

GCI Awards Listing

FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

(A Book of Evidence is required for all Flower Show Achievement Awards – unless otherwise noted. Refer to pages 13-14 in this guide for directions on “How to Prepare a Flower Show Book of Evidence”)

More than one (1) award may be given in a category to any club scoring more 95 or more points on their Flower Show Books of Evidence. All books scoring 95+ points will be sent on to NGC, Inc.

Club may apply for **only one** (1) Flower Show Award.

All Clubs scoring 95+ points will receive a Certificate.

- 1a. Club Standard Flower Show
- 1b. Club Holiday Standard Flower Show
- 1c. Club Patriotic Standard Flower Show
- 1d. Club Petite Standard Flower Show

BEST STANDARD FLOWER SHOW (1a, 1b, 1c or 1d)

First Place - \$30.00 / Second Place - \$20.00 / Third Place - \$10.00

- 2a. Club Small-Standard Flower Show
- 2b. Club Holiday Small-Standard Flower Show
- 2c. Club Patriotic Small-Standard Flower Show
- 2d. Club Petite Small-Standard Flower Show

BEST SMALL-STANDARD FLOWER SHOW (2a, 2b, 2c, or 2d)

First Place - \$30.00 / Second Place - \$20.00 / Third Place - \$10.00

3. Near-Clubs (2 or more) NGC Flower Show
4. Council NGC Flower Show
5. District NGC Flower Show
6. Horticulture Specialty Flower Show
7. Design Specialty Flower Show
8. Plant Society Show Co-Sponsored by GCI club/council/district

9. **ILLINOIS JUDGES COUNCIL FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARD.** Given for best NGC flower show schedule. ***Use Award Application Coversheet and send to current Judges Council Chairman by January 1.*** No other requirements. NGC Schedule Scale of Points (Handbook, page 133-136) will be used.
First Place: \$35.00 Second Place: \$20.00

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.

11. **EMILY RISING STANDARD SHOW AWARD.** To a sponsoring club who staged an NGC Flower Show in 2022 but hadn't staged a show since 2017 or before **and** applied for a 2022 GCI Flower 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. **\$50 to winning entry.**

12A. TABLE DESIGN AWARD FOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITOR TABLE DESIGNS IN AN NGC FLOWER SHOW.

Submit picture/s of winning design with caption/s, ribbon/s won, name and date of show, and plant material used, along with Award Application Form. Sponsored by GCI in memory of Veva Schreiber. **\$25.00 to winning entry:**

1. Functional Table
2. Exhibition Table

12B. DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITOR DESIGN IN A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW.

Submit picture/s of winning design with caption/s, ribbon/s won, name and date of show, and plant material used, along with Award Application Form. Sponsored by the Springfield Civic Garden Club. **\$25 to winning entry.**

13. **STAGING AWARD FOR AN NGC FLOWER SHOW.** Submit picture/s of staging with caption/s, name (theme) and date of show, and staging used, along with Award Application Form. Sponsored by GCI in memory of Veva Schreiber. **\$25.00 to winning entry.**

- A. Club with less than 40 members
- B. Club with 41 or more members
- C. Council or group of clubs.

CIVIC PROJECT AWARDS

21. **BLUE/GOLD STAR MEMORIAL OR BYWAY MARKER LANDSCAPING MARKER PROJECT.** 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. **\$25 to winning entry.**

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.)**

- 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 entry in each membership division.**
- 24. RUTH Y. BENSON MEMORIAL AWARD.** 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. **\$25.00 to winning entry.**
- 25. LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL AWARD.** Recognition of landscape design or redesign of property for public enjoyment. by the club in your hometown Obtain application form from the GCI Landscape Design Council Chairman. Sites must be reviewed by the Council before and after. Book of Evidence due October 1.
- a. \$65.00 for design of 150 or more square feet
 - b. \$25.00 for design of less than 150 square feet
- 26. MABEL M.A. FITZSIMMONS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR HOME GARDEN OR NURSING HOME GARDEN DESIGN.** Design of a club member's garden could be front, back or both. Photos can show any season. Gardens designed by professional landscape firms are not eligible. **\$50 to winning club in each category.**
- a. For club member in District I, II, VIII, or IX
 - b. For club member in District III, IV, V, or VII
- 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**
- 28. GARDENING CONSULTANTS' COMMUNITY PROJECT.** To an individual or club for a garden project that benefits the community. Continuing projects are eligible, excluding Earth Day or Arbor Day Projects. *Sponsored by the Gardening Consultants Council. \$50 to winning entry.*
- 29. WORLD GARDENING.** To club(s) for most outstanding program of activity in World Gardening. **\$25 to winning entry.**
- 30. THE GARDEN CLUB OF DOWNERS GROVE MILITARY MEMORIAL AWARD.** 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. Application 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. **\$100 to winning entry**
- 31. GARY R. REWERTS BLUE STAR MEMORIAL AWARD.** For the placement of a new Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker at an interstate rest area in Illinois. May be awarded to single member garden club or group of member clubs. Sponsored by Kathy Rewerts. **\$100 to winning entry.**

32. FOOD BANK/PANTRY SUPPORT (New Award based on Central Region Unifed Project)

- A.** To the individual and club (per capitata) that donates the most garden produce. Submit pounds of produce with application. **\$25 to winning entry.**
 - i. Individual
 - ii. Club
- B.** To the club that donates most the food and non-perishable food items to a food bank or food pantry/pantries. Submit approximate list of items and/or pounds donated. **\$25 to winning entry.**

CONSERVATION AWARDS

- 40. CONSERVATION.** To club for an outstanding conservation effort. **\$25.00 to winning club in each membership division.**
- 41. VIOLET M. DAWSON AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.** To clubs having the most comprehensive environmental education program. May include Youth. Funded by Diane Dawson. **Two \$25 awards to winning entries.**
- 42. BIRD PROTECTION. (Revised)** To the 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. **\$50 to winning entry.**
- 43. HISTORIC PRESERVATION.**
 - a. To a club for tasteful, distinctive holiday decorations in a historic building, house, or mansion. Must conform to the building's period. **\$50 to winning entry.**
 - b. 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. **\$50 to winning entry.**
 - c. To club/s for an outstanding effort to beautify the community during a holiday season with holiday decorations. **\$50 to winning entry.**
- 44. NEW PRESIDENT'S PROJECT: "PLANT AMERICA....STARTING AT HOME"**
To a club member whose planting project/s and/or beautification on private property has made a visual impact in the community. Before and after photos required. **\$50 to winning entry.**
- 45. WILDFLOWER AND ROADSIDE IMPROVEMENT AWARD.** Certificate to club(s) for planting wildflowers on public rights-of-way. Sponsored by the Garden Club of Decatur. **\$100 to winning entry.**
- 46. MARY ZGONENA MEMORIAL AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE.**
To a club(s) for comprehensive new or continuing programs relating to the environment. **\$100 to winning entry.**

47. PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS

- a. To a club or youth garden club for preparing and maintaining a Butterfly Garden. **\$25 to winning entry.**
- b. To a club specifically addressing Planting for Pollinators in any new or existing garden on public property including Blue/Gold Star Markers. **\$25 to winning entry.**
- c. 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. Sponsored by Cress Creek Garden Club. **\$50 to winning entry.**

48. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS 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. **\$25 to the winning entry.**

49. JODY BAILEY AWARD FOR WATER CONSERVATION AWARENESS. To a club member or members who develop and present a program that endeavors to identify local, state, and national water problems that affect their community at the present time. **\$100 to winning entry.**

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AWARDS

(Youth awards may apply to preschool, elementary, middle and high school students.)

50. **CARMEN AND JESSIE MCDONALD.** To a club sponsoring the a youth garden club in 2022; award based on activities, club members and youth garden club members. **\$50 to winning entry.**
51. **ARBOR DAY CITATION.** To a garden club who hold an Arbor Day program with emphasis on youth participation. Note member participation. **\$25 to winning entry.**
52. **YOUTH CLUB LEADERSHIP AWARD.** Certificate may be awarded to the individual who has given outstanding service as a leader of a youth club.
53. **YOUTH ACTIVITIES.** 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. **\$50 to winning entry.**

ANNUAL YOUTH-RELATED AWARDS

(Details are in the Fall Issue of *GardenGlories*.)

Details are also available on the NGC website.)

All entries are due January 10.

SMOKEY BEAR AND WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST. Entries are judged by the member garden club and winning posters mailed to GCI Youth Activities Chairman. **\$25.00 winner for each grade level.**

YOUTH POETRY AND SCULPTURE CONTESTS. Various poetry and sculpture contests are offered by NGC. **\$25 award for winning entries.**

GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

60. **BEST YEARBOOK.** Two types of yearbook awards are given. Submit two copies: one copy to your District Director and one copy to GCI Awards Chairman with a state award application form. *Criteria for preparing a yearbook and the scale of points used for judging yearbooks are on page 14 of this guide.* **DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING YEARBOOKS TO GCI AWARDS CHAIRMAN AND DISTRICT DIRECTOR/AWARDS CHAIRMAN IS OCTOBER 1.**

GCI Certificate to best yearbook judged by club size. Send one copy to the GCI Awards Chairman.

\$25.00 to winning club in each membership division

- i. Small Club: 20 members and under
- ii. Medium Club: 21-50 members
- iii. Large Club: 51+ members

61. **BEST HISTORY.** Certificate for history that includes activities up to the present time. Photographs allowed. Club history should be submitted in a manila envelope with state award application form attached with paper clip. No scrapbooks or oversized books.
- a. Small Club: 20 members and under
 - b. Medium Club: 21-50 members
 - c. Large Club: 51+ members
62. **CLUB ACHIEVEMENT.** Form is revised yearly by GCI President and available on GCI website. Club President should complete after reviewing club's activities for the current year. Points listed after each activity are the maximum allowed. Send to GCI Awards Chairman by December 15.
- a. Blue Seal for 200+ points
 - b. Purple Seal for 300+ points
 - c. Gold Seal for 400+ points
63. **CLUB HORTICULTURE.** Form is revised yearly and available on GCI website. Complete form and return to GCI Awards Chairman by December 15.
- a. Gold Seal for 250+ points
 - b. Silver Seal for 150+ points
64. **NAPERVILLE GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP.** For giving the most per capita to scholarships at the college level and beyond in conservation and horticulture. **\$25 to winning entry in each category.**
- a. Small club up to 100 members
 - b. Large club 100 members and more

- 65. MARY WALKER AWARD FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT.** To club that has joined GCI within the last five years and has established an impressive record of accomplishment in all phases of club activity. **\$35 to winning entry.**
- 66. GCI GARDEN WALK.** For a garden walk highlighting the objectives of GCI and NGC. Must be part of a club project and open to the public,, and not a program. Sponsored by South Barrington Garden Club. **\$25 to winning entry.**
- 67. GLORIA GREENE ADVANCED DESIGNER AWARD.** To member clubs providing a program/workshop on floral design. Membership participation required. **\$50 to winning entry in each category.**
- a. Club with 50 members or less
 - b. Club with 51 or more members
 - c. Council or group of clubs
- 68. THE GARDEN CLUB OF DOWNERS GROVE NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK AWARD.** \$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. **\$100 to winning entry.**
- 69. THE DES PLAINES GARDEN CLUB AWARD FOR BEST PROMOTION OF YOUR LOCAL GARDEN CLUB IN A PUBLIC SPACE.** 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. **\$25 to winning entry.**
- 70. GCI “GARDEN CLUB OF THE YEAR” AWARD.** GCI will determine the winner(s) based on awards submitted. **\$25 to winning club in each membership level.** This award is contingent on a club:
- a. Submitting at least five (5) GCI Awards: specifically awards #60 Yearbook; #62 Club Achievement; #63 Club Horticulture; #83b. – Newsletter and at least one award from any one of the following categories: Flower Show, Civic, Conservation, Club, Garden Therapy or Youth (of course more than one award can be submitted).
 - b. Members attending: State Convention; Summer Meeting and GCI sponsored schools
- 71. GCI GARDEN CLUB ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. (NEW).** To the club who has promoted their club’s anniversary throughout the year with specials event. Award submission should include photos along with required documentation. **\$25 to winning entry.**

PUBLICATION AWARDS

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

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

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

82. 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.

- a. Leaflet, a single sheet, if folded not more than 4 pages
- b. Newsletter/Magazine/Bulletin - minimum three times per year
 - i. 1-2 pages
 - ii. 3-12 pages
 - iii. 13-24 pages
 - iv. 24+ pages
- c. Other Publications (No periodicals, notices, or flyers with one-time events).
 - i. Educational
 - ii. Manuals
 - iii. Websites (submit URL)
 - iv. Social Media pages (submit name and location)
 - v. Digital Media Presentation
 - vi. Other

GARDEN THERAPY AWARDS

90. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT FOR BARRIER-FREE GARDENING. Given to a club(s) for establishing and/or financing or promoting programs or activities for barrier-free gardening for the physically challenged in institutional settings.

91. GARDEN THERAPY.

- a. To club with regular on-going project(s). **\$25 to winning entry in each category.**
 - i. Must include patient/resident/student participation.
 - ii. Patient/resident/student participation not required.
- b. Certificate to individual in club who plans and conducts therapy projects on a regular basis; must include patient/resident/student participation. **\$25 to winning entry.**

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 1st Vice President and current end-of-year membership totals on file at GCI headquarters.**

- a. Small Clubs 1-20 members
- b. Medium Clubs: 21-50 members
- c. Large Clubs: 51+ members

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

102.CLUB RECRUITMENT. Certificate to clubs participating in adopt-a-club program or recruiting a club into GCI. Must sponsor and present more than one program for the new club.

103.INDIVIDUAL RECRUITMENT. Certificate to clubs for outstanding membership recruitment project.

SPECIAL AWARDS

150. REGIONAL ENTRY. Certificate.

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.

152. STEPHANIE GREENE MEMORIAL AWARD. Certificate and a \$70.00 Class Credit for any of the GCI schools (Environmental School, Flower Show School, Gardening School and Landscape Design School.) Is awarded to a club member who has represented their club well in the community for many years.

PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS

May be given by the GCI President at the GCI Annual Meeting or GCI Summer Meeting to

persons who have performed outstanding service to GCI.