

AWARDS 2017-2019

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 (CARSGC, Inc) and National (NGC, Inc.) level.

DISTRICT AWARDS may be limited to District Laurels or enhanced by one or more honors specific to each district; ladybug, butterfly, tulip, etc. 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 this packet.

All **GCFP AWARDS** are described in the current Award Manual, August 2017, www.pagardenclubs.org or contact the office and purchase it. Each award requires a 2017-2019 State Application form which has the GCFP logo in the upper left corner and is available on the state website (www.pagardenclubs.org). Complete the club information and questions on the application, which serves as page 1 of the 3 pages allowed, following the guidelines by NGC, Inc. Some GCFP awards correspond to NGC, Inc. awards and are listed in parenthesis after the National award which is lettered and numbered; example: Y-1 Youth Garden Club (GCFP Youth Gardening Award). Always apply for the highest award, when one is available, include two copies of the National application form and meet the deadline set by the state award. Awards at every level except District, should be sent by email or post to the State Award Chairperson, Chris Gresh, (gcfpawards@gmail.com). GCFP only awards due January 15; GCFP awards with a corresponding NGC award are due December 1.

SPECIAL STATE AWARDS*

***Gold Seal and Silver Seal Awards, Governor's Trophy**

Still require a substantial Book of Evidence (BOE). 1 GCFP application form required. Applications are to be submitted to the State Awards Chairperson Chris Gresh, (gcfpawards@gmail.com) by **January 15**.

Publicity Press Book Award

National Garden Clubs has discontinued this award. It will be retained as a State Award for the 2017-2019 award years. A Book of Evidence is required, no limit to the number of pages. Two State application forms should be submitted; complete the necessary club information, do not answer the questions. Send to the GCFP Publicity Press Book Chairperson, Joy Kempf, (joysgarden@roadrunner.com) by **January 25.

***Seeds of Service", GCFP President's Project**

Awarded **every other year** in the even numbered years at the annual district meetings. Full description of the categories and guidelines for applying are listed on the GCFP website. One page description of project should be sent to the District Awards Chairperson by **June 15th** and then on to the GCFP Seeds of Service Chair, Betsy Smith (hydeezmom@comcast.net) by **June 30th**.

***Honor Roll of Exceptional Horticulturists** nominees should be submitted to the GCFP Horticulture Coordinator, Judy Vehse (jivehse@gmail.com) by **August 1st**.

REGION AWARDS (CARSGC) 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, submit to State Award Chair 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 (srirwin2@comcast.net) by **December 1**.

NATIONAL AWARDS JUDGED AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL*

***Member Award of Honor SR-3**

For outstanding individuals in each state. Requires a summary of the accomplishments over a five year period and supporting information. Submit with NGC and GCFP award applications to GCFP Award Chair, Chris Gresh, (gcfpawards@gmail.com) by **January 1**. One winner will be chosen in each of the eight regions.

***NGC YB-1, Club Yearbooks**

2 NGC application forms and 1 GCFP application (GCFP Yearbook Award A) required. Complete necessary information, do not answer the questions. Submit to GCFP Yearbook Chair, Joyce Peterson, (jpeterston1010@msn.com) 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 form available on the NGC website (www.gardenclub.org) and the GCFP and CAR websites previously listed. 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. 2 NGC application forms are required for these awards.

***NGC President's Special Project**

NGC President, Nancy Hargrove's project is "Plant America Community Project Grants". Description may be found on the National website. Send application to National Project Coordinator, Betty Cookendorfer by Nov 1st, 2017.

***NGC, PUB-1 Club Newsletters**

Mail 3 sample issues in an envelope with 2 NGC application forms and 1 GCFP application to GCFP Club Newsletter Chair, Betty Lewis (bettyllewis@verizon.net) by **December 1**.

***Standard Flower Show Achievement Awards National changes to FS Achievement awards will not be available until 2018**

Submit Book of Evidence (BOE) and 2 NGC application forms along with 1 GCFP Application for Flower Shows to GCFP Flower Show Evaluation Chairperson, Pam Davis, (davispcj@aol.com) **by December 1**. Refer to the Handbook for Flower Shows, pages 61-63 for compiling the BOE. Follow the instructions on the application form.

Youth Contests

***Poetry**, K-9th Grade: Theme 2017-2018 "Let it Grow" and 2018-2019 Theme: "Pop Goes the Seed". Send entries to GCFP Youth Chairperson, Gail Blasko, (glasko@ptd.net) **by December 1**.

***High School Essay Contest**, 9th-12th Grade: Theme 2017-2018 "Community Gardens - A Solution to Blight, Crime, and Hunger" and 2018-2019 "The Impact of Bottled Water on the Environment and the Water Supply". Send entries to GCFP Youth Chair, Chris Hawthorne (christhenurse@yahoo.com) **by December 1**.

***Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters**: 1st-5th Grades: Submit entries to GCFP Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chair, Paula Mohler (halcyon1@verizon.net) **by January 15, 2018**