

## AWARDS SUMMARY 2021-2023

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.

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**DISTRICT AWARDS** may be limited to District Laurels or enhanced by one or more honors specific to each district such as the Busy Bee, 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. An amendable District Laurel Certificate is available on the website. Certificate printing is the responsibility of the Districts.

**The Forget-Me-Not GCFP Honorary District Award and the Perennial Bloom Award are also district awards.** 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.

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All **GCFP AWARDS** are described in the current GCFP Awards Manual (“Manual”), revised in August 2017 and currently being updated. It is located and downloadable from the Awards area of [www.pagardenclubs.org](http://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 2021-2023 GCFP (State) Application form which has the GCFP logo in the upper left corner and is available under Awards on the state website (**[www.pagardenclubs.org](http://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, December 1, set by the state (GCFP) award.

Awards at every level except District should be sent by email or postal mail to the appropriate State Award Chair Team member, as listed on the “2021-2023 Award Deadline Dates Summary” on the GCFP website under “Awards”. Addresses for all the various GCFP Awards Chairs mentioned in this summary are password-protected under “2021-2023 Award Chairs Committee” on the Awards page of the GCFP website, or in the Directory Issue of the Keystone Gardener. Note that all applications not assigned to other GCFP Award Chairs should be sent to Sheri Lowry at [GCFPAwardsSLowry@gmail.com](mailto:GCFPAwardsSLowry@gmail.com) .

Always expect and obtain an acknowledgement of receipt of an email or package from the Awards Chairs.

With few agreed upon exceptions such as Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Youth Contest, the GCFP Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry, or State Vice Awards Chair, Marilyn C. Backus, must forward any winning GCFP entries to NGC.

## **SPECIAL STATE (GCFP ONLY) AWARDS**

**GCFP Gold Seal; GCFP Silver Seal; and Governor's Trophy Awards** These GCFP only awards are due to the State Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry by January 15. All require a substantial Book of Evidence (BOE). 1 GCFP application form is required for each award.

### **GCFP 2021-2023 "Seeds of Service - President's Project" WATCHING OUR YOUTH BLOOM**

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 with a picture should be sent to the District Director by June 15, 2022, for all projects from May 1, 2021, to May 1, 2022. Top applicants from each District should be sent to the Presidents President's Project Chair, Daryl Jones, by June 30, 2022. If picture includes any youth, please forward the signed NGC RELEASE FOR PUBLICATION AND WEBSITE (Minor Youth Section) form along with the paperwork.

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

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**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](http://www.carsgc.org)). Follow the instructions on the CAR-SGC application form and submit it to the GCFP State Award Chairs by January 15.

### **Flower Show Schedule Award**

CAR-SGC 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, Charlotte Crissey, by December 1.

### **Publicity Press Book Award**

While National Garden Clubs has discontinued this award, it continues as a State and Regional Award for the 2021-2023 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, Georgiann Dettinburn, by January 25.

### **CAR-SGC 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 their District Director by July 1. Each District Director sends one District nominee to GCFP Awards Chair by August 1. The GCFP Awards Chair selects the GCFP winning application and forwards it to the CAR-SGC Perennial Bloom Chair by August 31 to compete against the other seven state winners. The CAR-SGC (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, Sheri Lowry, by January 1. One winner will be chosen in each of the eight NGC regions.

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

1 GCFP application (for GCFP Yearbook Award A) and 2 NGC Applications are required. Complete club information, but do NOT answer the questions. Submit to GCFP Yearbook Chair, Iris Cisarik, by December 1.

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

*Please obtain and retain a signed NGC RELEASE FOR PUBLICATION AND WEBSITE (Minor Youth Section) form for any winning entries sent on to GCFP or publicized on local media.*

**Poetry**, K-9th Grade: Theme 2021-2022 "**SING WITH THE SONGBIRDS-EXPLORING THE GLORY OF NATURE**". NEW RULE: Do not use the theme as the title. Use the theme throughout the poem. Entries received with the theme as the title will be disqualified. Typed, correctly and uniquely titled and labeled entries are sent to GCFP Youth Co-Chair, Chris Hawthorne, by December 1.

**Youth Sculpture Contest**, 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Follow Youth Sculpture "Contest Rules", complete "Contest Entry Form" and send to GCFP Youth Co-Chair, Chris Hawthorne, by December 1

**High School Essay Contest**, 9th-12th Grade: As of June 28, it is not available for 2021-2022 school year.

**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.

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**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](http://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. One GCFP and two NGC application forms are required for these awards.

### **NGC President's Special Project 2021-2023: Plant America Community Project Grants"**

NGC President Mary Warshauer's project will continue the grants of up to \$1,000 to club projects' 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, 2021 to [plantamericagrants@gmail.com](mailto: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 Chair by December 1.

**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, Joyce Peterson, by December 1.

**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 Awards Chair 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". Follow the instructions and send 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.