
2025 GCI CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (#62)**January 1 - December 31, 2025****(Due December 15, 2025)****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:** _____ **EMAILADDRESS:** _____**Many of the projects listed here are also eligible for other state awards. Please see the 2025 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, Webpage 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	
	Note: Please manually add the totals from pages 1 and 2.	Total Points	

TALLY OF GCI DONATIONS IN 2025

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 2025-2027		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 / / **2025**

E-MAIL WITH REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION BY DECEMBER 15, 2025

Email to: gci2025awards@gmail.com (NOTE: If more information is required, submit as a separate attachment.)