

# ***The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.***

## ***Awards for 2021***



***The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.  
188 Industrial Drive Suite 120  
Elmhurst, IL 60126-1608***

***Tel: (630) 617-9269***

***Email: [gardenclubsill@aol.com](mailto:gardenclubsill@aol.com) Website:  
[www.gardenclubsofillinois.org](http://www.gardenclubsofillinois.org)***

# **April 2022**

# GCI Awards Listing

(Award numbers not listed if no award given for 2021 Year.)

## GCI Awards Listing

### FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

- 10. FLOWER SHOW EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT AWARD.** Certificate for the best exhibit in a standard flower show staged by an individual/s or organization. Book of Evidence NOT required. Submit award application form with pictures and descriptions of educational exhibit, date and theme of show, title of class, and any award/s won.

### Grayslake Greenery Garden Club

- 11. EMILY RISING STANDARD SHOW AWARD.** \$50.00 & certificate to a sponsoring club who Staged an NGC Flower Show in 2020 but hadn't staged a show since 2015 or before **and** applied for a 2021 GCIFlower Show Award in listed above (1a-d, 2a-d, 6, 7). Submit Award Application for this Award along with your application for the GCI Flower Show Award.

### Grayslake Greenery Garden Club

### CIVIC PROJECT AWARDS

- 21. BLUE STAR/GOLD STAR MEMORIAL OR BYWAY MARKER LANDSCAPING MARKER PROJECT.** \$25.00 cash award for the design or redesign of landscaping of a Blue/Gold Star Memorial. Completed project that may have been continuous but stresses the landscaping of the marker completed in the current award year. May be part of a highway department rest area maintained by department.

Du Quoin Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Cress Creek Garden Club (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**22. MYRTLE R. WALGREEN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR CIVIC PROJECT.** Given by her daughter Mrs. Ruth Stephen. First Prize: \$100.00, Second Prize: \$75.00, Third Prize: \$50.00 (Adjusted for ties).

Anna Jo Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Arlington Heights Garden Club (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Garden Club of Decatur (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**23. CIVIC CONCERN.** Certificate for continuing civic project. If a landscaping project, please include a landscape plan in addition to the 3-page application form. **Sponsored by District IX. \$25.00 to winning club in each membership division.**

*Du Quoin Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)*  
*Arlington Heights Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)*  
*Anna Jo Garden Club (2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**24. RUTH Y. BENSON MEMORIAL AWARD.** \$25.00 to a club that contributes the greatest service to the Lincoln Memorial Garden, or any other nature center/preserve in Illinois during the year, emphasizing member participation and publicity. (REVISED)

Springfield Civic Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)

**27. ARBOR DAY.** Certificate to club(s) for an Arbor Day project or program of exceptional merit. Member participation and publicity emphasized. First Place - \$30.00 / Second Place - \$20.00 / Third Place - \$10.00

Anna Jo Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Marion Garden Club (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Garden Club of Downers Grove (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**28. GARDENING CONSULTANTS' COMMUNITY PROJECT.** \$50.00 to an individual or club for a garden project that benefits the community. Continuing projects are eligible, not Earth Day or Arbor Day Projects. *Sponsored by the Gardening Consultants.*

Garden Club of Downers Grove (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Cress Creek Garden Club (2<sup>nd</sup>)

30. **THE GARDEN CLUB OF DOWNERS GROVE MILITARY MEMORIAL AWARD.** \$100.00 and certificate to an overall winning club that designs or redesigns a garden using perennials and/or annuals at a site designated to honor the military. Must be maintained by the club, stressing member participation. Club may work in conjunction with the American Legion, VFW, or other military organization. Book of evidence must include before and after pictures. (Note: Blue Star Memorial Markers are not eligible for this award.) Sponsored by the Garden Club of Downers Grove.

Cress Creek Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)

31. **FOOD BANK/PANTRY SUPPORT (New Award based on Central Region Project) \$25 and certificate to the individual and club (per capitata) that donates the most garden produce and/or non-perishables to a local food bank/pantry. Submit receipts of items/poundage with application.**

a. **Individual**

Veronica Fesser (1<sup>st</sup>)  
(Springfield Civic Garden Club)

b. **Club**

O'Fallon Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)

**CONSERVATION AWARDS**

40. **CONSERVATION.** To club for an outstanding conservation effort. \$25.00 to winning club in each membership division.

Lombard Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)

41. **VIOLET M. DAWSON AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.** Two \$25.00 awards to club having the most comprehensive environmental education program. May include Youth. Funded by Diane Dawson.

Garden Club of Decatur (1<sup>st</sup>)

42. **BIRD PROTECTION. (Revised)** Certificate and \$50 to club having the most influential project relating to bird protection, such as creating and maintaining or improving bird habitat, educating the public, positively affecting legislation, or financing that raises public awareness about protecting native bird populations. Sponsored by Darien Garden Club.

### Marion Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)

43. **HISTORIC PRESERVATION.**

- a. \$50.00 to a club for tasteful, distinctive holiday decorations in a historic building, house, or mansion. Must conform to the building's period.

### Springfield Civic Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)

- b. \$50.00 to a club for dedication to the continuing challenge of reclaiming and preserving a historic site. The site does not have to be developed but must be recognized by local, state, or national authorities.

### Geneva Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)

- c. Holiday Decorations Awards: Certificate to club/s for an outstanding effort to beautify the community during a holiday Season.

### Woodlands Garden Club of Lake Forest (1<sup>st</sup>)

44. **NEW PRESIDENT'S PROJECT: PLANT AMERICA – STARTING AT HOME**  
Certificate and \$25 to a club member whose planting project/s and/or beautification on private and/or public local property has made a visual impact in the community. Before and after shots required.

### Springfield Civic Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)

45. **WILDFLOWER AND ROADSIDE IMPROVEMENT AWARD.** Certificate to club(s) for planting wildflowers on public rights-of-way. 1st place to receive \$100 sponsored by the Garden Club of Decatur.

### O'Fallon Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)

- 46. MARY ZGONENA MEMORIAL AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE.**  
\$100.00 to a club(s) for comprehensive new or continuing programs relating to the environment.

### Garden Club of Decatur (1<sup>st</sup>)

**47. PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS**

- a. Certificate and \$25.00 given for preparing and maintaining a Butterfly Garden. Given to a garden club or youth garden club.

### Darien Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)

- b. Planting for Pollinators Certificate and \$25.00 given to a club specifically addressing Planting for Pollinators in any new or existing garden on public property including Blue/Gold Star Markers.)

### Marion Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)

- c. Certificate and \$50.00 given to a club specifically addressing the “Milkweed for Monarchs” project. Award is based on the club with the highest percentage of club members participating (need to provide actual headcount in award documentation) in all “Milkweed for Monarchs” projects. Cash award of \$50.00 sponsored by Cress Creek Garden Club.

### Garden Club of Oak Park and River Forest (1<sup>st</sup>)

- 48. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS AWARD.** \$25.00 cash award to an individual or garden club that promotes a project in any or all of the following activities: participation, education, legislation, and/or financing that would raise the public awareness of what can be done to protect endangered species or control invasive species.

### Anna Jo Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES AWARDS

(All youth awards may apply to Junior, Intermediate or High School clubs)

51. **ARBOR DAY CITATION.** \$25 and certificate for garden club who hold an Arbor Day program with emphasis on youth participation. . Note member participation.

### DES PLAINES GARDEN CLUB (1<sup>ST</sup>)

53. **YOUTH ACTIVITIES.** Certificate and \$50 to the Club that participates with Youth in three ways – entering youth contests, submitting photos of youth to the GCI website, and participating with a group of youth in a gardening activity. Youth can include preschoolers.

### DARIEN GARDEN CLUB (1<sup>ST</sup>) MARION GARDEN CLUB (2<sup>ND</sup>)

## ANNUAL YOUTH-RELATED AWARDS

(Details are in the fall GCI packet, mailed to club presidents, as well as in the fall issue of *Garden Glories*) Details are on the National Garden Club Website; check the website for the specific grade levels for each contest.

**All entries are due January 10.**

**SMOKEY BEAR AND WOODSY OWL.** Local entries are judged by the member garden club and winning posters mailed to GCI Youth Activities Chairman. State winning entries are submitted for Regional and National judging by the GCI Youth Activities Chairman.

### VIVIAN ANDERSON (1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE) MACKENZIE SEEM (2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE) GEORGE SHELL (3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE) ABYGAIL ANDERSON (5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

**(All winners sponsored by the LaGrange Garden Club)**

## GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

### 60. BEST YEARBOOK.

GCI Certificate to best yearbook judged by club size. Send one copy to the State Awards Chairman. The committee will select winners according to club size. These will be sent to Central Region if merited.

**\$25.00 to winning club in each membership division**

i. 1-29 members

**GARDEN CLUB OF LAKE ZURICH**

ii. 30-59 members

**GRAYSLAKE GREENERY GARDEN CLUB**

iii. 60-99 members

**GARDEN CLUB OF DOWNERS GROVE**

iv. 100-299 members

**CRESS CREEK GARDEN CLUB**

### 62. CLUB ACHIEVEMENT.

a. Blue Seal for 150-249 points

Algonquin Garden Club  
Countryside Garden Club  
Edwardsville Garden Club  
Garden Club of Lake Zurich  
Geneva Garden Club  
Lakeview Garden Club  
Metropolis Garden Club  
Peoria Garden Club  
Pleasantdale Garden Club  
Tri-Village Garden Club  
Twin City Garden Club



b. Purple Seal for 250-349 points

Du Quoin Garden Club  
Garden Club of Decatur  
Marion Garden Club  
Springfield Civic Garden Club  
Wauconda Garden Club

Gold Seal for 350+ points

Cress Creek Garden Club  
Darien Garden Club  
Des Plaines Garden Club  
Garden Club of Downers Grove  
Garden Club of Mount Prospect  
Grayslake Greenery Garden Club  
LaGrange Garden Club  
Naperville Garden Club  
South Barrington Garden Club

**63. HORTICULTURE ACHIEVEMENT**

a. Gold Seal for 200+ points

Darien Garden Club  
Garden Club of Downers Grove

b. Silver Seal for 100+ points

Algonquin Garden Club  
Du Quoin Garden Club  
Des Plaines Garden Club  
Cress Creek Garden Club  
Countryside Garden Club

Garden Club of Mount Prospect  
Garden Club of Lake Zurich  
Garden Club of Decatur  
Geneva Garden Club  
LaGrange Garden Club  
Lakeview Garden Club  
Marion Garden Club  
Metropolis Garden Club  
Peoria Garden Club  
South Barrington Garden Club

- 64. NAPERVILLE GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP.** Two \$25.00 awards for giving the most per capita to scholarships at the college level and beyond in conservation and horticulture.
- a. Small club up to 100 members
  - b. Large club 100 members and more

### CRESS CREEK GARDEN CLUB (1<sup>ST</sup>)

- 66. GCI GARDEN WALK.** \$25.00 cash award and a certificate for a garden walk sponsoring the objectives of GCI & NGC. Must be part of a club project and open to the public, not a program. Sponsored by South Barrington Garden Club.

### DARIEN GARDEN CLUB (1<sup>ST</sup>)

### ANNA JO GARDEN CLUB (2<sup>ND</sup>- TIE)

### GARDEN CLUB OF DOWNERS GROVE (2<sup>ND</sup>- TIE)

### MARION GARDEN CLUB (2<sup>ND</sup>- TIE)

- 67. GLORIA GREENE ADVANCED DESIGNER AWARD.** \$50.00 award to member clubs providing a program/ workshop on floral design. Membership participation required.
- a. Club with less than 40 members
  - b. Club with more than 41 members

### Springfield Civic Garden Club (1<sup>st</sup>)

**68. THE GARDEN CLUB OF DOWNERS GROVE NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK AWARD.** \$100.00 cash award and a certificate to an overall winning club that promotes National Garden Week in their community. Examples may include pictures, publicity, proclamations, working with local civic organizations, and/or other activities such as placing floral arrangements in public buildings, having garden tours, etc.

GARDEN CLUB OF DECATUR (1<sup>ST</sup>)  
ANNA JO GARDEN CLUB (2<sup>ND</sup>- TIE)  
MARION GARDEN CLUB (2<sup>ND</sup>- TIE)

**69. THE DES PLAINES GARDEN CLUB AWARD FOR BEST PROMOTION OF YOUR LOCAL GARDEN CLUB IN A PUBLIC SPACE.** A certificate and a \$25.00 cash award will be presented to an overall winning club who has effectively promoted their garden club (using a display case, exhibit booth, etc.) to present their past and present achievements, provide a bit of club history, current projects, initiatives, and having them displayed in a public location (i.e., local community center, public library, city hall building, train station, etc.) as a way of spreading the good word about their club and possibly securing new members. Award submission should include photos along with all GCI required award documentation.

MARION GARDEN CLUB (1<sup>ST</sup>)

**70. GCI “GARDEN CLUB OF THE YEAR” AWARD.** A certificate and a cash award of \$25.00 (paid to winning club in each membership division). GCI will determine the winner(s) based on awards submitted. This award is contingent on a club:

ANNA JO GARDEN CLUB  
CRESS CREEK GARDEN CLUB

**71. GCI GARDEN CLUB ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. (NEW).** A certificate and \$25 to the club who has promoted their club’s anniversary throughout the year with special event. Award submission should include photos along with required documentation.

DES PLAINES GARDEN CLUB

## PUBLICATION AWARDS

(See pages 17 for scale of points and rules applicable to these awards.)

**80. BEST PRACTICES AWARD for marketing your Club and Activities. Submit to 3<sup>rd</sup> GCI VicePresident. Sponsored by Connie Klutnick. See description page 16.**

### DU QUOIN GARDEN CLUB (1<sup>ST</sup>) SPRINGFIELD CIVIC GARDEN CLUB (2<sup>ND</sup>)

**81. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT FOR BEST GARDEN-ORIENTED PROGRAMS IN RADIO, TV, OR VIDEO.**

### LOMBARD GARDEN CLUB

**82. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT FOR BEST VIDEO/CD SUITABLE FOR CLUB PROGRAMS.**

### LOMBARD GARDEN CLUB

**83. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT FOR DISTRICT AND CLUB PUBLICATIONS.** Submit consecutive issues of each publication published in the awards year under one management. Copies may be submitted in a folder or manila envelope with state award application and a 3-5 sentence summary typed on a separate sheet. Summary should include brief description of publication, club membership, and financial information including number of copies printed/sold, how distributed, cost of publishing, price if sold, use of profits. No

Book of Evidence required.

- a. Leaflet, a single sheet, if folded not more than 4 pages

### GARDEN CLUB OF DOWNERS GROVE

- b. Newsletter/Magazine/Bulletin of 24 pages or less
  - i. 4 issues/year
  - ii. More than 4 issues/year

### CRESS CREEK GARDEN CLUB (1<sup>ST</sup>) DES PLAINES GARDEN CLUB (2<sup>ND</sup>) GARDEN CLUB OF DECATUR (3<sup>RD</sup>)

- c. Magazine/Bulletin over 24 pages
  - i. 4 issues/year
  - ii. More than 4 issues/year
- d. Other Publications (No periodicals, notices, or flyers with one-time events).
  - i. Cookbooks

- ii. Manuals
- iii. Histories

## NAPERVILLE GARDEN CLUB

- iv. Websites (submit URL)

## GENEVA GARDEN CLUB

- v. Other

CRESS CREEK GARDEN CLUB (1<sup>ST</sup>)  
NAPERVILLE GARDEN CLUB (2<sup>ND</sup>)

### GARDEN THERAPY AWARDS

#### 91. GARDEN THERAPY.

- a. \$25.00 awarded to club with regular on-going project(s).
  - i. Must include patient/resident/student participation.

## GENEVA GARDEN CLUB

- ii. Patient/resident/student participation not required.

## SPRINGFIELD CIVIC GARDEN CLUB

- b. Certificate to individual in club who plans and conducts therapy projects on a regular basis; must include patient/resident/student participation.

### MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

**100. MEMBERSHIP DISTINCTION.** Certificate to club showing the greatest number of new members between January 1 and December 31 of awards year. **Will be determined by GCI 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and current end-of-year membership totals on file at GCI headquarters.**

- a. Clubs up to 29 members

## Wauconda Garden Club

- b. 30-59 members

## ANTIOCH GARDEN CLUB

c. 60-99 members

## Darien Garden Club

d. 100-299 members

## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB

**101.MARGARET TAMILLO.** Certificate to the garden club with the greatest percentage increase in membership as of December 31. Will be determined by GCI 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and current end-of-year membership totals on file at GCI headquarters.

## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB

### SPECIAL AWARDS

**151. NATIONAL ENTRY.** A single green rosette given to the club for any and all awards submitted by GCI to NGC for awards which meet the requirements for an NGC award.

ANNA JO GARDEN CLUB  
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB (2)  
CRESS CREEK GARDEN CLUB (4)  
DARIEN GARDEN CLUB (2)  
DU QUOIN GARDEN CLUB (3)  
GENEVA GARDEN CLUB  
LOMBARD GARDEN CLUB (2)  
MARION GARDEN CLUB (3)  
O'FALLON GARDEN CLUB (2)  
SPRINGFIELD CIVIC GARDEN CLUB (4)

**152. STEPHANIE GREENE MEMORIAL AWARD.** Certificate and a \$70.00 Class Credit for any of the GCI schools (Environmental School, Flower Show School, Garden School and Landscape Design School.) Is awarded to a club member who has represented their club well in the community for many years. A member who has received a VIP award (in the past) and continues to contribute to their club's success in its activities, mentors new club members, attends and promotes the GCI schools, has held several offices and/or chairman roles in their garden club.

**CATHY STREETT  
(DARIEN GARDEN CLUB)**

**PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS**

May be given by the GCI President to persons who have performed outstanding service to GCI.

Mary Peglow (Des Plaines Garden Club)  
Connie Klutnick (3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President)  
Carol Yee (Treasurer)  
June Vandervest (Corresponding Secretary)  
June Vandervest (Environmental Consultant Council)  
Mary Ann Brucher (Gardening Consultant Council)  
Michelle Riddle (2022 Convention)  
Anita Bierbaum (2022 Convention)  
Linda Ellinghausen (Landscape Design School)  
Tori Corkery (Flower Shows School)  
Diane Freeman (Scholarship)  
Grace Leonard (Landscape Design Council)  
Jennifer Casey (Lombard Garden Club)  
Carol Rhodes (District 1 Director)  
Lynda Cox (Convention)

**V.I.P. Honorees**

Patricia Bischoff (Countryside Garden Club)  
Harriet Vander Velde (Cress Creek Garden Club)  
Carol Sweder (Cress Creek Garden Club)  
Lynn Pisano (Darien Garden Club)  
Pat Zubak (Darien Garden Club)  
Julie Isenberger (Garden Club of Downers Grove)  
Barbara Warren (Garden Club of Downers Grove)  
Gale Glawe (Naperville Garden Club)  
Jan McFarland (Pleasantdale Garden Club)  
Cheryl Weber (Wheaton Garden Club)  
Gayle Buckner (Garden Club of Decatur)  
Joan Barrett (Peoria Garden Club)  
Phyllis Baylor (Peoria Garden Club)  
Ethelene Ferdinand (Springfield Civic Garden Club)  
Patti Hodges (Springfield Civic Garden Club)  
Donna Wagner (Twin City Garden Club)  
Jami Bossart (O'Fallon Garden Club)  
Joy Lowery (O'Fallon Garden Club)  
Claire Martin (St. Clair Garden Club)  
Peggy Ferguson (Anna Jo Garden Club)  
Jean Bullock (Du Quoin Garden Club)  
Joyce Cagle (Kankakee Valley Garden Club)  
Margaret O'Reilly (Kankakee Valley Garden Club)  
Terry Sieroslowski (Garden Club of Mount Prospect)  
Bernadette Knight (Northbrook Garden Club)  
Sue McFaul (Northbrook Garden Club)  
Ann Johnson (Prospect Heights Garden Club)  
Anita Bierbaum (Garden Club of IL Board of Directors)  
Carol Ohrn (Anita Bierbaum and Marilyn Krueger)