

# District Laurels

Laurels are non-competitive awards that can be given to any qualified District or individual club member. These awards encourage and recognize outstanding accomplishments that are "above and beyond" the regular duties of office or committee. Each District may introduce its own special "Laurels" as a way to say "Thank you". Each District will set its own deadline date for submissions to the District Laurels Chair. Laurels will be presented to the selected recipients and clubs at the Annual District Meetings held in the fall of each year.

There are no limitations on the number of Laurels that may be given to a club by the District. Be selective in your choice of nominees. Consider persons who have never been recognized and honored for superior service to club, District or Federation.

Do not make an application for an individual who has received a Laurel for the same project before a three (3) year period lapses. If, however, a nominee qualifies for a Laurel for an entirely different project or activity than she had previously qualified, she may be nominated again for one of the above categories. Consider persons who have never been recognized and honored for superior service to their Club, District, or Federation. The Awards Committee reads and critiques all applications, and determines whether the activity or project merits a Laurel.

Applying for District Laurels Use a separate sheet of paper for each application and include the following:

1. Club Name
2. Date of Application
3. Name of Nominee
4. Name, email, or phone number of Club President
5. Name, email or phone number of the Club Awards Chair, or person submitting the application.
6. Keep application brief, but supply enough information of the nominee's work to justify the application.

**Thank you for taking the time to recognize those SPECIAL members in your clubs.**

**Members of clubs may be recognized for outstanding activity in the following:**

- **Club Programming: well balanced, including study and/or activity in all of the following: Horticulture, Artistic Floral Design, Conservation and at least one phase of Civic Activity, e.g. Junior Gardening, Horticulture Therapy, Conservation, Civic Development, etc.**
- **Conservation**
- **Civic Development**
- **Horticulture Therapy (actual work with patients)**
- **Horticulture Therapy through services, such as beautification of grounds, providing decorations, etc.**
- **Horticulture-honor the outstanding horticulturist**
- **Junior, Intermediate or High School Gardening**
- **Landscape Design**
- **Scholarship**
- **World Gardening**
- **Any other GCFP or National Objective such as promotion of special types of horticulture, specialty gardens, educational workshops, public relations.**

**District Laurel Certificates can be found on the website under:**

**President's Packet/Forms #19 or**

**Additional Forms - last green button on the right**