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**TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
AWARDS RULES 2019 - 2021**

1. Eligibility for Awards

- A. Unless otherwise stated in the awards description, only TFGC members and clubs in good standing are eligible to apply.
- B. The same club or individual is ineligible to win the same award two consecutive years for the identical project.
- C. Each project must have been completed during the awards year unless otherwise stated.

2. Awards Year

The awards year shall cover January 1 thru December 31. This applies to all projects submitted unless otherwise indicated in the awards description. See each award to determine if the project can be started before the current year.

3. Application Forms for Awards

- A. All applications must be submitted on the current, official TFGC form. Make sure you fill out all required information.
- B. Application forms for awards may be obtained from the State or District Awards Chairman or downloaded from the TFGC website.

NOTE: Flower Show Evaluation Forms must be requested from the State Awards Chairman. These forms will be included in the "Flower Show Packet" the awards chairman sends out to all clubs having a flower show. This packet will have all forms needed for your flower show. You must send in a "Letter of Intent" to receive this packet.

- C. Junior Standard Club certification, Yearbooks, and Scrapbooks are to be sent to your District Awards Chairman first. They in turn are to send to the State Awards Chairman after they are judged in the district.

The District deadline is December 1.

TOOK OUT STAGING, STAGING NOW GOES TO THE STATE CHAIRMAN

4. Deadline for entering is January 1 (NO LATER)

All applications and supporting evidence must be received by the State Awards Chairman by JANUARY 1. There are special deadlines for some awards, see each award for deadline.

5. Award Application - Supporting Evidence

- A. **Award applications** - typewritten/computer generated/or printed text should include:

1. Application question #1:

New Project Yes or No. When did you start this project, and when did it end. IF it is a continuing project then write "Continuing"

2. Application question #2:

Brief Summary and objectives of project:

remember these points

What prompted the project, objective and goals of the project, activities to achieve the goal, results, appreciation, news (remember your space in the boe, reduce articles and thank you's, and only put in if you have room. You can in your summary tell that you "had coverage, but space did not let you include it".

3. Application Question #3

Involvement of club members, other organizations, etc.:

Who all helped with this project? Girl scouts, residents, workers, club members students? But make sure you list club membership. Either in % or number.

4. Application Question # 4

Project expense and means of funding:

Be sure when answering this question you put the amount you spent on this project. IF you had members or organizations donate items, then make sure you list an estimated amount. Such as: Marvin’s nursery donated 3 trees \$100.00, Member Cindy donated 100 tulips, \$50.00. If you held a yard sale to raise money then list how much of that money went to the project.

5. Application Question #5

Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance:

How is this project going to be maintained. If it is a garden who is going to water, weed, and mulch? If it is a project that requires no follow up, then state that.

6. Application Question #6

Photos, landscape design (does not have to be professional), Letters of appreciation, (keep in mind you can reduce). When taking photos remember to take before the project, working on the project, and the finished project. Group photos are good, but also add working photos.

B. Book of Evidence (BOE)

1. There is a 3 page limit. Using the front side only.

Exceptions are: Flower Show BOE, Press Book, see these awards for each page limit

2. APPLICATIONS (BOE) WILL NOT BE RETURNED,

so make a copy for your records. Exceptions are the Flower Show BOE, Press Books, and Yearbooks.

3. Binders, vinyl sheets are not allowed.

4. Make 3 full copies of your BOE and mail to the TFGC Awards Chairman.

5. The TFGC Awards Application is not used for your Flower Show BOE. The NGC Flower Show Form form is furnished by your TFGC Awards Chairman.

C. A short description must be sent to the appropriate District and State Chairman.

D. For Flower Show Awards see “Flower Show” section.

E. The State Awards Chairman will submit BOE to the Deep South and National awards chairmen, when possible.

6. Scale of Points:

This is the “General Scale of Points”, use this scale when no other scale of points is listed.

1. Record of Documentation Presentation.....5

Neat, concise, includes all required information. Points will be taken off if not on current and correct application, including the current awards chairmans information.

2. Achievement.....6 5

Scope of project, need and fulfillment, benefit, accomplishment, comprehensiveness of work, activities to attain goals, evaluation of goals reached, educational value, prior planning, very brief history if continuing project, financial report.

3. Participation.....1 5

Size of club (this is listed on your application), involvement of members, either in % or number, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, residents, other. Not all of the above have to be involved

4. Record of Documentation.....1 5

Supporting data, clear, well labeled, neatly attached before and after photographs, landscape included (when needed), letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper articles, etc.

TFGC AWARDS 2019 - 2021

No. 1- CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT

A certificate will be awarded to:

- A. Club
- B. Council or Group of Clubs

For distinguished civic or conservation work making permanent improvements for public benefit. Project may have been started prior to the current year, but must show completed results during the award year in which the application is made, or is a continuing project. Include before and after pictures. Projects that charge admission fees for the sole purpose of maintenance are eligible, but commercial projects are not. Projects such as: downtown planters, sanctuaries, experimental forests, municipal gardens, landscaping around public buildings, places of worship etc.

NO COMMERCIAL PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE.

No. 2- MEMBER OF HONOR

A certificate will be awarded to one member in the state 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 TFGC who has NEVER been a member of NGC Board of Directors, including State President. A Book of Evidence not to exceed 6 pages total, secured in a folder. For complete rules go to NGC website.

No. 3 - HORTICULTURE

A certificate may be awarded to:

- A. Individual
- B. Club
- C. Council or Group of Clubs

Must show individual working in gardens (describing the garden), working with youth in garden related projects, giving program on horticulture, participating in a flower show, participating in club activities, attending horticulture classes

Must show members working on gardening projects, touring garden centers/greenhouses, attending seminar on horticulture, working with youth with topics on gardening, the study of horticulture by club members. Member participation should be emphasized.

No. 4 - ALICE WRAY TAYLOR AWARD (State award only)

May be awarded to an individual for outstanding horticulture accomplishment in the field of Horticulture. A framed certificate may be awarded annually to an individual member of a Garden Club belonging to TFGC. Nominations will be accepted from garden clubs, district boards, or councils of TFGC. Evidence of some outstanding horticulture accomplishment will be required with the nomination. Fill out the nomination form and attach evidence, including the following: positions held, plant /landscape/ affiliations, awards received, types of services rendered such as science research, horticulture education projects, environmental concerns, author, editor, grower, exhibitor, hybridizer etc.

This information must be on the application.

Nomination for the Alice Wray Taylor Award

Nominee Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Member of _____ Dist. _____

Presented by _____

No. 5 - PUBLIC RELATIONS

A certificate may be awarded to:

- A. Club
- B. Council or Group of Clubs
- C. Individual
- D. District

For accomplishments in garden related activities CO-SPONSORED with one or more non-member groups or organizations to promote good public relations. These projects should be projects of NGC, DS, TFGC.

Projects such as conservation, horticulture, litter control, environmental improvement, youth involvement, historic preservation, or other projects promoting garden club goals.

No. 6 - CONSERVATION

A certificate may be awarded for:

- A. Education or legislative activity in field of conservation by one or more clubs.
- B. A conservation field project, natural resources development such as water shed, erosion control, reforestation, wildlife refuge, etc. by one or more clubs.
- C. Outstanding work in conservation by an individual
- D. Club Attending Conservation Camp
 - 1. Club with the most attending entire camp
 - 2. Club with the most attending one day of camp

Starting in 2022 (for the 2021 awards) there will be a \$25.00 award offered to the best BOE (only One) this money award will be offered only in the second year of each term. Sponsored from conservation camp funds.

No. 7 - SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

A certificate may be awarded to:

- A. Club
- B. Council or Group of Clubs
- C. Individual
- D. District

For outstanding civic garden club work or projects that further NGC objectives and is Not Provided for in another TFGC award. Special Achievement can be but not limited to ONE of the following: civic development. Conservation, beautification, garden therapy, etc. youth involvement is a plus.

No. 8 - PROMOTION OF GARDENING AMONG YOUTH

A certificate may be awarded to:

- A. Club - For a club that exhibits the most outstanding promotion of gardening among youth. Youth should be educated on the objectives of NGC
- B. Club - working with youth garden clubs
- C. Junior Garden Clubs

An award of \$10.00 will be given to the district that has the largest increase in Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Clubs. Each club must send a list of the membership along with their dues to the TFGC Treasurer.

No. 13 - HISTORIC PRESERVATION

A certificate may be given to:

Club

13A - for promotion and or project involving an historic building or trail

13B - for decoration of historic building and/or grounds.

Scale of Points:

Presentation.....	1	0
Value and scope of project.....	4	0
Accomplishment of goals.....	3	5
Percentage of member participation.....	1	5

No. 16 A- YEARBOOK - CLUB

A certificate may be awarded to:

- 16A1- clubs under 20members
- 16A2 - 21-29 members
- 16A3 - 30-44 members
- 16A4 - 45- 69 members
- 16A5 - 70 -99members
- 16A6 - 100 - 299 members
- 16A7 - over 300members

A certificate may be given for outstanding yearbooks. Determine correct category by number of members, including Life members. Include all members of which state dues are paid. The yearbook can run from Calendar Year or club year. **PLEASE SUBMIT 2 COPIES.**

Scale of Points A

Format

1. Book structure.....2

Practical, convenient size for membership, durable, neat. Yearbooks may be stapled, spiral or 3 ring binder. Material should be well placed with ample margins, and font size suitable for members to read.

2. Cover.....2

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

3. Title Page.....2

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

4. Table of Contents.....1

Number the yearbook pages and list topics on contents page.

Subsequent pages can be in any order most useful to members and best fit for page placement. Information in a club yearbook should be in logical order. National, DS and TFGC information does not have to be in front.

5. Membership roster.....2

Roster should be complete with mailing address, telephone numbers, and email addresses. Avoid crowding.

6. List of Club Officers and Committee Chairman.....1

7. NGC Information.....1

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.

8. Other Information.....2

Name, address, phone number and email of Deep South Director, State President, District director, Council President, along with their themes. List website for DS.

9. Calendar of Events.....2

List dates and locations for district/state/DS/NGC meetings and events to encourage members to attend.

10. 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, DS, TFGC president's projects etc. (Indicate is special interest club, e.g. Horticulture only, Design only, Faith based, etc.)

1. Meets minimum of 7 meetings a year.....3
2. List date, time, location (with address) of meeting.....3
3. List name of speaker/s, qualifications (brief), program title.....4
4. Variety of program topics, theme not required.....1 4
 - A - Variety of styles of programs (lectures, tours etc).....1 2
 - B - Variety of speakers(specialists, members etc).....1 4

11. Projects

Projects involve actual membership participation that benefit the community and further NGC goals and objectives. Some fund-raiser (sale of bulbs, bedding plants, herbs, etc) may help to beautify the community, as well as produce revenue for clubs. Some fund raiser may help promote NGC Membership Services as well as publicize out organization and goals. Certain social activities may lead to membership increase.

1. List Continuing and New Projects.....1 5

(a club is not required to have new projects)

2. Give brief description.....2 0

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.

12.Options (no points given)

some clubs include by-laws, budget, fundraising, roll call, former club presidents. Club theme: if theme is used it should be evident through out the book. Themes may be interpreted with monthly programs topics, and or titles, graphics, or quotes. Projects do not need to limited to theme. Other information you may used NGC Mission Statement, Conservation Pledge, Environmental Mission Statement, Water Conservation Platform. You can also list life members and plant society members.

No. 16E - YEARBOOK- GROUP OF CLUBS, COUNCIL, DISTRICT

Format

1. Book structure.....2

Practical, convenient size for membership, durable, neat. Yearbooks may be stapled, spiral or 3 ring binder. Material should be well placed with ample margins, and font size suitable for members to read.

2. Cover.....2

Include name of organization, 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.

3. Title Page.....3

Include name of group, number of clubs involved, affiliations including NGC, DS, TFGC other. Include name of NGC President, DS Director and TFGC President.

4. Table of Contents.....3

Number the yearbook pages and list topics with respective page number

Subsequent pages: Order that is pleasing to your organization and best fit for page placement.

5. Organizational Information.....1 0

List organizational officers and committee chairman. Include complete mailing addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses and club affiliation for each. List addresses for TFGC website, DS website, and NGC website.

6. Calendar of Events.....1 0

List meeting dates for your organization, NGC, DS, TFGC, schools, symposiums, and special events. This will eliminate the setting of conflicting dates.

7. Bylaws, policies, and objectives.....1 0

8. Programs.....2 0
List meeting topics, include dates, time, and place (give address). Give name of speaker. Indicate if program is a presentation, tour, workshop, sharing activity etc.

9. Projects.....2 0
List projects as continuing or new, including name of chairman, location and description of project. Indicate if fundraising is a part of the project. (Some fun raisers may help with beautifying the community or education of public, as well as produce revenue for your organization).

10. Member Club Information.....2 0
List of member clubs, including club president names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses. Include meeting dates for each club. List total number of dues paying members.

No. 19 - GARDEN THERAPY

- A. Landscaping projects WITH client participation
- B. Project other than landscaping WITH client participation
- C. Variety of projects WITH client participation
- D. Garden Related projects done FOR clients WITHOUT participation

Application in ALL classes may be made for:

- 1. Club
- 2. Council or Group of Clubs
- 3. Individual
- 4. District

A certificate may be awarded for an outstanding program of garden therapy where physically challenged, learning disabled, institutionalized individual have received noteworthy benefit.

Scale of Points:

Presentation and record (neat, concise, history, plan).....	1 5
Membership participation (between outside and club).....	2 5
(Individual-ingenuity, imagination, leadership, cooperation with institution)	
Program quality (scope, number reached).....	3 0
Achievement (degree of participation, duration, future).....	3 0

No 20 - PLANT GARDEN WITH YOUR SENSES - EDIBLE GARDENING

A certificate of Merit and \$25.00, sponsored by Maggi Burns, TFGC President 2019 - 2021, maybe awarded annually for the most outstanding garden of edibles, (fruits, herbs, vegetables, and edible flowers) that recognizes "Plant Gardens with your Senses - hear, see, smell, taste, and touch". Award information shall present a garden plan, selection of plants, growth and maturity of plants, successful incorporation of edibles, successful production of edibles, overall health and attractiveness of the garden and if private or planted in a public location. The overall winner from the four categories will receive the \$25.00 award (only one).

- A. Garden of edible grown by an individual
- B. Garden incorporating edibles in an ornamental landscape grown by an individual
- C. Garden of edibles grown by a club
- D. Garden incorporating edibles in an ornamental landscape grown by a club

No. 25 - NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

A certificate may be awarded to:

- A. Club
- B. District

For the most promotion of National Garden Week. Entry should show community awareness throughout the entire week and include local and/or state proclamations.

Scale of Points:

Scope of Participation.....	3 0
Community Awareness.....	2 5

Educational Value.....	2	0
Presentation.....	1	0
Publicity.....	1	0
Any Proclamation in Perpetuity.....	5	

No. 28 - CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE GARDENS

A certificate may be awarded to:

- A - Club
- B - Council or Group of Clubs
- C - Individual

For 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. Good landscape design, which ensures permanent beauty of the garden, will be a major consideration. A sketch of the landscape design plan (does not have to be professionally drawn) indicating proportions and material used, together with one or more photographs of the garden must accompany the application.

Scale of Points:

Design, fitness, suitability, beauty.....	2	5
Plant material (low maintenance, hardy, suitable).....	2	5
Fulfillment of purpose.....	2	5
Maintenance.....	2	5

No. 29 - BLUE STAR MARKER

Includes Memorial, Memorial Highway, By-Way, and Gold Star Markers.

Certificates may be awarded for:

- A. Installation of a Blue / Gold Star Marker, including dedication and landscaping.
- B. Landscaping / beatification of an existing Marker site.

Choose one of the following club size category:

- 1 - Small (fewer than 25 members)
- 2 - Medium (25-50 members)
- 3 - Large (over 50 members)
- 4 - Group of Clubs
- 5 - District
- 6 - Individual

The Blue Star Marker Award was sponsored by Jo Lawrence

No. 30 - COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

In honor of Annette Stanbery, TFGC President 1987-1989. A certificate may be awarded for the most outstanding program and/or project relating to garden club objectives. This can be a continuing project or a one time project. If continuing the major part of the project must be completed in the awards year. Examples are Arbor Day activities, Blue Star Memorial Marker and /or Historical Marker erection/dedication, beautification of community buildings, churches, cemeteries, etc. Involvement of youth will be a plus.

A. One Time Project

- 1. Club
- 2. Individual
- 3. Group of Clubs

B. Continuing Project

- 1. Club
- 2. Individual
- 3. Group of Clubs

No. 35 POLLINATOR AWARD

In honor of Juanita Allinder, TFGC President 1999-2001. A certificate will be awarded for conducting the most comprehensive and effective project for pollinator which includes, bees, butterflies, and other pollinating insects and animals. Involvement of youth is a plus.

- A. Habitat protection, including migratory routes
- B. Public Education
- C. Establishment of a Butterfly Garden in community, schools or parks
- D. Establishment of Butterfly Garden in own yard.

1. Club 2. Individual 3. Group of Clubs 4. District

No. 42 BIRD PROTECTION

A certificate may be awarded to:

- A. - Club
- C. - Individual (Eligible for the Iris Smiley Award plaque)

For the most comprehensive and effective program of activities for bird protection and welfare. Projects such as: sanctuaries, legislation for bird welfare, furnishing food and houses, establishing bird trails, etc.

No. 43 - BLUEBIRD TRAIL

A certificate may be awarded to:

- A - Club
- B - Council or Groups of Clubs
- C - Individual

For installing and monitoring a bluebird trail to attract nesting bluebirds. Document the nesting species, number of eggs, number of nestlings, etc. *NOTE do not monitor when nestlings are older than 12 days to avoid premature fledglings. Non-native species (like house sparrow) may be evicted, but it is illegal to disturb nests of native birds (like swallows, titmice, chickadees, etc.*

The Bluebird Trail was sponsored by Helene Gardner

Scale of Points:

Number of boxes (minimum of 4, at least 300 feet apart).....	2 5
Location/size of trail/type of posts (not trees).....	2 5
Installation (facing north or east to avoid midday sun, away From prevailing winds, opening at eye level).....	2 5
Monitoring (cleaned in February, checked weekly to evict non-native species).....	2 5

No. 45 LITTER CONTROL

A certificate may be awarded for:

- A Club with the best on-going program encompassing such activities as waste reduction, reclamation and/or recycling, and endeavors for a quality environment. Youth participation and community involvement should be emphasized.
- B Club - outstanding clean up/recycling project
- C Group of Clubs - outstanding clean up/recycling project
- D Individual - should actively promote litter control and a quality environment.

No. 49 - LANDSCAPE DESIGN

A certificate may be awarded for an outstanding landscaping project:

- A - School Grounds
- B - Parks or Community Gardens
- C - Public Buildings and areas (such as library, courthouse, city hall, roadside) or entryways to subdivisions, apartments or condominiums. A landscape design **MUST** be included in BOE, but does not have to be professionally drawn.
- D - Habitat for Humanity

No. 50 - SCHOOL GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT

A certificate may be awarded for”

- A - Club (12-30 members)
- B - Club (more than 30 members)

For outstanding project of beautification and/or improvement of the grounds of any school building, old or new.

No. 52 - PUBLICATION AWARD

In honor of Marion Bloomer, TFGC District IV Director 2007-2009. A certificate may be awarded for the following:

- A. Manuals and handbooks - Duties of officers, procedural, awards, etc
- B. Flyers or handouts - Call letters, flyers for special events, etc.
- C. Newsletters - Club or District
- D. Brochure - Club of District
- E. Calenders - Club or District
- F. Educational - NGC objectives, horticulture, environmental, landscape , judging, etc.
 - 1. club
 - 2. Individual
 - 3. Group of Clubs

No. 53 - CLUB PROGRAMS

A certificate may be awarded for:

- A - Most outstanding program by a member
- B - Most outstanding audiovisual program by a member

The program must stimulate interest in the purposes and objectives of TFGC, DS, NGC. It must be original with the applicant, but may involve others in its presentation. It must be presented at a single club meeting, but should be adaptable for presentation to other clubs.

For A & B use General Scale of Points

NOTE: A copy of the text or video must be sent to the State Programs Chairman and a confirmation must be attached to the BOE.

- C - Best series of programs

Briefly outline the programs (title/subject and speaker), manner of presentation, field trips to garden, greenhouse, pilgrimage, council, district or state sponsored program. Give Percentage of Member participation. Distinguish between member and guest speakers.

Scale of Points for Series:

Six (6) programs with overall adherence to garden club projects.....	3 0
Five (5) programs or workshops with member participation.....	2 5
One (1) program devoted to Hort, Birds, Conservation, Nature.....	1 0
Field trip to garden, tec.....	1 0
Originality and distinction of program subjects and presentation.....	2 0
Horticulture program by member.....	5

No. 54 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

A certificate may be awarded for:

- A - Club
- B - Council of Group of Clubs
- C - District
- D - Individual

For the most comprehensive program in the field of environmental education with emphases/evidence of Youth Participation.

- E - For full time attendance at an Environmental Education workshop
 - 1 - Club with largest attendance
 - 2 - District with largest attendance

Starting in 2022 (for the 2021 awards) will be a \$25.00 award offered to the best BOE (only One) this money award will be offered only in the second year of each term. Sponsored from Conservation Camp funds.

No 56 - THE DOROTHY CHANDLER WILDFLOWER AWARD

A framed certificate may be awarded for:

- A - Club
- B - Council or Group of Clubs
- C - Individual
- D - District

For notable environmental preservation and civic enhancement using wildflowers. Concentrated effort in the protection, planning, growing and/or identification of wildflowers.

NOTE: All entries must include "Before and After" photos of the project.

No 63 PARKS

A certificate may be awarded for:

- A - New Park Projects
- B - Continuing Park Projects
- C - Completed Parks
 - 1. Club
 - 2. Group of Clubs

For an outstanding parks project, "Before and After and Current" photos are required.

No. 64 HISTORIC GARDENS

A certificate may be awarded for:

- A - Club

For its participation in the restoration and/or maintenance of historic areas including gardens, parks, trails, and neighborhoods. This may include landscaping or plantings. "Before, After and Current" Photos required. Consideration will be given to suitability of plant material to the historic period. Landscape design is required but does not have to be professionally drawn.

No. 65 PRESIDENT' CITATION

A certificate/s may be presented, at the discretion of the State President, to any person who has made and outstanding contribution to garden club activities.

No. 66 NEW CLUB SPONSORSHIP

A certificate may be awarded to the TFGC District with the largest percentage gain of new members in a new club sponsored during the garden club year April 1 - March 31.

This award was sponsored by Jean Thompson

No. 67 DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP

A certificate may be awarded to the District with the largest total increase in membership during the garden club year April 1 - March 31.

No. 68 JOURNALISM

A certificate may be awarded to:

- A - A literary production of horticulture interest. Books on the subject of horticulture or garden design must have been written within three years of application. Magazine articles are ineligible.
- B - A member whose article have appeared in The Volunteer Gardener. These must be deemed worthy in the field
- C - A member whose exceptional photography has appeared in The Volunteer Gardener.
- D - A member whose poetry has appeared in the Volunteer Gardener.

NOTE: Nominations shall be made by the editor of The Volunteer Gardener and approved by the State Awards Chairman.

No. 69 FLORAL DESIGN

A certificate may be awarded to:

- A - The District with the most effective program focusing on floral design for everyday use (for beautifying the home, for recreation, for therapy etc.) with demonstrations and/or workshops open to the public.
- B -The most effective club project involving Youth Floral Design
 - 1 - Preschool through grade 3
 - 2 - Grades 4-6
- C -Individual

No. 70 TREE

A certificate may be awarded for:

- 1 - Individual
- 2 - Club
- 3 - Group of Clubs

For the most comprehensive and outstanding work relating to trees in each of the following categories.

- A -Best planned course of action relating to trees
- B- Most unique tree-planting project
- C - Participation in TFGC, DS NGC Tree Projects

NOTE: This can be a one or two year project

Scale of Points

Scope of plan or project.....	4	0
Participation.....	3	0
Educational Value.....	1	0
Presentation.....	2	0

No. 71 SCRAPBOOK

A certificate may be awarded for:

- A - Clubs under 30 members
- B - Clubs 31-50 members
- C - Clubs 51 and over
 - 1 - One Year
 - 2 - Two Year

The scrapbooks are judged on the district level and the District Awards Chairman sends the winning names to the TFGC Awards Chairman by March 15.

No. 72 PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK

Due to the TFGC Awards Chairman by January 15

A certificate may be awarded for:

- A - Club
 - 1 - under 29 members
 - 2 - 30 -99 members
 - 3 - 100 and over
- B - Group of Clubs, Councils, District

Press Book required information

- 1 - NO LIMIT ON PAGES
- 2 - Label states No. 72 Publicity Press Book, club name, town
- 3 - State number of members on Application
- 4 - Submit in report cover 8 ½ x 11" or 9 x 12".
- 5 - No Heavy scrapbooks or oversized portfolios
- 6 - Plastic page protectors may be used
- 7 - Material MUST consist only of newspaper, magazine, newsletter or any printed publication clippings with the name and date of publication over each article.
- 8 - Clear photocopies are permitted: reduced photocopies of large or lengthy articles are permitted. Downloading of published newspaper articles are permitted.
- 9 - Include table of contents. Affix contents in chronological order January 1 through December 31.
- 10 - Clippings evenly cut, NO loose clippings permitted

11 - Each publication item must contain the name of organization and/or identified as a member of the organization. UNDERLINE or HIGHLIGHT first use of name of organization and/or member in each article. Articles should include who, what, when, where, etc. Publicity should relate to organizations or individual's projects and/or activities, promoting NGC objectives and goals.

No. 76 GARDEN CLUB OF THE YEAR

A certificate and a cash award of \$25.00, provided by each Deep South State, may be awarded annually to a garden club in each state which excels in all of the following categories: membership increase, service to members, club programs, projects, members attending club, district, state meetings and/or sponsored programs. The entry shall produce substantiating evidence of the club's accomplishments in the stated categories.

Scale of Points

- 1. Membership Increase (for 1 year).....2 0
 - Number of members on January 1
 - Number of members on December 31
 - If membership is limited, what is the number

- 2. Service.....10
 - Continuing service provided by club for members
 - Communications (describe briefly)
 - Other (describe briefly)

- 3. Club Programs.....2 0
 - Number _____
 - Horticulture Design _____
 - Environmental Concerns _____
 - Special and/or Regional Project _____
 - Membership participation in presenting either programs or workshops _____
 - Describe Briefly (Include yearbook page showing programs)

- 4. Club Representation.....2 0
 - Average number attending 9 club meetings _____
 - Members attending spring/all district meetings _____
 - Members attending TFGC convention _____
 - Members attending Deep South Convention _____
 - Members attending National Convention _____

- 5. Club Projects.....2 0
 - Describe briefly on one page: two photographs may be included on two pages

- 6. Club finances funding activities.....1 0
 - Dues only source of income?
 - Fundraisers (describe briefly) Number _____ Amount _____
 - Place typed information in theme binder, substantiating information to be included.

No. 77 FRIENDS OF RACHEFF S.C.O.O.P. AWARD

Garden Club members are encouraged to contribute \$76.00 per "Friend" to "Friends of Racheff" to help maintain the state headquarters, Ivan Racheff House and Gardens. "Friends" do not have to be garden club members. Memorials and Special Recognitions for individuals are encouraged. \$76.00 was Mr. Racheff's first garden investment. Certificate may be awarded to:

- A. GC with the most creative campaign to enlist "Friends"
- B. GC that enlists the most "Friends"
- C. GC that enlists the most "Friends" to % of club members
- D. Individual whose project/plan enlists the most "Friends"

Send all information/BOE to Committee Chairman

No. 79 GARDENING GIFTS

A certificate and \$100.00 may be awarded to the best BOE out of the 3 categories listed below.

- A. Small club - under 30 members
- B. Medium club - 31-50 members
- C. Large club - over 51 members

This is a two year project, awarded in the second year of each term, for any worthy project of NGC objectives.

This award is sponsored by former State President Valerie Tipps

No. 80 FLOWER SHOW RECOGNITION

A certificate of recognition will be presented to any TFGC member club having sponsored or participated in a NGC Flower Show in the awards year, weather they have applied for a flower show award or not. This state award will not take place of any other state flower show award. It is to recognize a club's commitment, work, and expense of having a flower show.

NOTE: District Awards Chairman must submit a list of all flower shows held in their district to the State Awards Chairman by January 1.

SMOKEY BEAR WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

DUE to your TFGC Smokey Bear Chairman by January 22

This poster contest is open to first through fifth grade students. It can be school groups, church groups, scout groups etc. Complete information on this contest is on the NGC web site. The NGC winner wins a trip to Washington DC. Poster must feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl. Certificates will be awarded to clubs who participate in this contest.

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

DUE to your State Youth Chairman by November 15

This contest is open to students attending grades 9 thru 12. A \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to the National Winner. Second place winner receives \$100.00. Complete information on this contest is on the NGC web site, including scale of points. Certificates will be awarded to the clubs who participate in this contest.

YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

DUE to the State Youth Chairman by November 15

This contest is open to kindergarten thru ninth grade, and special education. The National Winners will be published in a Poetry Book. Complete information about this contest may be found on the NGC web site, including scale of points. Certificates will be awarded to clubs who participate in this contest

YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST

due TO THE State Youth Chairman by November 15

this contest is open to children in 4th through 8th grade. Sculptures must consist of recyclable, reused and reduced materials. Complete rules can be found on the NGC web site.

TFGC FLOWER SHOW AWARD RULES

1. The Club President must write or email the State Awards Chairman and the State Evaluations Chairman a "Letter of Intent" at least 45 days prior to the show. In this letter it must contain the following:
 - A. Sponsoring organization
 - B. Name and address of flower show chairman
 - C. Show date and location
 - D. Theme (title of the show)
 - E. Name and number of award sought, including size of club
 - F. Complete list of judges with address and member club of which they belong.
2. The State Awards Chairman will then send out a "Flower Show Packet" which will include all forms needed for the show and other helpful information.
3. The State Evaluations Chairman will notify the Flower Show Chairman and the President, by e-mail if possible the names of the judges that will form the evaluating panel.
4. To be eligible for an award, the Flower Show must have achieved a score of 95 or above. Consult the handbook 2017 edition for all requirements pertaining to the specific award for which application is being made.

5. Application form
 1. Two (2) copies of current NGC Flower Show application form must be filled out completely. One is glued to the inside cover, and one is paper clipped to the inside cover. offered.

6. Judges' Evaluation Forms

These must be sent directly to the TFGC Awards Chairman by the members of the evaluating panel. The TFGC Awards Chairman will then insert the sheets in the BOE before they are sent to NGC.

NGC Flower Show Awards are non-competitive. Books of Evidence are NOT compared to or judged against one another; like an exhibit at a Flower Show, Books of Evidence are judged on their own merit. If the Flower Show scored 95 or above on NGC level, it will be honored with an NGC Flower Show Achievement Award

NGC FLOWER SHOW AWARDS OFFERED

STANDARD FLOWER SHOWS

Club Standard Flower Show

- FS-1A - Club Standard Flower Show - fewer than 21 members
- FS-1B - Club Standard Flower Show - 21 - 49 members
- FS-1C - Club Standard Flower Show - 50 - 99 members
- FS-1D - Club Standard Flower Show - 100 or more members

Holiday Standard Flower Show

(Spirit of the holiday's must be featured)

- FS-2A - One (1) member club
- FS-2B - Two (2) or more member clubs

Patriotic Standard Flower Show

(United States Flag must be correctly and predominantly displayed)

- FS-4A - One (1) Member Club
- FS-4B - Two (2) or more member clubs

Petite Standard Flower Show

(All horticulture and design exhibits quality as Petite Divisions)

- FS-5A - One (1) member club
- FS-5B - Two (2) or more member clubs

SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOWS

Club Small-Standard Flower Show

- FS-7A - Club Small Standard Flower Show - less than 21 members
- FS-7B - Club Small Standard Flower Show - 21-49 members
- FS-7C - Club Small Standard Flower Show - 50 - 99 members

Holiday Small Standard Flower Show

- FS-8 - Club Small Standard Flower Show

Patriotic Small Standard Flower Show

(United States Flag must be correctly and prominently displayed)

- FS-10 - One (1) member club with fewer than 100 members

Petite Small Standard Flower Show

- FS-11 - One (1) member with fewer than 100 members

NEAR-CLUB, COUNCIL OR DISTRICT FLOWER SHOWS

Near-Club Standard Flower Show

Councils and Districts are NOT eligible for this award

(Clubs must share sponsorship of the show)

FS-13 - Near-Club Standard Flower Show

Two (2) or more member clubs located near each other

Council Standard Flower Show

FS-14A - Sponsored by at least 3 member clubs belonging to an association, federation, group circle, etc.
And recognized by the State GC.

FS14-B - Judges Council/s Standard Flower Show

District Flower Show

FS-15A - District/region consisting of fifteen (15) or fewer NGC member clubs

FS-15B -District/region consisting of Sixteen (16) or more NGC member clubs.

STATE FLOWER SHOWS

State Flower Show

FS-16A - Small state; more than 100 member clubs with 10% of adults clubs participating

FS-16B - Large state: 100 or more member clubs with 10% of adult clubs participating. Horticulture Division: minimum of 20 classes with at least 80 exhibits total. Design Division; minimum of 20 classes with at least 4 exhibits in each class.

YOUTH FLOWER SHOWS

Youth Flower Show or Youth Section of an Adult Standard FS

FS-17A - Youth Flower Show held by one (1) NGC Youth club or Youth group, sponsored by an NGC member club

FS-17B -Youth Flower Show held by two (2) or more NGC Youth clubs or Youth groups, sponsored by an NGC member club.

FS-17C -Youth Participation in a Standard Flower Show.

Youth section/subsections must be evaluated separately from the adults on a separate Scale of Points for Evaluating Standard Flower Shows form by a panel of three (3) accredited flower show judges.

Book of evidence must provide evidence of youth participation in writing the Youth portion of the Flower Show Schedule and in staging or clerking of the Youth Division. (Photos may serve as evidence)

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE FLOWER SHOWS

International Affiliates Standard Flower Show

FS-18 - One (1) or more international affiliate.

PLANT SOCIETY FLOWER SHOWS

Plant Society Standard Flower Show

FS-19 - Plant Society affiliated with NGC on local/ state/ regional/ or NGC level; or NGC organization co-sponsored with non-NGC affiliated Plant Society.

SPECIALTY FLOWER SHOWS

Horticulture Specialty Show

FS-20A - One (1) club

FS-20B - Two (2) or more clubs

FS-20C - Council, district, state or region sponsoring organization

Design Speciality Show

- FS-21A - One (1) club
- FS-21B - Two (2) or more clubs
- FS-21C - Council, district, state or region sponsoring organization

No. 75 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

A certificate may be awarded for the best Schedule of any NGC Flower Show. First, Second and Third place may be awarded provided the schedule scores 95 or above. Score sheet for schedules included in the Flower Show Packet.

- A - Club
- B - Council or Group of Clubs
- C - District

Scale of points can be found on the NGC web site.

No. 78 FLOWER SHOW STAGING AWARD

A certificate and Gold Rosette will be awarded to each district winner. Flower Show must score 95 or above to be eligible. Form is included in the Flower Show Packet.

These forms are mailed to the State Awards Chairman by the judging panel, within two weeks after the show.

Classes:

- 1 - Club with 30 members or less
- 2 - Club with more than 30 members
- 3 - Council or Group of Clubs
 - A - A council with 10 clubs or less
 - B - A council with more than 10 clubs
 - C - A group of clubs

To Apply:

- 1. Secure Staging form from TFGC Awards Chairman
- 2. Have the three evaluating panel fill the Staging Form out at the show and provide them with an addressed envelop addressed to your **state awards chairman**. The judges are to sign the form and mail in two weeks.

Scale of Points:

- 1 - Method of displaying exhibits.....1 5
- 2 - Practicability (spacious displays, adequate and unobstructed aisles, sufficient lighting).....2 5
- 3 - Unity (uniform containers, neat staging, related color, general order and balance, uniform place cards).....4 0
- 4 - Beauty (pleasing to the eye, appropriate, in good taste, simple).....2 0

ALL THREE JUDGES MUST VOTE ON FINAL SCORE: THE MAJORITY RULES, ALL CONTRIBUTE TO COMMENTS AND THEN SIGN.

THE KITTY ANDERSON BEST OF SHOWS AWARD

\$300.00 will be awarded annually to the sponsor of the most outstanding Flower Show held in the current awards year. The Flower Show must be a first place state winner and the recipient of a NGC Flower Show Award. The winner is selected by a committee outside of the state of Tennessee. No club or group of clubs is eligible for this award two consecutive years.

- Scale of points
- Distinction.....3 0
- Originality.....2 0
- Creative Expression.....2 0
- Public Appeal.....1 5
- Schedule.....1 5