

GCFP AWARDS SUMMARY 2021-23

The NGC Awards Committee recently introduced a newly revamped and reorganized NGC Awards Program. Categories were reorganized, and Scoring Rubrics were developed that create consistencies in scoring. The new program is accessed through the new **NGC Awards Handbook 2021-23** and NGC Awards Listing on the NGC website. (gardenclub.org). The new categories are CE-Community Enhancement, EC-Environment and Conservation, FD-Floral Design, FS-Flower Show Achievement, G-Gardens, MAE-Membership Advancement and Education, SR-Service and Recognition, YW-Youth Work. YB Yearbooks and Youth Contests are now CAR-SGC Regional Awards. Both the NGC Awards Handbook and NGC Awards Site are also accessible by clicking the appropriate tabs on the GCFP Awards page of our pagardenclubs.org site. The site features web links to the eight awards categories, the awards available within each category, eligibility, applications required, and the rubric, formerly called the Scale of Points, used to judge the award. (Special NGC Applications can also be found in the NGC Forms Library.)

Our **GCFP Awards Manual 2021-23** lists awards that, in most cases, are not duplicated in the National (NGC) or Regional (CAR-SGC) Awards Books. Though NGC awards will be judged using three size categories, our GCFP applications will be judged according to four club member size categories: Small <30, Medium 30-59, Large 60-99, X-Large 100+. Be sure to include the current number of paid members at the time of your application; consult your Club Treasurer for this number. Winning applications to be sent on to regional or national competition will be re-categorized if necessary by the State Awards Chair. (Make sure your club name is spelled accurately, and if your club name begins with THE, be sure to include it as your complete club name.)

All Awards cover the period from January 1 through December 31, unless otherwise stated in the awards description. Awards are given on the District (Local), GCFP (State), CAR-SGC (Regional) and NGC (National) Level. District Awards are submitted to the District Director or District Awards Chair. Unless indicated otherwise, all GCFP, CAR-SGC, and NGC awards must be submitted through the GCFP Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry, or assigned GCFP Awards Committee Chair.

GCFP Awards Applications should begin with “The Process” outlined on pages 5-6 of the NGC Awards Handbook 2021-23. Go to the NGC Award Listing site, click on the award and accompanying details, information, and requirements. **Our one GCFP/CAR-SGC/NGC Awards Application Cover Sheet.docx 2021-23** is available on our GCFP Awards Page to be downloaded and filled out on your computer. (Directions for filling it out electronically are given.) This amendable Cover Sheet enables the State Awards Chair to correct any Award Name or Number error without seeking a re-submission from the sender of the application prior to converting it to a .pdf for NGC or CAR-SGC. The Application Cover Sheet is not

counted in the number of pages of the award application. The Scoring Rubric identified for each Award lists what the judges will look for as the application is scored. When it is required by the Scoring Rubric, use up to 3 pages to fully describe your nominee, project, or program making sure you have addressed the four elements of the NGC General Scoring Rubric: Presentation, Achievement, Participation, and Documentation. (NGC Awards Handbook 2021-2023, p. 12). As you write your application, pay attention to page limits, edit for clarity, conciseness, and grammatical errors.

AWARDS THAT REQUIRE A BOOK OF EVIDENCE (BOE)

Operation Wildflower Award, Member Award of Honor, Governor’s Trophy, Gold Seal and Silver Seal Awards, and the Publicity Press Book Award. Consult the NGC, GCFP, and CAR-SGC Award Handbooks for the specific requirements, scoring rubrics, and due dates. Instructions for preparing a BOE are included in the GCFP Awards Manual.

AWARDS THAT REQUIRE A HARD COPY APPLICATION AND ARE SUBMITTED TO A STATE AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR:

MAE-4 Club Newsletter Publication Awards—send to Joyce Peterson

Club Yearbook Awards—send to Iris Cisarik

Publicity Press Book Awards—Requires Hardcopy BOE—send to Georgieann Dettinburn

MAE-1 Special Publications and MAE-3 Digital Media—send to Sheri Lowry

THESE AWARDS REQUIRE A HARD COPY APPLICATION AND ALSO USE A SPECIAL APPLICATION FORM: (Download form from the Special Awards Information Links on the GCFP Awards page or NGC Forms Library.)

(FS) Flower Show Awards—send to Deb Stumpf

FS Schedule Award—send to Charlotte Crissey

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl (SBWO) Poster Contest—send to Paula Mohler

Youth Contests (Poetry, Sculpture)—send to Chris Hawthorne

The **“2021-2022 Award Deadlines”** document is found on the GCFP Awards page. This invaluable document lists deadline dates chronologically with guidance on applications, references to the **GCFP Awards Manual 2021-23**, special requirements, and which Awards Chair the application should be sent to. Use this in conjunction with the **NGC Awards Handbook 2021-23**, the **2019-2021 CAR-SGC Awards Rules**, and the **GCFP Awards Manual 2021-23**. Links to all of this information are available on our GCFP Awards page.

Addresses for the Awards Chairs are found in the **“State Awards Committee 2021-23”** document that is found on the Directories page. This information is password protected. You may contact your District Director for the password.

Always expect and obtain an acknowledgment of receipt of your application from the Awards Chairs.

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