

AWARDS SUMMARY 2019-2021

All Awards cover the period from January 1 to December 31 unless otherwise stated in the award description. Awards are given at the local level (District), State (GCFP), Region (CAR-SGC, Inc) and National (NGC, Inc.) level.

Addresses for all the various GCFP Awards Chairs mentioned in this summary are password-protected under "2019-2020 Award Chairs Team" on the Education/Awards page of the GCFP website; or in the Directory Issue of the Keystone Gardener. Always expect and obtain an acknowledgement of receipt of an email or package from them.

The GCFP Awards Chairs, Marilyn C. Backus, or State Vice Awards Chair, Nancy Philpot, must forward any winning GCFP entries to NGC. Note in they share the public Email Address of gardenclubofmonroeville.org20@ymail.com and that application packages should be sent to Marilyn C. Backus' address noted in the "2019-2020 Award Chairs Team" file.

DISTRICT AWARDS may be limited to District Laurels or enhanced by one or more honors specific to each district such as the Ladybug, Butterfly, Tulip, Hummingbird, or Daffodil awards. Guidelines to apply for district awards and honors are available through individual District Directors and their District Award Chairperson. A District Laurel Certificate is included in the Presidents' packet.

Forget-Me-Not GCFP Honorary District Award is the newest award. One nomination from each club is sent to the District Director (DD) by December 1 using a GCFP application that addresses Award Criteria listed on the GCFP website. The DD selects one District winner, which is sent to the GCFP Awards Chair.

All **GCFP AWARDS** are described in the current GCFP Awards Manual, revised in August 2017 and updated in August 2019. It is located and downloadable from the "Presidents' Packet" area of www.pagardenclubs.org or may be purchased from the new Headquarters Office at GCFP, PO Box 205, Lampeter, PA 17537-0205, Phone: 717-737-8219. Each award requires a 2019-2021 GCFP (State) Application form which has the GCFP logo in the upper left corner and is available on the state website (www.pagardenclubs.org). If only the club information is completed, it serves as a cover page. Then complete, unless otherwise noted, the questions on the application for a total of 3 one-sided pages, following the guidelines set by the NGC, Inc. Application.

In the Manual, some GCFP awards in parentheses correspond to NGC, Inc. awards, which are lettered and numbered, for example: Y-1 Youth Garden Club (GCFP Youth Gardening Award). Always apply for the highest award, when one is available, by including two copies of the (updated in 2019) NGC (National) application form and meet the deadline set by the state (GCFP) award. Awards at every level except District should be sent by email or post to the appropriate State Award Chair Team member, as listed on the "2019-2020 Award Deadline Dates Summary" on the GCFP website under "Education/Awards". GCFP only awards are due January 15 while GCFP awards with a corresponding NGC award are due December 1.

SPECIAL STATE (GCFP) AWARDS

GCFP Gold Seal; GCFP Silver Seal; and Governor's Trophy Awards

All still require a substantial Book of Evidence (BOE). 1 GCFP application form is required for each award. Applications are to be submitted to the State Awards Chairs, Marilyn C.

Backus/Nancy Philpot, by **January 15**.

Publicity Press Book Award

While National Garden Clubs has discontinued this award. It continues as a State Award for the 2019-2021 award years. A Book of Evidence is required, with no limit to the number of pages. Two State application forms should be submitted; complete the necessary club information, but do not answer the questions. Send to the GCFP Publicity Press Book Chair, Joy Kempf, **by January 25.**

GCFP Legacy Awards, aka “Seeds of Service” aka GCFP President’s Project

Awarded **every other year** in the even numbered years at the annual district meetings, the award’s full description of the categories and guidelines for applying are listed on the GCFP website. A one-page description of project should be sent to the District Awards Chairperson by **June 15, 2020**, who then forwards it on to the GCFP Legacy Awards Chair, Betsy Smith **by June 30, 2020.**

GCFP Honor Roll of Exceptional Horticulturists nominees should be submitted to the GCFP Horticulture Coordinator, Judy Vehse, by **August 1**, with a copy to the DD.

REGIONAL (CAR-SGC) AWARDS recognize excellence above the state level and are designed for outstanding club projects and individual accomplishments among the region’s clubs and club members. A complete listing may be found on the region’s website (www.carsgc.org). Follow the instructions on the CARSGC application form, and submit it to the GCFP State Award Chairs by **January 15.**

Standard Flower Show Schedule Award

CARSGC is the highest level for this award. Send 2 CAR application forms and 1 GCFP application form (GCFP Flower Show Schedule Award) with the schedule to GCFP Flower Show Schedule Chair, Sue Irwin, by **December 1.**

CAR-SGC Golden Perennial Bloom Award Competition

Clubs choose and send their PERENNIAL BLOOM Candidate’s “Application Form” (see updated Award Description that allows no more than 4 pages and a picture) to the District Director by July 1. District Director sends one District nominee to State Awards Chairs by August 1. State Awards Chairs select one state winner and forwards to the CARSGC Perennial Bloom Chair by August 31. The GOLDEN PERENNIAL BLOOM AWARD will be presented at the Fall CARSGC Conference and State winners will be recognized.

NATIONAL AWARDS WITH REGIONAL (CARSGC) WINNERS

NGC SR-3 Member Award of Honor

To recognize outstanding individuals in each state, send a summary of his/her accomplishments over a five-year period, including supporting information. Submit this along with NGC and GCFP award applications to GCFP Award Chair, Marilyn C. Backus, **by January 1.** One winner will be chosen in each of the eight NGC regions.

NGC #16 YB-1, Club Yearbooks (GCFP Club Yearbook Award A)

1 GCFP application (for GCFP Yearbook Award A), 1 CARSGC and 1 NGC Application are required. Complete club information, but do NOT answer the questions. Submit to GCFP Yearbook Chair, Joyce Peterson, **by December 1.**

NATIONAL (NGC) YOUTH PROGRAM AWARDS WITH REGIONAL (CARSGC) WINNERS

Poetry, K-9th Grade: Theme 2019-2020 "Adventures in the Garden" and 2020-2021 Theme: "Exploring Backyard Mysteries". Typed, correctly and uniquely titled and labeled entries are sent to GCFP Youth Chair, Chris Hawthorne, by December 1.

High School Essay Contest, 9th-12th Grade: Theme 2019-2020 "Challenges in Preserving our Natural Habitats" and 2020-2021 "Adapting our Actions to Protect our Natural Habitats." Send entries containing 600-700 words that are suitable for publication and follow the Contest Rules and Criteria to GCFP Youth Chair, Chris Hawthorne, by December 1.

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, 1st-5th Grades: Submit 11x17 inch poster entries following the "Poster Rules" for the 2020 Contest to GCFP Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chair, Paula Mohler, by January 15, 2020.

Youth Sculpture Contest, 4th-8th Grade: Follow Youth Sculpture "Contest Rules", complete "Contest Entry Form" and send to GCFP Youth Chair, Chris Hawthorne, by December 1.

NATIONAL AWARDS (NGC, Inc.) are given for projects of high quality and reasonably large scope. Clubs must submit their information on the current application forms available on the GCFP and NGC websites (www.gardenclub.org). All applications and materials for National Awards must be submitted to the appropriate State Award Chairperson **by December 1**. No club or individual may submit an award directly to the National Award Chairperson. Two NGC application forms are required for these awards.

NGC President's Special Project 2019-2020: Plant America Community Project Grants"

NGC President, Gay L. Austin's project will continue the grants of up to \$1,000 to club project direct expenses via the "Plant America Community Project Grants". Guidelines and criteria may be found on the National (NGC, Inc) website. Send application and budget by October 15, 2019 to plantamericagrants@gmail.com . Contact: David Robson, Chair, Plant America.

NGC MP-3(A) Social Media/Website Award

Complete 1 GCFP and 2 NGC Application Forms and respond to the Questions. Send a picture of the homepage and the website address to the GCFP Awards Chairs by December 1.

NGC #12 PUB-1(select A-D) Category (select 1-4) Publications Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit (GCFP Newsletter Publication Award)

Mail 3 sample newsletter issues enclosed with 1 GCFP and 1 NGC application. Place samples and applications in an envelope having a second NGC Application attached to the outside of the envelope. Insert the envelope inside a larger envelope and send to GCFP Club Newsletter Chair, Julie Willow, by December 1.

NGC #13 PUB-2(select A-D) Category (select 1-8) Specialized Publications Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit (GCFP Specialized Publication Award)

Mail printed publications, not notices or flyers for one-time events. Send one sample publication with 1 NGC and 1 GCFP application in an envelope having a second NGC Application attached to the outside of the envelope. Insert the envelope inside a larger envelope and send to GCFP State Award Chairs by December 1.

NGC Standard Flower Show Achievement Awards

Consult "NGC Standard FS Achievement Awards", including its "Show Data" and its "Check List" publications. Submit a Book of Evidence (BOE) using the 2017 Handbook for Flower Shows, pages 61-63. Consult NGC website guidance: "Book of Evidence FS Evaluation Scale of Points" + "Directive for Insuring Consistency in Grading of BOEs". Send and follow the instructions on 2 NGC FS Achievement Award Applications along with 1 GCFP Application for Flower Shows to GCFP FS BOE Evaluation Chair, Deb Stumpf, who submits results to the State Awards Chair by December 1.