

THE GARDEN CLUB OF KENTUCKY, INC.
2015-2017 AWARDS AND RULES

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AWARDS

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Recognition of your club's activities, projects, and other efforts creates pride and encourages members to further their hard work. What awards are appropriate for your Club? Choose from the many available awards listed below, read the instructions on how to apply, and submit your club's application! All awards offered by The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc., and the South Atlantic Region are listed in this issue of the *Bulletin*. If any changes are necessary, they will be posted on the GCKY website as well as in future issues of the *Bulletin*.

Award information will be made available at your fall district meeting. In addition, you can download the GCKY Award Form and information from our website at www.gardenclubky.org; the NGC Award Form and information may be downloaded from www.gardenclub.org.

GENERAL RULES

AWARD YEAR: November 16-November 15

DEADLINE: January 15, 2016 (exception Scrapbooks or otherwise noted)

SEND TO: GCKY Awards Chairman (except as noted)

SCRAPBOOKS: Scrapbooks are to be taken to the district meeting to be judged. Books must be picked up at the end of the meeting. THEY WILL NOT BE RETURNED BY MAIL.

FLOWER SHOW AWARDS: Applications are sent to the Flower Show Awards Evaluation Chairman: Connie Pittman, 644 Cottonwood Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42103; pittmanrealty@insightbb.com; 270-842-2286 h; 270-202-6491 c.

ELIGIBILITY: The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc. member clubs and councils.

AWARD APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Application forms to use:

FOR ALL AWARDS use the GCKY application form, which is available from www.gardenclubky.org. (This form is not used to apply for Flower Show Achievement Awards or the Award of Excellence.) The number of the award being applied for must be placed in the proper blanks at the top of the application. (see sample award application at www.gardenclubky.org)

Example: The club may apply for GCKY # and SAR # and NGC #, or only for GCKY or SAR or NGC (one application). Information may be reduced to fit on three pages. Do not use page protectors. The Application may be submitted electronically.

GCKY: Attach one copy of the GCKY application form. The form will count as one of the three pages. Send the Application to the State Awards Chairman (unless otherwise stated) by the deadline. Submissions not sent to SAR or NGC may be picked up at the state meeting.

SAR and NGC: Attach one copy of the GCKY application form. The form will count as one of the three pages. Your application is simplified by writing in the SAR or NGC award number and name in the appropriate blank on the GCKY form. Do not mail directly to SAR or NGC; send the Application to the State Awards Chairman. Exception: NGC President's Special Project Award applications are to be sent directly to the appropriate NGC Chairman. NGC SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE RETURNED.

BOOK OF EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

Book of Evidence documentation includes any or all of the following:

1. Publicity - Newspapers with banner and date; TV and radio letter or copy of a schedule; magazine with name and date; newsletters, etc. Photocopies are allowed and may be reduced in size.
2. Financial Statement - If applicable, income, donations (cash and in-kind) and expenses.

3. Letters of appreciation
4. Any other documentation
5. Landscape projects should include plans
6. Pictures - always include before, during, and after pictures (taken from the same location) with captions.

AWARDS and DONORS

Donors of Monetary Awards: Clubs and individuals may sponsor awards. All sponsors will be listed on the GCKY Website following the annual State meeting, i.e., Award Number, Donor Name, and Recipient. Please print and complete the GCKY Award Sponsor Donation Form (see website), make your check payable to The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc. and mail to the State Treasurer, Kay Fisher, 1905 Port Royal Ct., Lexington, KY 40504.

Awards: First Place Winners will receive monetary awards. All winners will receive ribbons and certificates.

New Awards: Prospective donors of new awards should make application to the Awards Chairman, who will submit the application to the Executive Committee for approval.

Deletion of Awards: If no applications are received for an award, or an award is not presented in three years, that award will be automatically deleted from the awards list and the donor will be notified. Reinstatement of the award will follow the same procedure as that of a new award.

GENERAL SCALE OF POINTS: Total 100 Points

This Scale of Points is used for all awards (exceptions as noted).

PRESENTATION - 5 points: neat, concise, all required information not to exceed three pages, or the Book of Evidence if required

ACHIEVEMENTS - 65 points: scope of project, need and fulfillment, benefit, accomplishment, comprehensiveness of work, activities to attain goals, evaluation of goals reached, educational, prior planning, very brief history if continuing project, financial report, other.

PARTICIPATION - 15 points: size of club, involvement of members, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, residents in facilities, others. Not all of these have to be involved.

RECORD OR DOCUMENTATION - 15 points: supporting data (as applicable); clear, well-labeled, and neatly attached before and after photographs if applicable; landscape plan (does not have to be professionally drawn); financial report; letters of appreciation; community awards; newspaper/magazine articles (if possible); radio or TV script (if possible); etc. Photocopies are permitted.

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS – GCKY

#1 NANNINE C WALLIS BIRD PROTECTION

\$20 and certificate

May apply for SAR #2, NGC #42.

To the club conducting the most comprehensive and effective project for bird protection and welfare, i.e., sanctuaries, providing food, houses, and promoting law enforcement relative to bird welfare.

#2 BUTTERFLY

\$20 and certificate

May apply for GCKY #11B, SAR #3, NGC #43, S/P

To the club doing the most outstanding work in aiding and protecting butterflies. This includes gardens with special plants for butterflies, habitat protection, educational programs, identification exhibits, member participation, lists of butterflies identified, etc.

#3 WILDFLOWER AWARD

\$20 and certificate

May apply for SAR #14, #16, NGC #71, #73, #74

To a club, council, or group of clubs for promoting the use of wildflowers through educational programs, planting new or maintaining wildflower gardens or trails, or using wildflowers in parks, historic gardens, or other suitable locations.

#4 CHARLES LAW ARBORICULTURE AWARD

\$20 and Certificate

May apply for SAR #1, #10, NGC #7

To the club whose activities have educated members, youth, and the entire community of the value of trees, programs that emphasize their role in beautifying our world and our well being.

#5 TREE PLANTING AWARD

\$20 and Certificate

May apply for GCKY #4, SAR #1, #10, NGC #7

To the club planting the most trees, 3 feet or more in height, in the current awards year. Trees must be planted by a club or club members with date, location, and species of trees planted.

#6 NATIVE PLANTS

\$20 and Certificate

May apply for SAR #14, #16, NGC #71, #73, #74

To a club or group of clubs for promoting the use of native plants through educational programs, planting new or maintaining native plant gardens or trails, or using native plants in parks, historic gardens, or other suitable locations.

#7 GARDEN THERAPY

\$20 and Certificate per category

May apply for SAR #7, NGC #19

To the club sponsoring an outstanding program of Garden Therapy, whereby individuals will be able to live a more abundant life. Send plans, procedures, and achievement with application.

- i. Small Club: 29 members and under
- ii. Medium Club: 30-59 members
- iii. Large Club: 60-99 members

#8 CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT

\$20 and Certificate per category

May apply for SAR #4, NGC #1, #50

To a club or council presenting evidence of outstanding permanent community project(s) for public benefit (landscaping public buildings, municipal gardens, sanctuaries, etc.). Landscape plan needed. No commercial project is eligible.

- A. One project:
 - i Single member club
 - ii Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- B. More than one project:
 - i Single member club
 - ii Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)

#9 KAY FISHER RAIN GARDEN

\$20 and certificate per category

Your project must focus on rain gardens. Must include project documentation, pictures, and a descriptive narrative.

- A. To the club having the highest percentage of members who have installed the most new rain gardens in their home landscapes.
- B. To the club that installed the most outstanding rain garden project in a public place.

#10 JO JEAN SCOTT DAFFODIL

\$20 and certificate

To the club with the most outstanding program that has encouraged the planting of daffodils to benefit those who have limited access to growing, such as those in assisted living, nursing home, or downsized living quarters. Potted daffodils are acceptable. The project may include, but should not be limited to, mass plantings in the above mentioned facilities, public buildings, Blue Star Memorial sites, etc. Applicants must submit a one-page summary with no more than three pictures of their project.

#11 SAVING THE MONARCHS

- A. Certificate and \$25 to the club with the greatest percentage of member certified Monarch Waystations. Certification of Waystations is accomplished through www.Monarchwatch.com
- B. Certificate and \$25 to the individual member and/or club with most complete/effective certified community Monarch Waystation. Educational and youth programs are encouraged.

#13 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LANDSCAPING PROJECT

\$20 and certificate per category

To a club or council for the best landscape project for a Habitat for Humanity home.

- A. Club
- B. Council

#14 MEMORIAL BLUE STAR MARKER LANDSCAPING

\$20 and certificate per category

May apply for SAR #19, NGC #29-1-3

To the club, clubs or council for the most outstanding landscaping project. The project may be continuous, but major landscaping must be completed within two years. The project may be a replacement of a destroyed or long neglected landscape.

- A. One club
- B. Two or more clubs, not a council
- C. Council

#15 PLANT IT PINK

\$25 and Certificate

May apply for SAR #17

For the most outstanding and innovative NEW project by a club or council emphasizing the planting of PINK gardens using pink flowers and/or foliage to make the public aware of the fight against breast cancer.

#16 GARDEN TOUR AWARD

\$20 and Certificate per category

- A. To the club or council sponsoring a member of individual’s garden on tour. The application must evidence:
 - 1) Promotion of NGC objectives;
 - 2) Tour assistance of a minimum of 5 percent of its members
 - 3) Include activities encouraging NGC membership, including a tour program of sites and a demonstration of horticulture plantings and/or an educational component.
- B. Tour of member and other gardens featuring youth member activities and involvement; must include active educational component involving children with garden club member or adult guest involvement (example: Fairy Gardens).

#17 WALLIS SCRAPBOOK

\$20 and certificate to each district first place winner

To the club in each district submitting the best scrapbook. Scrapbooks are to be taken to the District meeting to be judged by the State Award Committee. Awards will be presented at the annual meeting. Clubs may display Scrapbooks at the annual meeting and take home. The Award Year for Scrapbooks is October 1-September 30.

<u>SCALE OF POINTS</u>	Total points	100
1. Title		5
2. Table of Contents		4
3. Yearbook		5
4. Artistic Value:		8
Neatness	2	
Beauty	2	
Durability	2	
Originality	2	
5. Publicity		5
6. Balanced Programs		25
7. Club Activities		48

Balanced Programs: Actual programs presented in meetings; Birds, Civic Development, Conservation, Flower Shows, Design, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Legislation, Litter Control, Butterflies, Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels, etc.

Club Activities: Continuing or New projects/activities. Pictures have typed captions, neatly cut and attached, not crowded on page. Show attendance and participation at District and State Meetings.

#18 YEARBOOK

\$20 and certificate per category

May apply for SAR #26A and NGC #16A

To be presented for the best Yearbook in each category. The Award Application must be filled in and attached to the Club Yearbook. The Yearbook requires the name of the club, number of members, district, award number, and name on the cover.

- i. Small Club: 29 members and under
- ii. Medium Club: 30-59 members
- iii. Large Club: 60-99 members

SCALE OF POINTS :

FORMAT:	Total Points	100
Book Structure: Practical, convenient size, durable, neat and easy to read.		2
Cover: Include name of club, town, state organization, year and appealing design. If 3-ring binder cover is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information listed above, and so note.		2
Title Page: Include name of club, town, state organization, year, number of dues paying members and affiliated organizations (district, region, NGC, other).		2
Table of Contents: Number the yearbook pages and list topics on Contents Page.		1
Subsequent pages: In any order most useful to members and best fit for page placement. Information should be in logical order. National and State information does not have to be in front.		
Membership Roster with complete mailing addresses, telephone numbers and email address (if applicable)		2
List of Club Officers and Committee Chairmen		1
NGC Information: Name of NGC President with home and email address, theme and projects. List address and phone number of NGC Headquarters. List NGC website address.		1
Other Information: Name, address, phone number and email of Region Director, State President, State District Director, Council President (if any). List themes for Region Director and State President. List website address for state and region.		2
Calendar of Events: List dates and locations for district/state/region/national meetings and events		2
Programs: Topics should cover a variety of NGC goals and objectives such as Birds, Blue Star Memorials, Butterflies, Conservation, Environment, Floral Design, Horticulture, Therapy, Recycling, NGC and State President’s projects, etc. (Indicate if special interest club, e.g., Horticulture only, Design only, Faith Based, etc.).		
1. Meets minimum number of meetings required by state		3
2. List date and time of meetings, locations with address		3
3. List name of speaker/s, qualifications (brief), and program titles		4
4. Variety of program topics (theme not required)		14
a. Variety of styles of programs (lectures, slides, power point, tours, etc.		12
b. Variety of speakers (specialists, members, panel, etc.)		14
Projects: Projects involve actual membership participation that benefit the community and further NGC goals and objectives. Some fund raisers (sale of bulbs, bedding plants, herbs, etc.) may help to beautify the community, as well as produce revenue for clubs. Some fund raisers may help promote NGC Member Services as well as publicize our organization and goals. Certain social activities may lead to membership increase. State such in descriptions.		
1. List continuing and new projects (a club is not required to have new projects)		15
2. Give brief word description of projects: Include location, name of chairman, how members participate, list of donations if applicable, in-kind donations if applicable, plans for maintenance if applicable, etc.		20
Options: (no points given)		
Some clubs include bylaws, budget, fund raising, roll call, former club presidents, NGC Mission Statement, NGC Conservation Pledge, NGC Environmental Mission Statement, NGC Water Conservation Platform, Club Collect, List of Life Members in State, Region and NGC, Awards received. Club theme, if used, should be evident throughout the book. Themes may be interpreted with monthly program topics and/or titles, graphics, quotes. Projects do not need to be limited to theme.		

#19 CLUB PROGRAM

\$25 and certificate

May apply for SAR #12A-B, NGC #68

To the club that submits the most outstanding program developed and presented by one or more members of the same club.

#20 NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

\$20 and certificate per category

May apply for SAR #11, NGC #53

To the club, clubs, or council for the most comprehensive promotion of National Garden Week (the first full week in June). Entry to show community awareness throughout the entire week and include local and/or state proclamations.

- A. Single club
- B. Two or more clubs or council

#21 SINGLE NEWS STORY

\$20 and certificate

To the club submitting the most outstanding single news story of club activity. Quality of the story, not quantity of publicity is important.

EMPHASIS

Total Points 100

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| 1) Quality of news article. Information given clearly, event or activity well covered, pictures showing event. | 50 |
| 2) Uniqueness of the event. | 20 |
| 3) Information given is of quality and interest. | 20 |
| 4) Other (mention of local club, GCKY, or NGC in the article. | 10 |

#22 PRESS BOOK PUBLICITY

\$20 and certificate per category

Deadline November 15. May apply for SAR #27, NGC #44.

- 1. One club
 - i. 29 members and under
 - ii. 30-59 members
 - iii. 60-99 members
- 2. Group of member clubs, councils, districts

Requirements for preparing Publicity Press Book:

- 1. Label on outside cover: number and name of award, category, name of clubs, city and state.
- 2. Submit in report cover or folder: 8 ½"x 11" or 9" x 12". No heavy scrapbooks or oversized portfolios. There is no limit on the number of pages. Plastic page protectors may be used.
- 3. Material must consist only of newspaper, magazine, newsletter, or any printed publication clippings with the name and date of publication over each article. Clear photocopies are permitted; reduced photocopies of large or lengthy articles are permitted. Downloading of published newspaper articles from the internet is permitted.
- 4. Affix contents in chronological order from January 1-December 31.
- 5. Clippings evenly cut. No loose clippings permitted.
- 6. Each published item must contain the name of the organization and/or individuals identified as members of the organization. Underline first use of name of organization and/or member in each article.
- 7. Articles should include who, what, when, where, etc.; publicity should relate to organization's or individual's projects and/or activities; promotion of NGC objectives and goals.

SCALE OF POINTS:

Total Points 100

Presentation: 15

Meets all requirements, neat.

Quality: 40

Articles well written, publicity related to projects and/or activities.

Quantity: 25

Articles for each month (take in consideration dark months), use of varied publications and media (newspaper, magazines, newsletters, journals, etc.)

Diversity: 20

Local, council, district, state, national, other.

#23 PHOTO ARCHIVING OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

\$20 and a certificate

To the club that creates a "Photo Bank" using digital photos of their club's accomplishments – their best projects and/or activities.

#25 GARDEN CLUB MEMBER RECRUITING MOST NEW MEMBERS

\$25 and certificate

To the garden club member who recruits the greatest number of new members during the club year.

#26 MEMBERSHIP

\$20 and certificate per category

To the club with the largest percentage of new members as of November 15, based on club size.

- i. 29 members and under
- ii. 30-59 members
- iii. 60-99 members

#27 SPONSORING NEW CLUB

\$20 and certificate

To the club for the greatest number of senior clubs organized during the award period (annual meeting to annual meeting, this award only). In the event two or more clubs should organize only one club each, the winner will be determined by the larger membership the newly organized club. Apply to the State Award Chairman before the annual meeting.

#28 ATTENDANCE

\$20 and certificate

To the club having the highest percentage of average attendance monthly. Record of attendance and percentage required.

#33 BEST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

\$20 and certificate

To the club with the best President's Report presented at the District meetings. The director will send the best report to the Awards Chairman by November 15.

THE THREE Rs CHALLENGE CONTEST – RECYCLE, RE-PURPOSE, REMIX

To the club, individual, or youth creating an item made of recycled, restored, re-purposed or reused materials.

- A. Club - \$25 and certificate
- B. Individual Club Member (limit 3 per club) - \$20 and certificate
- C. Children 12 and under (limit 3 per club) - \$20 and certificate. May apply for SAR #33

Deadline February 15. Send documentation to: Judy Chandler, 1015 Salem Rd., Franklin KY 42134, 270-586-3109, judychandler2@gmail.com

Requirements:

- 1. Item must be created from recycled, restored, re-purposed or reused materials. Expense should be minimal.
- 2. Provide a list of materials used & their source (leftover paint, scrap fabric, or lumber, etc.)
- 3. Size should be manageable, but there is no requirement.
- 4. Before, during, and after photos are required, as well as written description of the project.
- 5. The winners in each category may be asked to bring the item to the State Convention in April.

Scale of Points:

Creativity	25
Usability	15
Appearance	15
Expenses	15
Environmental Savings (what didn't go into a landfill)	20
Photographic Record	<u>10</u>
Total points	100

SPECIAL MERITORIOUS AWARD

Certificate given by the state president to an individual for meritorious statewide accomplishments or special service in line with the State Garden Club objectives.

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE SUPERIORITY AWARD

A Certificate will be presented at the District meetings to the clubs that have totals of 300 or more points on their Club President’s Report sent to the State President.

THE GARDEN CLUB OF KENTUCKY, INC., ENRICHMENT AWARD

This award shall be presented at the annual convention of the Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc. The recipient shall be an individual or organization making a meritorious contribution in our Commonwealth by furthering, in an outstanding manner, one or more objectives of GCKY. Cannot be a GCKY member. Award applications for the Enrichment Award must be sent to the First Vice President at least thirty (30) days prior to the Mid-Winter Meeting. The First Vice President will present The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc. Enrichment Award nominations received to the Executive Committee for approval at the Mid-Winter Meeting. The actual award will be selected by the First Vice President and funded by The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc. with the approval of the Executive Committee.

FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

#50 FLOWER SHOW HORTICULTURE AWARD - ONE CLUB SHOW

\$20 and Certificate

To the individual member of a Federated Garden Club who, during the year, received the most blue ribbons in horticulture in one Standard Flower Show, sponsored by one federated club. A member of a federated club is not eligible to apply for this award if they have received the award twice. Ribbons won at the State Fair, plant societies, and shows sponsored by two or more clubs are not eligible for this award. Name of the club show, schedule, list of varieties, and signature of show chairman must accompany this entry. In the event of a tie, one specimen will count one point, group of three flowers to count three points, group of five flowers to count five points. Awards higher than blue ribbons are to be counted.

#51 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

\$20 and certificate

- A. For the Best Flower Show Schedule for a flower show presented by one or more garden clubs (not a Council).
- B. For the Best Flower Show Schedule for a flower show presented by a Council of Garden Clubs.
- C. For the Best Placement Flower Show Schedule for a flower show presented by one or more garden clubs (not a Council).

Schedules must be received by November 15, except for Christmas Holiday Shows, which must be received by December 31.

<u>Scale of Points:</u>	Total Points	100
1. Heading and Title page		10
2. Clearness and completeness of general rules		20
3. Clearness and completeness of the design rules		15
4. Clearness and completeness of the horticulture rules		15
5. NGC objectives carried out		10
6. Theme		15
7. Show committee, sponsors, and advanced registration		10
8. Overall attractiveness of schedule		5

FLOWER SHOW KENTUCKY GOLD MEDALLION EVALUATED SHOW AWARDS

For evaluation Forms, see Handbook for Flower Shows.

#52 BEST ONE CLUB SHOW

\$20 and certificate per category.

May apply for NGC #5

- i. 29 members and under
- ii. 30-59 members
- iii. 60-99 members

#53 BEST SHOW - TWO OR MORE CLUBS OR COUNCIL

\$20 and certificate
May apply for NGC #17A-E

#54 HOLIDAY SHOW – ONE CLUB

\$20 and certificate
May apply for NGC #21A, #22A

#55 HOLIDAY SHOW – TWO OR MORE CLUBS OR COUNCIL

\$20 and certificate
May apply for NGC #21B,C or #22 B,C

#56 COUNCIL SHOW

\$20 and certificate
May apply for NGC #18A,B

#57 HOME AND GARDEN SHOW – One Club: Petite/Small Exhibits (2)

\$20 and certificate

#58 HOME AND GARDEN SHOW – Two or More Clubs: Petite/Small Exhibits (3)

\$20 and certificate

FLOWER SHOW AWARDS APPLICATION

REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AND NGC AWARDS

Note: Application for evaluation of the show, State and NGC awards, must be made with the State Flower Show Award Evaluation Chairman, Elaine Thornton, who is responsible for all flower show awards.

FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1. To be eligible for a Flower Show Achievement Award, a rough draft of the show must be sent to the State Flower Show Schedule Consultant for critique and comments at least 60 days prior to the show date.
2. Applications for Flower Show Achievement Awards (state, regional, or national) must be received by the State Flower Show Award Evaluation Chairman 30 days prior to the date of the show. (Printed application forms are available from the State Flower Show Award Evaluation Chairman or on the GCKY website.)
3. The Chairman of the Flower Show Judges will appoint judges for each flower show. From this list, the State Flower Show Award Evaluation Chairman will appoint three accredited judges to the evaluation panel and send evaluation forms to each of the panel members.
4. The Chairman that judges will serve on their Evaluation Panel.
5. The panel will notify the club(s) when they should proceed with the Book of Evidence.
6. Within one week following the date of the show, each member of the Evaluation Panel must send the evaluation sheets to the State Flower Show Award Evaluation Chairman.

FLOWER SHOW BOOK OF EVIDENCE

The Book of Evidence must be received by the State Flower Show Award Evaluation Chairman within 30 days after the show, with the exception of a show held in December, in which case the Book of Evidence must be received by December 31. (For requirements for the Book of Evidence, see Handbook for Flower Shows.)

YOUTH AWARDS

YOUTH RECYCLABLE SCULPTURE

\$25 and certificate
May apply for SAR #33

To a youth in grade 4-8 with the overall best sculpture made of recyclable items

THE THREE Rs CHALLENGE CONTEST – RECYCLE, RE-PURPOSE, REMIX

\$20 and certificate
May apply for SAR #33

C. To a youth 12 and under creating an item made of recycled, restored, re-purposed or reused materials. See info on page 9.

SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

\$5 and Certificate will be awarded to the poster winners of each grade level (Grades 1-5). Only one winner in each grade level. Posters must follow the rules of NGC and the US Forest Service flyer.

Mail poster entries to: Debbie Skaggs, 858 Ball Hollow Rd., Hodgenville, KY 42748

SAVING THE MONARCHS

1. Certificate and \$25 to the club with the most complete/effective certified Monarch Waystation installed/maintained by Youth. Certification of Way Stations is through www.Monarchwatch.com
2. Certificate and \$25 to the individual member for their work with youth in creating and certifying one or more Monarch Waystations.

**See SAR Awards #29-33. Junior, Intermediate, and High School Clubs that are sponsored by a Federated Cub are eligible for awards in their division. Awards and Standards of Excellence applications must be received by the State Awards Chairman no later than November 15, unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS – GCKY, NGC, SAR

GCKY THEME: PAVING THE PATHWAY TO THE FUTURE

Special Project: Inspire Conservation through Education

Donor: Edith S. Nelson, GCKY President

#1 NATIVE POLLINATOR CONSERVATION

Certificate and \$25 to a club that presents the most outstanding program or activity in the field of environmental education and native pollinator conservation involving the youth.

- 1a Small club of 29 members and under
- 1b Club with more than 29 members

Book of evidence must include pictures and documentation of number of youth involved, list of native plants, and a copy of the program. Use the GCKY Application form. Email to enelsoninbg@aol.com by December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2016.

Scale of points: Total points 100

Presentation	10
Involvement of youth	35
Use of Native Plants	35
Environmental Education	20

#2 NEW YOUTH GARDEN CLUB

Certificate and \$25 to each club that organizes and sponsors a new Youth Garden Club with a minimum of 5 members and 5 meetings a year as required by National. Award Application must include name of Youth Garden Club, address, number and picture of members, schedule of program or activities for the 5 meetings. Application form may be emailed to enelsoninbg@aol.com by December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2016. Use the GCKY application form.

SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION THEME: AWE–some possibilities

Special Project: Inspire Conservation through Education

Donor: Sarah Ann Parler, Director, SAR

Development and implementation of educational projects which focus on the conservation and preservation of our Air, Water and Earth (soil) resources. More than one project is allowed.

APPLICATION FOR AWARD:

Projects will be eligible for awards each year of the administration. The entry should be submitted on the National Garden Club award application and is limited to three pages, including narrative presentation and photographic documentation. The application must be submitted to the SAR Special Project Chairman by mail or email by January 11, 2016 and 2017.

The following Scale of Points will be used in judging entries:	100 Total points
Narrative Presentation (scope)	45
Involvement of Members (%)	25
Photographic Documentation & Layout	<u>30</u>

Individual Club Awards:

Donor: Sarah Ann Parler	
Club size: under 30 members	\$50 and certificate
Club size: 30-59 members	\$50 and certificate
Club size: 60 and over members	\$50 and certificate

Council Awards:

Donor: Sarah Ann Parler	
Council size: 8 and under clubs	\$50 and certificate
Council size: 9 clubs or more	\$50 and certificate

State Award:

Donor: Sarah Ann Parler
 To the State with the highest number of SAR Special Project Award Applications received: \$50 and certificate

Send all Applications to: SAR Special Project Chairman:

Mary Rivers
 11481 Voorhees Drive
 Denmark, SC 29042
 803-793-4914
 bentmary54@gmail.com

Key Notes

www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. THEME: LEAP INTO ACTION!

Sandra H. Robinson, President 2015-2017
 NGC President’s Special Project Awards – Service in Action
 Monetary awards and certificates
 Guiding our resources, message, and action plan to reversing the population declines in amphibian and pollinator species; particularly frogs, bees and Monarch butterflies.
 Application and rules: www.gardenclub.org

SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION AWARDS AND RULES FOR AWARDS 2015-2017

- AWARDS YEAR:** January 1 – December 31
- DEADLINE: January 25** is the deadline for all SAR Award entries to reach the REGIONAL Awards Chairman. All entries are judged by respective states at the STATE level. **The State Awards Chairman should MAIL all in one package the state winner of each award to the Regional Awards Chairman for Regional competition, if applicable. A list of state winners being submitted to Regional Awards Chairman must be included in the package. Applications MUST INCLUDE REGIONAL Award Name.**
- APPLICATION FORM:** Contains questions / topics to be addressed along with any supporting photographs. Forms are available on the NGC website, www.gardenclub.org , or from the State Awards Chairman.
 - There is a three (3) page limit; use ONLY ONE SIDE of the page.
 - Type using “TIMES NEW ROMAN” FONT, NO SMALLER THAN size “10”.
 - Applications will be accepted in HARD COPY form only.
 - Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer needed nor allowed. Note some exceptions.
 - Applications will NOT be returned after SAR Convention.
- MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR, YEARBOOKS and PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS** are exceptions, with specific rules, etc. Consult NGC Awards list for these details.

5. **CATEGORIES BY CLUB SIZE:** Some awards specify awards according to size. Those are:
- i. Small Club: 29 members and under
 - ii. Medium Club: 30–59 members
 - iii. Large Club: 60–99 members
 - iv. Extra-large Club: 100 members +

Scale of Points for Judging SAR and NGC Awards (Exceptions as noted)

5 pts. Presentation – Neat, concise, includes all required information, does not exceed 3-page limit.

65 pts. Achievement – Scope or project need and fulfillment; benefit; accomplishment; comprehensiveness of work; activities to attain goals; evaluation of goals reached; educational; prior planning; very brief history of continuing project; financial report; other.

15 pts. Participation – Size of club/ involvement of members, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, residents in facilities, others (involvement of all these is not required).

15 Pts. Supporting documents – Supporting data (as applicable), clear, well-labeled and neatly attached. “Before” and “After” photos, landscape plan, (does not have to be professionally drawn) financial report, letters of appreciation, community awards, recognition, newspaper/magazine articles, radio or TV script, (if possible), etc. Photocopies are permitted.

100 pts. TOTAL

1. ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING/ACTIVITIES

Donor: Geneva Hunt

\$25 award to a club with the most outstanding tree planting activity and/or promotion of conservation and preservation of trees and/or Arbor Day Activities.

1. Small Club: 29 members and under
2. Medium Club: 30 -59 members
3. Large Club: 60-99 members
4. Extra-large Club: 100+ members

2. BIRD PROTECTION

Donor: Betty Gorrie

\$25 award to a club conducting the most comprehensive and effective project for bird protection and welfare, such as sanctuaries, providing food, houses, and promoting law enforcement relative to bird welfare. (NGC #42)

1. Small Club: 29 members and under
2. Medium Club: 30 -59 members
3. Large Club: 60-99 members
4. Extra-large Club: 100+ members

3. PROTECTING OUR POLLINATORS AWARD

Donor: Joanna Kirby

\$25 award to a club, group of clubs or council for conducting the most comprehensive and effective project on our POLLINATORS, e.g., habitat protection, protection of migratory routes, public education, establishment of a butterfly garden at a school or community site. (NGC #43)

May also qualify for one of SAR Director's Special Awards.

4. COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION / LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARD

\$25 may be awarded for the most distinguished civic improvement for public benefit, e.g. establishing sanctuaries, municipal gardens, landscaping public buildings, etc. Copy of landscape plan must be included. Commercial projects not eligible.

- i. Small Club; ii. Medium Club; iii. Large Club; iv. Ex-large Club (NGC# 49)

5. ENVIRONMENTAL/CONSERVATION AWARD

Donor: Karen Prewitt

\$25 award to a club, group of clubs, or council for the most concentrated activity/study/projecty to improve our environment (such as soil, water, energy, air, and/or natural resources.) (NGC #6)

6. GARDEN THERAPY/HEALING GARDEN AWARD

\$25 award to a club, group of clubs, or council having the most outstanding garden therapy program in which a Healing Garden is an integral part. Evidence must show handicapped or elderly persons' involvement in the Garden. Includes barrier-free gardens, mediation gardens at hospitals, Habitat for Humanity, etc. (NGC #48)

7. GARDEN THERAPY HORTICULTURE PROJECT AWARD

\$25 award to a club reporting the most outstanding program establishing a garden(s) to benefit the physically or learning-challenged in nursing homes, schools, prisons, low income housing, Habitat for Humanity, etc. Includes barrier-free gardens, accessible gardens, meditation garden at a hospital, etc. (NGC # 48). i. Small Club; ii. Medium Club; iii. Large Club; iv. Ex-large Club

8. HISTORIC PRESERVATION

\$25 award to a club, group of clubs, or council for the most outstanding project continuing or completing work on a historic preservation project, such as a trail, park, cemetery, garden or grounds around a historic building and/or garden of importance to local, state or national heritage. (NGC # 50). A. Single member garden club, by size. B. Group of member clubs/council.

9. PUBLICATION: CLUB NEWSLETTER AWARD

Donor: Mary Sue Floyd

\$25 may be awarded for the best overall club newsletter; certificates for category winners. Newsletter published 3 or more times / year under one editorship. Notices and flyers for one-time events do not apply. Submit only 3 sample issues and state the number of issues per year. Printed or electronic distribution newsletters are eligible; however, printed copies must be submitted for SAR judging. Categories:

- A. Newsletter of one 8 ½ " x 11" or 8 ½ " x 14" paper.
- B. Newsletter of 3–12 pages.

Eligibility for categories: A. Single member garden club: i. Small Club; ii. Medium Club; iii. Large Club; iv. Ex-large Club (NGC # 12)

10. NATIVE FLOWERING TREES LANDSCAPE AWARD

A \$25 award to a club, council, or group of clubs for the most outstanding project in landscaping the grounds of a school or other public building USING NATIVE FLOWERING TREES / SHRUBS. Application must include a detailed report of landscape plans, history, costs and publicity.

11. NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

Donor: Mary Dixon

\$25 may be awarded for the best overall promotion of National Garden Week; entry to show National Garden Week awareness throughout the ENTIRE week, and MUST include local and or state National Garden Week proclamation. Winner in each category will receive a Certificate of Award. (NGC # 53)

- A. Single Member Garden Club – i. Small; ii. Medium; iii. Large; iv. Ex-large
- B. Group of member clubs (Councils or Districts, etc.)

12. PROGRAMS

A. BEST SLIDE, VIDEO OR POWER POINT PROGRAM

\$25 award to an individual member, a group of members, or club submitting the most outstanding program via slides, video, or power point that has been presented at a meeting of a club, group of clubs, or council.

B. BEST PROGRAM (without slides, video, or Power Point)

\$25 award to an individual member, group of members or club submitting the most outstanding program without slides, video, or power point that has been presented at a meeting of a club, group of clubs, or council.

13. PUBLIC RELATIONS

\$25 award to a club, group of clubs, or council for the most thorough involvement of other civic organizations, businesses, and agencies, etc., in garden club projects, activities, and programming for the year.

14 ROADSIDE IMPROVEMENT AWARD

\$25 award to a club, group of clubs or council for notable environmental preservation and enhancement of roadsides and rest areas using wildflowers and native plants. Project may be sited on rural byways, urban highways, roadside rest areas, entrances to towns, medians, etc. (NGC #20, NGC# 71)

15. STANDARD FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARDS

1. SINGLE CLUB

\$25 award for the best Standard Flower Show Schedule

2. TWO OR MORE CLUBS OR COUNCIL

\$25 award for the best Standard Flower Show Schedule

16. LANDSCAPE DESIGN FOR CHURCH GARDENS AWARD

Donor: Emily Floyd Stephens

\$25 may be awarded for planning and planting of a church or synagogue garden that meets the needs of the congregation. Overall best in each category to be awarded:

A. Single garden club

B. Individual garden club member (NGC# 28)

17. "PLANT IT PINK" AWARD

Donor: Patricia Arndt

\$25 will be awarded for the most outstanding and innovative NEW project by a club or council emphasizing the planting of PINK gardens using pink flowers and/or foliage to make the public aware of the fight against breast cancer.

18. VISION OF BEAUTY CALENDAR SALES

Donor: Elaine Thornton

\$25 award to the club selling the largest number of *VISION OF BEAUTY* Calendars. The winner to be determined on a percentage basis. Club needs only supply the number of members and number of calendars sold as "evidence". Send this information to your State Awards Chairman.

19. BLUE STAR MEMORIAL LANDSCAPING

Donor: Romanza Johnson

\$25 award for the most outstanding Blue Star Memorial landscaping project by a club, council, or group of clubs. Project must include a Blue Star Memorial Marker, a Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker, or a Blue Star Memorial Marker at a National Cemetery or Veterans Administration Medical Center. The marker and landscaping may be a part of a highway department rest area maintained by the department. The project may have been continuous, but major landscaping must be completed within two years. The project may be a replacement for a destroyed or long neglected landscape. (NGC Award #29-1, #29-2, #29-3)

20. NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Donor: Sue Lawley

\$25 will be awarded to the State gaining the most new National Life Members during the award year. The percentage of state membership determines the winner. The NGC Life Membership chairman will provide the number of new members.

21. WATER CONSERVATION

Donor: Carolyn B. Augustine

\$25 award to the club providing the most thorough programming on Water Conservation. May include legislation, erosion control, watershed protection, clean waterways activities, etc., all stressing importance of WATER (NGC #6).

22. WEBSITE

Donor: Margaret Graham

\$25 award for the most outstanding website promoting the club, state, SAR and NGC objectives. Provide on the NGC (SAR) Awards Application Form the website address, who maintains the site, how often updated and cost. Ease of navigation will be considered while judging from the current site. Clubs, councils and districts may apply. (NGC #63A, A or B)

SCALE OF POINTS:

	Total points	100
Presentation	Design Appearance: attractive, engaging, easy to view; layout	25
Navigation	Ease of navigation, navigation system (bar, map, etc.), logical flow of pages, clear page headers, links active	35
Achievement	Club/group information present/ease to find, educational	20
Promotion	Promotes club, state, NGC, and SAR objectives	10
Maintenance	Does it appear to be updated?	<u>10</u>

23. SAR LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Donor: Jenene Smith

\$25 is awarded to the state having the most NEW regional life memberships since the previous SAR Convention. Cut-off time will be evening meal on the first full day of convention, 2016 and 2017.

24. SAR CONVENTION REGISTRATION AWARD

Donor (2016): Ginny Parker

\$25 award to the NON-HOST STATE with the most SAR Convention Registrations RECEIVED by MARCH 1. Convention Registrar to provide this information for SAR Awards Chairman.

25. YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD

\$25 may be awarded to a garden club MEMBER or a SENIOR GARDEN CLUB providing educational programs / activities that promote NGC objectives for youth in any setting, such as classroom, 4-H Clubs, Scouts, Junior, Intermediate or High School Gardeners.

26. YEARBOOKS: See NGC Award #16 for ALL CATEGORIES of Yearbooks and enter accordingly, using Award # 30 A, 30 B, 30 D, or 30 E.

27. SAR PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK AWARDS

Publicity press books may be awarded certificates for the quality, quantity and diversity of coverage in the print media. Read NGC AWARD # 44 – Publicity Press Book for requirements and scale of points upon which the books are judged.

CATEGORIES

- A. Single Member garden clubs: i. Small Club; ii. Medium Club; iii. Large Club; iv. Ex-large Club
- B. Group of member clubs, councils districts
- C. Affiliated Garden Center

DEADLINE: Send to SAR REGIONAL Publicity Press Book Chairman by FEBRUARY 23.

Barbara S. Ohmsen, 2881 E. Meadow Wood Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23321-4243

Phone: (757) 484-1753 E-mail: basohmsen@cox.net

28. LITTER / RECYCLING / RECLAMATION

\$25 may be awarded to the OVERALL Winning club for the most outstanding community project/activity on litter prevention, reclamation or recycling. Emphasis on a clean community, e.g. year long program, organizing a recycling program, establishing a community composting site. Certificates may be awarded to the winners in each category. (NGC #39)

YOUTH AWARDS AND NGC SPONSORED YOUTH AWARDS

29. YOUTH CLUB AWARD

Donor: Janice Doyle

\$25 may be awarded to the overall best Junior / Intermediate Garden Club and the MEMBER GARDEN CLUB sponsoring the youth club, which has been most successful in promoting all phases of garden club work. Indicate grade/s, sponsor, list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved. Do not duplicate with other junior / intermediate awards.

- A. Grades 1–3
- B. Grades 4–6
- C. Grades 7–9
- D. Other (NGC # 10-J)

30. YOUTH ACTIVITIES AWARD

Donor: Judy Ann Fray

\$25 award to a Youth Group for the most outstanding work in any of the National Garden Club objectives. This includes outstanding local projects with full information provided. Include pictures, publicity, and comments. Extra credit for groups organized through garden Clubs as Junior, Intermediate, and High School Gardeners.

31. NGC YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

Donor: Edith Nelson

\$10 and an Honor Certificate will be presented to the winners of grade levels K-9th grade and Special Education and ESL Students, K -9. A \$25 award will be given to the student with the overall best poem. Students must follow NGC rules.

2015-2016 THEME: "Croaking, Leaping Frogs"

2016-2017 THEME: "We Three: Bees, Butterflies and Me"

Deadline: February 14 Both Years

Kentucky entries must be sent to: Poetry Chairman: Susan Throneberry, 4621 Old Scottsville Rd., Alvaton KY 42122

See the fall issue of *The National Gardener* for more details.

33. NGC HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

Donor: South Atlantic Region

Deadline: February 1

\$200 will be awarded to the SAR Essay Contest winner. Open to all high school students. See NGC Contest Rules. State winner must be sent to Regional Essay Contest Chairman by JANUARY 1. Send to:

Lilyan Carlson

114 Libby Ariail Court

Chapin, SC 29036

Phone: (803)345-0186 E-mail: lilyan@bellsouth.net

Name of Regional Winner must be sent to SAR Awards Chairman by February 1.

35. NGC YOUTH RECYCLABLE SCULPTURE CONTEST

Deadline: November 15

\$10 and Honor Certificate will be awarded to the SAR youth sculpture winners of grade levels (Grades 4-8). A \$25 award will be given to the student with the best sculpture made of recyclable items for designated grade levels. Students must follow NGC rules. See *The National Gardener*, Fall 2015, for more on NGC awards and rules.

Kentucky entries must be submitted to: Kentucky Youth Sculpture Chairman: Dana Sorrell, 6275 Helena Rd. May's Lick, KY 41055

34. SMOKEY BEAR//WOODSY OWL POSTERS

Donor: Barbara S. Ohmsen

Deadline: February 15

\$10 and Honor Certificate will be awarded to the SAR poster winners of each grade level (Grades 1-5). Only one winner in each grade level. Posters must follow the rules of NGC and the US Forest Service flyer.

Mail poster entries to: Debbie Skaggs, 858 Ball Hollow Rd., Hodgenville, KY 42748