

2024 GCI CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (#62)

January 1 - December 31, 2024 (Due December 15, 2024)

GOLD Seal for 350 points/ PURPLE Seal for 250 points/ BLUE Seal for 150 points

(When selecting program subjects and speakers for your club, please try to include topics in the categories listed below.)

NAME OF CLUB: _____

CLUB CODE: _____ **DISTRICT:** _____ **CLUB SIZE** _____

PRESIDENT'S NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____

Many of the projects listed here are also eligible for other state awards. Please see the 2024 GCI Awards Guide on how to apply and for information on other awards.

MEMBERSHIP		Points listed are the maximum
1	Attendance at each club meeting of 50% or more of the members	5
2	Membership retention at previous year's level	10
3	Only one new member joined club	5
4	"Two to Grow On" – two or more new members joined the club	15
5	Sponsorship of a newly federated club (List club)	20
6	Club member becomes a new GCI Life Member (List)	15
7	Club member become a new Central Region Life Member (List)	10
8	Club member becomes a new NGC Life Member (List)	10
9	Club member becomes a new member of Lincoln Memorial Garden	10
10	Club is member of Lincoln Memorial Garden	20
FLOWER SHOW and RELATED		
11	Club sponsors or co-sponsors an NGC Flower Show	30
12	Flower Show Judges (List Show, Date and Judges Names)	25
13	Club applies for Flower Show Achievement Award with Book of Evidence	20
14	Club applies for GCI Staging, Educational, Schedule or Design Awards	10
15	Club participates in a District, State, Central Region, or National NGC Flower Show	10
16	Club hosts or co-hosts a program/workshop on creative floral design	10
17	Club member/s attends or assists at a Flower Show School – list school	10
18	Club member/s attend or assists at a Flower Show Symposium – list symposium	10
19	Club provides holiday decorations for a public or non-family residential facility	10
20	Club provides flower arrangement or non-holiday decorations for a public or non-family residential facility	10
HORTICULTURE		
21	Club participates in a Garden Therapy Project (List)	10
22	Horticulture study of a plant/s at every meeting	10
23	Club member/s attend or assist at NGC Gardening School (List)	10
24	Club member/s attend or assist at NGC Landscaping School (List)	10
25	Club has active Environmental, Gardening and/or Landscape Consultants/s (1 pt per person/10 points max)	10
26	Club establishes or maintains a barrier-free or accessible garden in institutional or public setting (List)	10

CIVIC PROJECTS and PUBLICITY		
27	Club participates in a new or on-going Civic Project (List)	10
28	Club sponsors an Arbor Day or Earth Day celebration	10
29	Club participates in NGC President, Central Region Director and/or GCI President's project (see each website) (List)	10
30	Club sponsors a National Garden Week celebration	10
31	Club erects or maintains a Blue /Gold Star Memorial /ByWay Marker (List location)	10
32	Club hosts a Garden Walk (include publicity)	10
33	Club publishes leaflet or educational information for distribution to the general public	10
34	Club publishes a newsletter, magazine or bulletin (hard copy or electronically; if electronically, list site)	10
35	Club publishes a cookbook, gardening manual, club history or other publications	10
36	Club maintains an active (updated at least quarterly) Website (provide URL)	10
37	Club maintains an active (updated at least monthly) social media account/s (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) (Provide List)	10
38	Club member/s schedule time to work at GCI Public event (List Event)	10
CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT		
39	Club sponsors a non-water conservation or environmental education project (Provide list)	10
40	Birds/Pollinators/Environmental education study at every meeting	10
41	Club Member/s attend or assist at NGC Environmental School (List)	10
42	Club sponsors water conservation project/program (List)	10
43	Attendance or assistance at Conservation Conference or Wildflower workshop/program	10
44	Club initiates or maintains a comprehensive program for protection of bees/birds/butterflies/pollinators	10
45	Club and/or members plant at least one tree per member (List type and locations)	10
46	Club project for the reclamation or preservation of a Historic Site (List site)	10
47	Club initiates, plants, and/or maintains wildflowers on a public right-of-way or public site (List site)	10
48	Club participates in a "Adopt a Highway" program (List highway or byway)	10
49	Club establishes or maintains a conservation area with native plantings for wildlife	10
50	Club promotes awareness of invasive, endangered or threatened species (List event)	10
YOUTH		
51	Club sponsors education or activity to acquaint youth with endangered, invasive or threatened species	10
52	Club sponsors an activity involving youth (List activity)	10
53	Club submits Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl posters	25
54	Club submits youth poetry and/or sculpture contest entries	25
55	Club funds its own scholarship/s; List amount: \$ _____	15
DISTRICT/STATE/CENTRAL REGION/NATIONAL PROGRAMS		
56	Hospitality at a District, State, Central Region or National meeting	5
57	Application for a GCI State Award, excluding Award #62, #63	15
58	Payment of GCI Dues before June 1 deadline	20
59	Reporting change of club officers to the GCI Office within one month of their elections	15
60	Advertisement in <i>GardenGlories</i> magazine	10
61	Representation at NGC Meetings	10
62	Representation at Central Region Meeting	10
63	Representation at GCI Annual Meeting	20
64	Club contributes at least 10 posts to GCI Facebook, Website page and/or Instagram Account	20
65	Representation at GCI's Summer Meeting	20
66	Representation at your District's Meeting	20
67	Club establishes or funds a GCI State Award (continuing or new)	10
Total Points		

TALLY OF GCI DONATIONS IN 2024

Write in dollar amount donated; 5 points **maximum** are awarded for donating to a **GCI** fund (as long as the donation to fund was \$10 or more). Please **do not send donations with this form.** Use "Donations" form (located on GCI website) and send to the Elmhurst, IL office.

CONTRIBUTION	Amount	Points Max	
A. GCI President’s Project 2023-2025		5 pts	
B. State Flower Show (held in even-numbered years)		5 pts	
C. GCI Scholarship Fund (University Scholarship for Students)		10 pts	
D. GCI Schools/Conferences (Conservation Conf., Environmental School, Landscape School, Garden School, Flower Show School)		5 pts each	
E. GCI Grants (Blue/Gold Star Markers, Garden Therapy, Historic Preservation, Roadside Operations and Wildflowers, World Gardening, Natural Disasters)		5 pts each	
F. Youth Activities Grant		5 pts	
G. Illinois Book of Honor (recognizing outstanding contributions of living person)		5 pts	
H. Illinois Book of Remembrance (in memory of a deceased person)		5 pts	
I. Central Region Director project		5 pts	
J. Lincoln Memorial Garden’s Landscape Restoration Fund		5 pts	
K. Lincoln Memorial Garden Children’s Woodland Garden		10 pts	
L. GCI Operating Fund		10 pts	
M. Sponsors a GCI Award		10 pts	
TOTAL DOLLARS/TOTAL POINTS			

DATE / / **2024**

CLUB PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE _____

MAIL WITH REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION BY DECEMBER 15, 2024

Email to Kimberly Atkins at gci2024awards@gmail.com (NOTE: If more information is required, submit as a separate attachment.)