

PIEDMONT DISTRICT AWARDS



Dear Piedmont District Members:

What has your club accomplished this past year? Have you had a flower show? Planted trees or landscaped grounds of a public building? Why not prepare an award application and let your fellow garden club members know what you have been doing?

Here are some suggestions for encouraging your club members to be active and apply for awards:

1. Read the new list carefully. Some awards offered in the past have been eliminated, but there are plenty of awards to choose from. Also, please read the rules for submitting books of evidence; it is important that they be followed!
2. Decide that you will submit one or more awards from your club this year.
3. Form a committee even if it is only one or two other club members to help.
4. Review the list of awards to see whether there is an activity that your club has performed or is performing this year that fits the qualification of one or more awards. Since most clubs have a yearbook and a newsletter, these are great candidates for award applications.
5. EVERY CLUB should submit their Club Yearbook (see PD-19).
6. Note that some awards may apply to individual club members. If you see categories that apply to your club members, contact them and encourage them to apply. As Awards Chairman or Club President, you do not have to prepare each award, but you should give your enthusiasm, guidance and direction to see that the job is well done. Think about having a workshop to prepare awards, make it a time of fun and fellowship.
7. Refer to the VFGC Yearbook 2015-2017 for complete rules and listings of VFGC, SAR and NGC Awards. You may also find lists on the VFGC (viriniagardenclubs.org), SAR (southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org) and NGC (gardenclub.org) websites.
An example of a completed form is located on the state site.

We hope to receive a lot of applications from Piedmont District clubs. Do not hesitate to call, write or e-mail if you have any questions or need additional information.

Piedmont District Awards Chairman

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PLEASE READ ALL RULES CAREFULLY.

Good luck to all of you and remember this advice from National Garden Clubs:

"Enter your activities and projects for awards. Someone will win—why not your club! JUST DO IT!!!"

AWARDS

DEADLINE for submitting entries to District Awards Chairman is DECEMBER 1, 2015. The District Awards committee will judge ALL ENTRIES, unless otherwise stated. Winners will be sent to the VFGC Awards Chairman by DECEMBER 15, 2015 to compete for VFGC, SAR and NGC awards.

ELIGIBILITY: Only VFGC members are eligible to apply for VFGC awards unless otherwise stated in the award description. Members are: member garden clubs, groups of member clubs, and individual members of garden clubs. Junior, Intermediate, High School Garden Clubs, and Individual Youth must be sponsored by a member garden club to be eligible for specific VFGC, SAR and NGC awards.

GENERAL INFORMATION

APPLICATION FORMS: NEW application form.

- * Fill in District, VFGC and SAR Award number in TOP right corner.
- * Fill in NGC Award number and name.
- * There is a THREE (3, single) page limit, using only the FRONT of the page.
- * Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer required or allowed.
- * Applications will NOT be returned. Exceptions noted.
- * Applications may be submitted electronically to the District and State Awards Chairman where applicable.
- * Forms are available on the VFGC website, www.virginiagardenclubs.org, and from District and State Awards Chairmen.
- *-Example of Award Application (filled out) is on the VFGC website Awards page www.virginiagardenclubs.org
- ** This NEW application form should not be used for Awards of Excellence or Flower Show Achievement Awards.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING AND DEADLINES:

- * Complete the application form.
- * Submit the original form (3 pages only) to your DISTRICT Awards Chairman by the deadline DECEMBER 1, 2015. If submitting by mail, Include original and one copy. Submit to: Judy Futch at the above address (completed awards applications and supporting detail will be accepted at the October 12, 2014 General Membership Meeting at the Awards Table.)
- * Keep one copy for your records.
- * YEARBOOKS – complete the necessary information on the NGC 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). No envelope necessary.
- * PUBLICATIONS: Submit entry for #S-8 (District Newsletter), #PD-17 (Club Membership Brochure), #PD-18 (Club Newsletter) in an envelope with one Application Form secured to outside and one enclosed inside envelope.
- *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, Honorary, etc.
 - i. Small Club: 29 members and under
 - ii. Medium Club: 30-59 members
 - iii. Large Club: 60-99 members
 - iv. Ex-Large Clubs, 100 members or more

CLUB AWARDS

PD-1 BIRD PROTECTION – \$20 may be awarded to a club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) for conducting the most comprehensive and effective project for bird protection and welfare, e.g. sanctuaries, providing food, houses and promoting law enforcement relative to bird welfare. (S # 14; SAR #2; NGC #42A)

PD-2 BUTTERFLY – \$20 may be awarded to the club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) conducting the most comprehensive and effective project on butterflies, e.g. habitat protection, protection of migratory routes, public education, establishment of a butterfly garden at a school or community site. (S # 15; SAR #3; NGC #43A)

PD-3 CONSERVATION – \$20 may be awarded to a club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) for conservation activities, e. g. education or legislative activity; conservation field project; natural resource development, such as a watershed, erosion control, reforestation, wildlife refuge; overall excellence and well-balanced year's conservation activities. (S # 17; SAR #25, NGC #6A, possibly NGC #41A)

PD-4 HISTORIC PRESERVATION – \$20 may be awarded to a club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) for an historic preservation project such as the restoration of a park, a building, and/or garden of importance to local, state, or national heritage. (S # 29; SAR #8A, NCG #50A)

PD-5 DECORATION OF HISTORIC BUILDING – \$20 may be awarded to a club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) for tastefully decorating 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's style. Designer's choice of all materials within purview of curator, official, or owner of the building (S # 30; NCG #51A)

PD-6 HORTICULTURE THERAPY – \$20 may be awarded to a club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) for an outstanding program working with the physically or learning challenged in nursing homes, schools, prisons, etc. (S # 31; SAR #7, NGC #19A)

PD-7 HORTICULTURE THERAPY GARDEN PROJECT– \$20 may be awarded to a club (i. small, ii medium, iii large, iv

extra large) for establishment of a garden/s to benefit the physically or learning challenged, residents in nursing home, school, prisons, low income housing, Habitat for Humanity, etc. Includes barrier free garden, accessible gardening, community garden, meditation garden at hospital, etc. (S # 32; SAR #7; NGC #48A)

PD-8 COMMUNITY LANDSCAPE DESIGN - \$20 may be awarded to a club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) for the most outstanding project/significant contribution in planning and planting for a commercial property, church or synagogue, hospital, library, school, civic center, park, waterfront, etc. Copy of landscape plan must be included (S #32; SAR #4, possibly #16; NGC #49A)

PD-9 LITTER/RECYCLING/RECLAMATION – \$20 may be awarded to a club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) for the most outstanding activity/project on litter prevention, reclamation and/or recycling, e.g. year-long program, organizing recycling program, establishing community composting site. (S #19; SAR #11; NGC #39A)

PD-10 MEMBERSHIP – \$20 will be awarded to the club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) bringing the most new members into VFGC. Send list of members new to your club, showing joining date to Piedmont District Membership Chairman by March 1, 2016. List new members joining March 1, 2015-February 28, 2016. Send list and information to: Lynne Still; 13520 Cotley Lane; Henrico, VA 23233-7631 or email to wjstill@aol.com. (S# 33) No application required.

PD-11 NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK – \$20 may be awarded to a garden club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) for the best overall promotion of National Garden Week. Emphasis on showing community awareness throughout the entire week and may include local and/or state proclamations. (S # 34; SAR # 11A; NGC #53A)

PD-12 CIVIC PROJECTS WITH NATIVE PLANTS– \$20 may be awarded to a garden club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) for establishing wildflower gardens, memorial gardens, or the restoration of historic gardens with emphasis on native plant material to your region. (S # 22; possibly SAR #14; NGC # 73A)

PD-13 OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS, NATURE TRAILS – \$20 may be awarded to a garden club (i. small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) for establishing outdoor classrooms, nature trails, wildflower walks, etc. with the emphasis on wildflowers and native plants. (S # 23; NGC #74A)

PD-14 SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT - WHITE ROSETTE

A. May be awarded to a single member club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) for outstanding work furthering NGC objectives and projects throughout club year or special project not provided for in another NGC Award. (S # 35; NGC #7A)

B. May be awarded to a single member club for outstanding work for projects or objectives of VFGC.

PD-15 YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION –\$20 may be awarded to a club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) for the most comprehensive program in the field of environmental education involving youth. (S # 38; SAR #25, NGC #54A)

PD-16 YOUTH HORTICULTURE EDUCATION – \$20 may be awarded to a garden club (i. small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) for the best promotion of gardening among youth; based on belief that youth should be educated to become future horticulturists. (S # 39; SAR # 25, NGC #8)

PD-17_ “THE FRIGHTENED FROG EDUCATION AWARD _ \$29 may be awarded to a single garden club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) for the best project utilizing “The Frightened Frog” book with youth. The project must involve more than reading the book to children and must demonstrate connecting children with nature. (S-40)

PD-18_ POLLINATOR GARDENS _ \$20 may be awarded to the club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) with the best project of planting pollinator gardens with your, These gardens may be container gardens. Gardens may be in public or private locations. (S-41)

PUBLICATIONS AND PROMOTION

PD-19 CLUB MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE – \$20 may be awarded to a single garden club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) for a club creating the most unique club promotional brochure for promoting membership. (S# 42(5); NGC #13-5A). See VFGC Awards webpage for Scale of Points for brochures. Submit entry in an envelope with one application secured to the outside and one inside the envelope.

PD-20 CLUB NEWSLETTER –

A. \$20 may be awarded to a garden club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) publishing a one-page newsletter – at least 3 times per year under one-editorship or management. Submit only three sample issues and state number issues per year. (S # 43-A; NGC #12-1A)

B. \$20 may be awarded to a single garden club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) publishing a newsletter of 3-12 pages – at least three issues. Submit only three sample issues and state number issues per year. (S # 43-B; NGC #12-2A)

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* See VFGC Awards webpage for Scale of Points for newsletters.

PD-21 CLUB YEARBOOKS - ORANGE ROSETTE

May be awarded to the best yearbook in each of the following categories, determined by number of members on whom VFGC dues are paid. Yearbook must be from current club year. No envelope necessary. (S # 44; SAR #26A; NGC # 16A)

- A. Clubs with under 20 members
- B. Clubs with 20-29 members
- C. Clubs with 30-44 members
- D. Clubs with 45-69 members
- E. Clubs with 70-99 members
- F. Clubs with 100-299 members

* See VFGC Awards webpage or VFGC Yearbook for the Scale of Points for yearbooks. Also see VFGC website for submission requirements.

PD-22 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE – \$20 may be awarded to a single garden club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) for the clearest, most accurate, specific and comprehensive flower show schedule for a standard flower show. (S # 34; SAR #15A) See VFGC Awards webpage for the Scale of Points for Flower Show Schedules and submission requirements.

PD-23 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE – TWO OR MORE – \$20 may be awarded to two or more clubs or council for the clearest, most accurate, specific and comprehensive flower show schedule for a standard flower show. (S # 46; SAR #15B) See VFGC Awards webpage for the Scale of Points for Flower Show Schedules and submission requirements.

PD-24 WEBSITE – \$20 may be awarded to a club (i. small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra large) for the most outstanding website promoting the sponsoring organization and NGC objectives. Provide on NGC Awards Application Form your website address, who maintains site, how often updated, and cost. Ease of navigation will be considered while judging from the current site. **No website will receive an award for two consecutive years.**

*See VFGC Awards webpage for the Scale of Points for Websites. (S #47, SAR#22;, NGC #63-1A or #63-2A)

YOUTH

See www.gardenclub.org under YOUTH or the Fall 2015 issue of The National Gardener for complete Youth Contest rules and details. Winners at the state level are sent for regional and national competition.

PD-53 SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTERS – A \$10 award will be awarded to winners in grades 1-5. Send posters to the District Youth Contest Posters Chairman Randi Heise, 8365 St. Peters Ln., New Kent, VA 23124-2717 by December 1. (Y # 2; SAR #33) Do not use VFGC/NGC award application.

PD-26 YOUTH POETRY CONTEST – Certificates will be awarded to winners of all grade levels (K-9 grades and Special Education K-9 grades). Students must follow NGC rules. Submit entries to District Youth Activities Chairman Randi Heise, 8365 St. Peters Ln., New Kent, VA 23124-2717 by November 1. (Y # 4, SAR #30) Do not use VFGC/NGC award applicatio. For more information, see NGC website under youth contests/poetry contests.

2015-2016 Theme: "Croaking Leaping Frogs"

2016-2017 Theme: "We Three: Bees, Butterflies, and Me"

Member Award of Honor certificates may be awarded to one member in each district whose volunteer 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. Do not use VFGC/NGC award application form. Submit a Book of Evidence no more than 3 pages (one side only) by December 1. Overall VFGC winner will be submitted to South Atlantic Region (SAR) to compete for the Member Award of Honor.

*See VFGC Awards webpage for more information on the Member Award of Honor.