 - D. Club/s of 100 or more- minimum of two (2) educational exhibits **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections, or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.

State No. 15 – Club/s Specialty Flower Show Schedule

Awarded to club/s submitting the highest scoring schedule for a Horticulture Specialty Flower Show or Design Specialty Flower Show. Two schedules are required when applying for this award. These are in addition to the schedule required for a flower show award. Submit two schedules only, no Book of Evidence for show.

State No. 24 – Near Club Standard Flower Show***

1. Two or more clubs located **near** each other, Councils and Districts are NOT eligible
2. Clubs must share sponsorship of the show
3. Minimum of one (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Section.

State No. 37 – Holiday Standard Flower Show***

1. Awarded to a garden club/s for the best Holiday/s Standard Flower Show
2. Show must reflect the spirit of the holiday/s featured. Must send book of evidence to State Flower Show Awards Chairman by December 25th. (If Nov. or Dec. show, otherwise immediately after show)
3. Show may be held in home/s and /or public building/s
4. One member club-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Section.
5. Two or more member clubs-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.

State No. 40 – Harriet M Lewis Judges' Award

1. Not applied for - highest scoring club/s Standard Flower Show of all award winners
2. Show must score 95+

State No. 47-A, B, C-Youth Flower Show or Youth Section of an Adult Standard Flower Show ***

Cash award of \$25.00 donated by Mississippi Flower Show Judges' Council)

Youth organization/s or group/s e.g., Youth Garden Club, Scouts, Campfire Girls, school class, etc. Number of classes and exhibits in horticulture and design must satisfy the minimum requirements of a Small-Standard Flower Show. Minimum of two (2) judged Educational Exhibits required. Evaluating panel of judges must use Scale of Points for Evaluating Standard Flower Show and Book of Evidence or CD/DVD must be submitted.

- A. Youth Flower Show held by one (1) NGC Youth club or Youth group, sponsored by an NGC member club-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Section.
- B. Youth Flower Show held by two (2) or more NGC Youth clubs or Youth groups, sponsored by an NGC member club-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section or Youth/Sponsored Groups Section.
- C. Youth participation in an adult Standard Flower Show
 - a. Youth section/sub-sections must be evaluated independently from the adults on a separate Scale of Points for Evaluating Standard Flower Shows by a panel of three Accredited Flower Show Judges judging the show
 - b. Book of Evidence must provide evidence of Youth participation in writing the Youth section of the flower show schedule and in staging or in clerking in the Youth Section (Pictures may serve as evidence)- minimum of one (1) educational exhibit **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section or Youth/Sponsored Groups Section.

State No. 56 – Melanie S. Gousset Small Standard Show Award***-Awarded to a garden club/s for the highest scoring Small Standard Flower Show. \$100.00 Cash Award.

State No. 56 A – Small-Standard Flower Show Schedule-Awarded for the highest scoring schedule for a Small Standard Flower Show, Submit two schedules only, no Book of Evidence for show.

State No. 56 A-1 –Club Small-Standard Flower Show*** - One certificate given in each district per membership division

Membership divisions:

- A. Club/s of under 21-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit (more educational exhibits permitted).
- B. Club/s of 21-49-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Section.
- C. Club/s of 50-99-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.

State No. 56 A-2 –Holiday Small-Standard Flower Show***

One member club with fewer than 100 members-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Section.

State No. 56 A-3 –Patriotic Small-Standard Flower Show***

One member club with fewer than 100 members-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Section.

State No. 56 A-4 –Petite Small-Standard Flower Show***

One member club with fewer than 100 members-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Section.

State Award No. 69—Patriotic Standard Flower Show*** -May be held in home/s and/or public building/s The U. S. Flag must be correctly and prominently displayed. Exhibitors are not limited or required to use patriotic colors. Overall theme of show must be patriotic.

- A. One member club-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Section.
- B. Two or more member clubs-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.

State Award No. 75 – Emily Allen Horticulture Award*** -A cash award of \$50.00 presented by the Mississippi Flower Show Judges' Council to a garden club/s sponsoring a Small Standard or Standard Flower Show with the best Horticulture Division.

- 1. Award application and title page, as outlined in Preparing a Book of Evidence
- 2. Show must be judged and evaluated by a panel of Accredited Flower Show judges
- 3. Must include: flower show schedule, photos of innovative and/or spacious staging (Horticulture Division only), and a list of plants entered in show
- 4. There must be a minimum of 3 (three) entries per registered club member, (i.e. 30 members – 90 entries).

State Award No. 77 – Petite Standard Flower Show Award***

- 1. Show must qualify as a Petite Standard Flower Show in horticulture, design, and special exhibits division
- 2. One member club-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Section.
- 3. Two or more member clubs-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Sections or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.
- 4. Winning organization is not eligible to receive this award in consecutive years

State Award No. 78 - Hazel H. Barnes Horticulture Staging Award*** – A cash award of \$25.00 presented by the Mississippi Flower Show Judges' Council to a garden club/s sponsoring a Small Standard or Standard Flower Show having the most unusual, creative, or innovative horticulture staging.

- 1. Award application with title page as outlined in Preparing a Book of Evidence
- 2. Show must be judged and evaluated by a panel of Accredited Flower Show Judges
- 3. Must include flower show schedule, photos of creative, innovative, or unusual staging of entire Horticulture Division

State Award No. 79 - Helen G. Gough Table Artistry Award*** – A cash award of \$25.00 presented by the Mississippi Flower Show Judges' Council to a club/s for the most outstanding and/or innovative Table Artistry Classes in a Standard Flower Show. Must have a section or at least table classes in show.

- 1. Award application with title page as outlined in Preparing a Book of Evidence
- 2. Show must be judged and evaluated by a panel of accredited judges
- 3. Must include flower show schedule, photos of all table artistry classes

State Award No. 80 - Flower Show Education and Participation Award*** – A cash award of \$25.00 presented by the Mississippi Flower Show Judges' Council to a garden club/s promoting flower shows and participation in flower shows through member education.

Educational activities may be through workshops, seminars, lectures, mini flower shows or any combination thereof. Three (3) programs, one hour in length each, for Horticulture, Design, and Flower Show Procedure; one workshop and a Flower Show required. Book of Evidence limited to 20 pages total (10 pages, front and back).

SCALE OF POINTS

- 1. Number of Programs** 15 pts
- 2. Educational Quality of programs** 70 pts
- 3. Member participation in programs** 10 pts
- 4. Book of Evidence** 5 pts

State Award No. 80-A – Floral Design Program Award-***

Awarded to winners in each category for the most outstanding program or workshop teaching floral design to club members and/or the public. (Excluding NGC Flower Show Schools and Symposiums).

- i. Small Club: 29 members and under
- ii. Medium Club: 30-59 members
- iii. Large Club: 60-99 members
- iv. Ex-Large Club: 100 members+
- v. Group of Member Clubs (councils or districts etc.)

Scale of Points:

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

Achievement 65 pts.-detailed description of program presented, location, date and time, attendance, research and preparation for program, materials used/provided, and any other relevant information.

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, just list those that were).

Record or Documentation 15pts.-supporting data (as applicable), clear, well-labeled and neatly attached before & after photographs if applicable. Letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles. Financial report if possible.

State Award PSFS-Flower Show Cosponsored with a Plant Society***

Minimum of one (1) educational exhibit (more educational exhibits permitted)

State Award Gay L. Austin HSS-Horticulture Specialty Flower Show* (\$100.00 Cash Award)**

1. One member club-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Section.
2. Two or more member clubs-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Sections or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.
3. Council or District- minimum of one (1) educational exhibit **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.

State Award DSS-Design Specialty Flower Show***

1. One member club-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit, **and** at least one (1) additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Section, or Youth/Sponsored Group Section.
2. Two or more member clubs-minimum of one (1) educational exhibit **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibits, Botanical Arts Division Sections or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.
3. Council or District- minimum of one (1) educational exhibit **and** at least two (2) of any combination of additional educational exhibit, Botanical Arts Division Sections or Youth/Sponsored Groups Sections.

Additional Council or District Awards

Must score 95+

State No. 22-Council, Judges' Council or District Standard Flower Show Achievement Award***

1. Awarded for the highest scoring Standard Flower Show staged by a council of garden clubs, judges' council or district
2. Show must have been judged and evaluated by a panel of Accredited Flower Show judges
3. Four or more clubs must participate
4. Minimum of three special exhibits for council and judges' council, minimum of four special exhibits for district

State No. 22A-Council, Judges' Council or District Standard Flower Show Schedule Award-

Awarded to a council, judges' council or district submitting the highest scoring schedule for a Standard Flower Show
Submit two schedules only, no Book of Evidence for show.

State Flower Show Awards

State No. 111-State Advanced-Standard Flower Show Achievement Award***-Awarded to a State Standard Flower Show scoring 95+

State No. 111A- State Advanced-Standard Flower Show Schedule Award-Awarded to a State Standard Flower Show Schedule scoring 95+ Submit two schedules only, no Book of Evidence for show.

Flower Show Exhibitor Awards

All Awards to be judged by the Flower Show Awards Committee

Evidence shall include Individual Flower Show Exhibitor Application Form (available on GCM website, from State Flower Show Awards Chairman and a copy is in the President's Packet), a 5" X 7" color photo of winning exhibit, the entry card or photocopy of such (signed by a member of the judging panel) and a schedule from the Flower Show. Materials shall be attached to 8 1/2" X 11" pages and secured in a theme folder. One certificate per award number shall be awarded to an exhibitor who received the following awards in any type of NGC Flower Show. All plant materials must be identified with their currently accepted botanical binomial names (Genus, Species and/or Cultivar).

State No. 101-Tricolor Award-\$100.00 cash award presented by Hernando Civic Garden Club in Honor of Pat Young

State No. 102-Designer's Choice Award-A \$25.00 cash award presented by Amye Kelly

State No. 103-Award of Distinction Award

State No. 104-Table Artistry Award-A \$50.00 cash award presented by the MFSJC in memory of Daisy Ann Stewart

State No. 105-Petitie Award-A \$25.00 cash award presented by Debby B. Cooper

State No. 106-Award of Design Excellence Award-A \$25.00 cash award presented by Greenwood Garden Club in memory of Sandra Perry

State No. 107-Educational Exhibit Award

State No. 108-Collection Award

State No. 109-Display Award

State No. 110-Award of Horticultural Excellence Award-A \$25.00 cash award presented by Carol M. Bullard

State No. 111-Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award-A \$100.00 cash award presented by Paula Grayson, Melinda Causey and May Hall in honor of Marian Gullette