

THE GARDEN CLUB OF KENTUCKY, INC.

2023–2025 AWARDS AND RULES

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The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc has an active awards program for its membership. The purpose of the awards program is to recognize the achievements of an individual, a club or group of clubs which further the goals and objectives of The Garden Club of Kentucky, (GCKY) Inc, the South Atlantic Region (SAR) and National Garden Clubs (NGC), Inc.

What better way to celebrate the achievements of an outstanding project than by winning an award! What better way to call attention to the great work your garden club is doing in the neighborhood than by winning an award AND, an award-winning club will attract new members!

What awards can I apply for?

All GCKY Clubs and Councils in good standing (dues paid) are eligible to apply for any awards in the three Award Programs.

GCKY Awards – All awards offered by GCKY are listed here and on the GCKY website (www.gardenclubky.org). Any changes will be posted on the GCKY website and published in the Bulletin. This includes Flower Show Awards and Youth Contests.

SAR Awards – SAR Awards are listed at www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org/awards. The two SAR Special Projects are also listed here.

NGC Awards – NGC Awards are listed at www.gardenclub.org/ngc-awards. The NGC website has an Award Handbook.

GENERAL RULES

AWARD YEAR: November 16 of last year through November 15 of this year

Note: *NGC Award Year is a Calendar year (January 1 through December 31). If your club wants to apply for an NGC Award that will be completed after November 15th, but by December 31st, please advise the State Awards Chairman that you will be applying for an NGC Award.*

DEADLINE: November 15 (unless noted in specific award description). **Mailed award applications must be postmarked by November 15.**

SEND TO: GCKY Awards Chairman (unless noted in specific award description)

CLUB SIZE:
Small Club: 1 – 20 members
Medium Club: 21 – 50 members
Large Club: 51+ members

NEW AWARD: If you would like a new award to be added to the GCKY Awards, contact the Awards Chairman for submission requirements. The proposed new award will be presented by the Awards Chairman to the GCKY Executive Committee for action.

DELETION OF AWARD: If no applications are received for an award, or an award is not presented in three years, that award will be discussed by the Executive Committee for future action.

How do I apply for GCKY, SAR, or NGC Awards?

1. Read GCKY, SAR & NGC Awards and decide which awards apply to your club.
2. All applications are limited to 3, single-sided pages plus the Cover Sheet.
3. Cover Sheet: Download, save, and complete the Awards Application Cover Sheet 2023-2025 on the GCKY Website at www.gardenclubky.org or on the NGC website. This Cover Sheet is used for all awards unless otherwise stated in the award description. The number of the Award being applied for must be placed in the proper blank at the top of the sheet. Example: The club may apply for GCKY # and SAR # and NGC #, or only for GCKY or SAR or NGC (one application). The application is simplified by writing in the SAR or NGC award number and name in the appropriate blank. If a project is being submitted for more than one GCKY award, each GCKY # **MUST** be submitted as a separate application.
4. Application: Write the award application.
 - a. Content: Read Award Description and the General Scoring Rubric (see below) to see what the judges will look for as they score your award application. This will guide you in knowing what information to include in your entry and where to place the emphasis as you write. Some NGC Awards have different Scoring Rubric.
 - b. Format: Type using “Times New Roman” font NO SMALLER than size “12.” You are allowed up to but not over a 3, single-sided pages.
 - c. Pictures: Include photos when applicable. Tell your story by words and pictures. Insert the photos as you write to avoid the need for adding captions; but label as needed. Before and after pictures taken at the same location, is desirable. At least one high-quality photo of the finished project is encouraged with no people are preferred. Picture of members working is better than a posed picture. Check with your members if a photo release form is needed for children or adults (form can be found on the NGC website under forms).
 - d. If a project is eligible for numerous awards, do not submit an exact duplication of the application.
5. Submission:
 - a. Each award application consists of a Cover Sheet and up to three single-sided pages. No attachments are allowed; everything must be included in your three single-sided page application. Keep a copy for your records of all award applications. Do not expect your award applications to be returned.
 - b. Digital or hardcopy are accepted, but please do not submit both digital and hardcopy for the same award. **Hardcopy is preferred.** Hardcopy can be typed or neatly hand-written. If you submit digitally, each complete award application (Cover Sheet and 3-page application) **must** be in **ONE PDF file or Word**

document. The file name **must** show the GCKY Award number, name of the award and name of your club. Example of file name: GCKY #2 Butterfly Name of Club. The person submitting the award (as printed on the Cover Sheet) will receive an award receipt notification. If you don't receive a notification, it means your award submission has not been received.

c. Mail all award applications to the GCKY 2nd Vice President, Awards Chairman (unless otherwise noted in the award description). **Do not send any award applications directly to SAR or NGC; they will not be judged.** Hardcopy applications are mailed to Debbie Skaggs at 858 Ball Hollow Road, Hodgenville, KY 42748. Digital applications are emailed to skaggs@scrtc.com.

How will my award application be judged?

Award applications are judged by a General Scoring Rubric (unless otherwise stated in the award description). Use this information to help you understand what you should include in your application.

PRESENTATION: (5 points) Neat, concise, contains all required information not to exceed three pages.

ACHIEVEMENTS: (65 points) Meets mission and goals, scope of project defined, need identified, and fulfillment, who does this benefit, accomplishment of goals, comprehensiveness of work, activities to attain goals, evaluation of goals reached, educational, prior planning, very brief history if continuing project, other.

PARTICIPATION: (15 points) Percentage of club member participation (may include any type of support given) and involvement of others (community, government agencies, professionals, youth, facility residents, others).

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 details/report. Photocopies are permitted.

The Awards Chairman is available to provide you and/or your club with a training session. Please contact to schedule a date at 270-765-9255. Please call or text anytime that I can assist you!

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS – GCKY

GCKY #1 NANNINE C. WALLIS BIRD PROTECTION

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for SAR #2, NGC #EC-3 (see SAR/NGC websites for award requirements before applying)

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.

GCKY #2 BUTTERFLY

Small, medium and large clubs, 1st place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for GCKY #11, SAR #3, NGC #CE-6 (see SAR/NGC websites for award requirements before applying)

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.

GCKY #3 WILDFLOWER

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for SAR #11, #14, NGC #CE-6 (see SAR/NGC websites for award requirements before applying)

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.

GCKY #4 CHARLES LAW ARBORICULTURE

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for SAR #1, SAR #8 NGC CE-2 (see SAR/NGC websites for award requirements before applying)

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

GCKY #5 TREE PLANTING

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for GCKY #4, SAR #1 (see SAR websites for award requirements before applying)

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. Award application should state the total number of trees planted in the following format:

Approximate Date	Location	Species of Trees	Number of Trees
TOTAL			

GCKY #6 NATIVE PLANTS AND TREES

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for SAR #1, #11, #14, NGC #CE-6, NGC #EC-5 (see SAR/NGC websites for award requirements before applying)

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

GCKY #7 GARDEN THERAPY

Small, medium and large clubs, 1st place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for SAR #6, SAR #7, NGC #G-3 (see SAR/NGC websites for award requirements before applying)

To the club having the most outstanding garden therapy project. Project using plant materials working with handicapped or elderly persons in institutions or organized care programs for nursing homes, etc.

GCKY #8A and 8B CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for SAR #4, #8, NGC #CE-8 (see SAR/NGC websites for award requirements before applying)

To the club, council, or group of clubs presenting the most outstanding permanent community project(s) for public benefit (landscaping public buildings, municipal gardens, sanctuaries, etc.). Landscape plan needed (can be hand drawn). No commercial project is eligible.

#8A – One Project

#8B – More than one Project

GCKY #9 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WITH YOUTH

Small, medium and large clubs, 1st place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for SAR #Y1, SAR #Y2, NGC #YW-9 (see SAR/NGC websites for award requirements before applying)

To a club that presents the most outstanding program, activity or project in the field of environmental education involving youth. Type of program, meeting date and number of youths involved should be included in application.

GCKY #10 JO JEAN SCOTT DAFFODIL

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for NGC #CE-1, CE-4, CE-5 (see NGC websites for award requirements before applying)

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.

GCKY #11 SAVING THE MONARCHS

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for GCKY #2, SAR #3 (see SAR websites for award requirements before applying)

To the club with the most outstanding certified community Monarch Waystation. Certification of Waystations is accomplished through www.Monarchwatch.com. Educational and youth programs are encouraged.

GCKY #12A, 12B and 12C MEMORIAL BLUE STAR/GOLD STAR MARKER LANDSCAPING

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for SAR #14, NGC #CE-7 (see SAR/NGC websites for award requirements before applying)

To the club, council, or group of clubs 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.

#12A – Club

#12B – Groups of Clubs

#12C – Council

GCKY #13 PLANT IT PINK

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for SAR #13, NGC #G-3 (see SAR/NGC websites for award requirements before applying)

To the club, council, or group of clubs for the most outstanding and innovative project emphasizing the planting of PINK gardens using pink flowers and/or foliage to make the public aware of the fight against breast cancer.

GCKY #14A and 14B GARDEN TOUR

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

#14A – To the club, council, or group of clubs sponsoring a garden tour. The application must include the promotion of NGC objectives, tour assistance of a minimum of 5 percent of its members; and include activities encouraging NGC membership, including a tour program of sites and a demonstration of horticulture plantings and/or an educational component.

#14B – To the club, council, or group of clubs sponsoring a 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).

GCKY #15 NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for SAR #10, NGC #MAE-5 (see SAR/NGC websites for award requirements before applying)

To the club, council, or group of clubs 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.

GCKY #16A and 16B THREE Rs – RECYCLE, RE-PURPOSE, REMIX

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for SAR #17 (see SAR website for award requirements before applying)

To the club or individual club member creating an item made of recycled, restored, re-purposed or reused materials. The winners in each category may be asked to bring the item to the GCKY Annual Convention.

#16A – Club

#16B – Individual Club Member

Requirements

- Item must be created from recycled, restored, re-purposed or reused materials.
- Expense should be minimal.
- Provide a list of materials used & their source (leftover paint, scrap fabric, or lumber, etc.) Size should be manageable, but there is no requirement.
- Before, during, and after photos are required, as well as written description of the project.

Scale of Points: 100 points total

- 25 points - Creativity
- 15 points - Usability
- 15 points - Appearance
- 15 points - Expenses
- 20 points - Environmental Savings (what didn't go into a landfill)
- 10 points - Photographic Record

GCKY #17 ROSE GARDEN

This award was established in memory of Doris Cheap, Paula Hyatt's Mother

Small, medium and large clubs, 1st place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

To the club with the most outstanding rose garden project.

GCKY #18 WALLIS SCRAPBOOK

Award will be given in each District: Audubon; Blue Grass; Dogwood; Limestone; Mt Laurel

First place in each district will receive \$20, ribbon and certificate

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, then **must** be taken home. Awards will be presented at the GCKY Annual Convention. Clubs may display Scrapbooks at the annual meeting and take home. The Award Year for Scrapbooks is October 1–September 30.

SCALE OF POINTS (100 total)

- 5 points: Title
- 5 points: Table of Contents

- 10 points: Yearbook – *should be easily removed for reviewing*
- 8 points: Neatness
- 12 points: Beauty
- 5 points: Durability
- 15 points: Originality
- 10 points: Publicity
- 10 points: 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.
- 20 points: 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.

GCKY #19 YEARBOOK

Small, medium and large clubs, 1st place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for SAR #22 (see SAR website for award requirements before applying)

To the club for the most outstanding yearbook.

The Award Application Cover Sheet must be completed and attached to the Club Yearbook with a paper clip. Do not mail a 3-ring binder; instead, substitute a paper cover and so note.

YEARBOOK Total Points 100

Pts	FORMAT (7 points)
2	Book Structure: Practical, convenient size, durable, neat and easy to read. Yearbooks may be stapled, spiral, or 3-ring binders. Material should be well placed with ample margins, and font size suitable for members to read.
2	Cover: Include name of club, town, state, 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)
1	Table of Contents: Number the yearbook pages and list topics on Contents Page.

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.

Pts	CONTACT INFORMATION (8 points)
2	Membership Roster with complete mailing addresses, telephone number(s), and email address (if applicable). Avoid crowding.
1	List of Club Officers and Committee Chairs
1	NGC Information: Name of NGC President with home and email address, and theme. List address and phone number of NGC Headquarters. List NGC website address.
1	Region Information: Name, address, phone number and email of Region Director. List themes for Regional Director. List website for region

1	State Information: Name, address, phone number and email of State President, State District Director, Council President (if any). List themes for State President, District, and Council. List website address for state and (if applicable) for district and council.
2	Calendar of Events: List dates and locations for district/state/region/national meetings and events

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.).

Pts	PROGRAM (50 points)
3	Meets minimum number of meetings required by state (GCKY requires 9)
3	List date and time of meetings, locations with address
4	List name of speaker(s), qualifications (brief), and program titles
14	Variety of program topics (theme not required)
12	Variety of styles of programs (lectures, slides, power point, tours, video, workshop, tour, hike, social, etc.)
14	Variety of speakers (specialists, members, panel, etc.)

Projects: Projects involve actual membership participation that benefit the community and further NGC goals and objectives. Some fundraisers (sale of bulbs, bedding plants, herbs, etc.) may help to beautify the community, as well as produce revenue for clubs. Some fundraisers 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.

Pts	PROJECTS (35 points)
15	List continuing and new projects (a club is not required to have new projects)
20	Give brief description of projects. Include location, name of chairman, how members participate, and (if applicable) list of donations, in-kind donations, plans for maintenance, etc.

Content 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.

GCKY #20 SINGLE NEWS STORY

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon 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.

Total Points 100

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

GCKY #21 PRESS BOOK

Small, medium and large clubs, 1st place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for SAR #23 (see SAR website for award requirements before applying)

To the club with the best overall Press Book.

Requirements for preparing Press Book:

- Label on outside cover: number and name of award, name of clubs, city and state.
- Submit in report cover or folder: 8 1/2"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.
- 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.
- Pages must be numbered and an index is required.
- Affix contents in chronological order from January 1-December 31.
- Clippings evenly cut. No loose clippings permitted.
- 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.
- 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

- 30 points – Pressbook criteria
- 35 points - Quality
- 20 points - Quantity
- 15 points – Diversity of Coverage

GCKY #22 PHOTO ARCHIVING OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

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

GXCKY #23A and 23B SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE

Small, medium and large clubs, 1st place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

May apply for SAR #21, NGC MAE-2 (see SAR/NGC websites for award requirements before applying)

To the club with the most outstanding website or social media page promoting the sponsoring Garden Club. At least a portion of the site/page must be available for viewing by the general public. Include website/media address, who maintains site, frequency of updates, and cost in the application. Ease of navigation will be considered while judging from the address given.

#23A – Designed and Managed by Club Members

#23B – Professionally Designed

GCKY #24A and 24B CLUB PROGRAM

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

#24A may apply for SAR 20A, NGC #MAE-3 (see SAR/NGC websites for award requirements before applying)

#24B may apply for SAR 20B (see SAR website for award requirements before applying)

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

#24A – Club Program with CD/DVD/Flash Drive

#24B – Club Program without CD/DVD/Flash Drive

GCKY #25 GARDEN CLUB MEMBER RECRUITING MOST NEW MEMBERS

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

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

List the name of the person who recruited the new members along with new members (dues must have been received by the GCKY Treasurer).

GCKY #26 MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Small, medium and large clubs, 1st place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

To the club with the largest percentage of new members based on paid membership as of 31 Oct of the award year.

Complete this formula:

Number of new members divided by number of members at the beginning of the award year equals percentage of growth

Example: 5 new member ÷ 40 number of members at the beginning of the award year = 0.125 = 12.5%

GCKY #27 SPONSORING NEW CLUB

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

To the club for the greatest number of senior clubs organized during the award period (GCKY Annual Convention 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 of the newly organized club. Apply to the GCKY Award Chairman before the GCKY Annual Convention.

GCKY #28 ATTENDANCE

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

To the club having the highest percentage of average attendance monthly. Record of attendance and percentage required. Submission should be in the following format:

Month	Attendance	Membership
Total		

Total Attendance ÷ Total Membership = Percent of Attendance

Example 132 ÷ 165 = 0.8 = 80%

132 is the total monthly attendance for 9 club meetings

165 is the total monthly membership for 9 club meetings

GCKY #29 BEST PRESIDENT'S REPORT AT DISTRICT MEETING

The one winner of this award receives \$20, ribbon and certificate

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

GCKY #30 REMOVAL OF INVASIVE PLANTS

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

To the club conducting the most comprehensive and effective project for the removal of invasive plants.

GCKY #31 CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

First place receives \$20, ribbon and certificate; 2nd and 3rd place receives ribbon and certificate

To the club whose activities have established a partnership with a non-garden organization which enables your club to promote the objectives and purposes of The Garden Club of Kentucky. (*This award is for a difference project than GCKY # 8A and 8B*)

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 AND SUPERIORITY AWARDS

Deadline: January 15 for President's Report

Mail to: GCKY President, Susan Throneberry, 4621 Old Scottsville Rd, Alvaton, KY 42122

Contact: Phone: 270-781-0000; Email: sthorneberry1@gmail.com

Certificate will be presented at the Fall District Meetings. Award eligibility will be determined through the President's Report score. President Report Form and Member Questionnaire are available at the GCKY website. Requirements for Superiority Award depends on the club size:

- membership of fewer than 25 require 200 points
- membership of 25-50 require 300 points
- membership of 51-75 require 400 points
- membership of 76 and over require 500 points

THE GARDEN CLUB OF KENTUCKY, INC., ENRICHMENT AWARD

Deadline: December 15

Mail to: First Vice President, Sharon Burcham, P.O. Box 20, Burlington, KY 41005

Contact: Phone: 859-630-4715; Email: grannyburcham@yahoo.com

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 by December 15. 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 recipient 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

Deadline: November 15

Mail to: Janice Miller, 1933 Carter Ave, Ashland, KY 41101-7729

Phone: (606) 831-7000; Email: rdjemiller@gmail.com

#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).

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

For Scale of Points please see National Garden Club Form 29 (3/2021). The form is entitled "Scale of Points for Evaluating Standard Flower Show Schedules". You can locate this form on the NGC website, gardenclub.org in the Forms Library, FSS-29.

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 #FS-1

- i. 20 members and under
- ii. 21 – 50 members
- iii. 51 + members

#53 BEST SHOW - TWO OR MORE CLUBS OR COUNCIL

\$20 and certificate

May apply for NGC #FS-9 or NGC #FS-10

#54 HOLIDAY SHOW – ONE CLUB

\$20 and certificate

May apply for NGC #FS-2, NGC #FS-6

#55 HOLIDAY SHOW – TWO OR MORE CLUBS OR COUNCIL

\$20 and certificate

May apply for NGC #FS-2

#56 COUNCIL SHOW

\$20 and certificate

May apply for NGC #FS-10

#56A – Council Petite Flower Show Award for Council

#56B – Judges Council Flower Show Standard Show (NGC Award FS-14B)

#56C – Judges Council Petite Standard Flower Show

#56D – Judges Council Small Standard Flower Show (for a Council with few than 20 members)

#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

#59 PATRIOTIC STANDARD SHOW – One Club or Council

\$20 and certificate

May apply for NGC #FS-3

#60 – PATRIOTIC SMALL STANDARD SHOW – One Club

\$20 and certificate

May apply for NGC #FS-7

#61 – SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

\$20 and certificate

May apply for NGC #FS-7

This Award criteria will comply with all the requirements of this State and NGC on the Application Form and all other requirements for a GCKY or NGC Flower Show Award.

#62 – DESIGN SPECIALTY SHOW

\$20 and certificate

#62A – Standard Size

#62B – Petite Size

#63 – HORTICULTURE SPECIALTY SHOW

\$20 and certificate

#63A – Standard Size

#63B – Petite Size

All NGC Flower Show Types must conform with the Handbook for Flower Shows 2017 Edition with updates. All other exiting Kentucky Flower Show rules apply.

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, Janice Miller, who is responsible for all Flower Show Awards.

FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 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. 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.)
- 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
- The Chairman that judges will serve on their Evaluation Panel.
- The panel will notify the club(s) when they should proceed with the Book of Evidence.
- 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.)

GCKY PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS

The 2023-2025 GCKY President's Theme is "Go Green...Plant Kentucky!",
but these projects emphasize "Go Blue"!

AWARD #1 "Go Blue...Create an Eastern Bluebird Trail"

Certificate and \$25.00 to a club in each GCKY District that creates the most outstanding Bluebird Trail to help restore the Eastern Bluebird population. The Trail should be well marked and accessible on public property. Handicap access, signage, documentation of the established Trail (including planning, programs during and after completion, involvement of youth and materials used) will be considered. Before beginning your project, it is suggested you do research on areas in your district providing habitat for the Eastern Bluebird along with a commitment from your club, a group, or an individual to monitor and maintain the boxes. There are a multitude of resources online, including Bluebirds of Central Kentucky <https://www.bluebirdscky.com>.

When establishing the Trail, nest boxes should be placed 100 to 150 yards apart for the Eastern Bluebird. You should include a landscape plan (can be hand drawn) along with financing. Affordable Bluebird houses can be constructed from durable wood or may be purchased. Introduce your project to other local groups (boy scouts, girl scouts, church groups, etc.) and they may help construct the nest boxes and assist in installing them. Youth involvement is a plus with this project!

Deadline: No electronic entries accepted. Written applications must be postmarked **January 16, 2024**, and **January 15th, 2025**, for the following year. Beginning date and completion date must be within calendar year 2023.

Mail to: Susan Throneberry, 4621 Old Scottsville Road, Alvaton KY 42122.
Refer to the following scale of points for scoring.

AWARD #2 "Go Blue...Sponsor a Blue Star Marker"

The Blue Star Memorial Program has been in existence through the garden club movement for more than 75 years. Did you know only National Garden Clubs can sponsor these memorial markers? The Blue Star Memorial Highway marker, the By-Way Marker and the Memorial Marker are only available to clubs through National Garden Clubs. The guidelines are available on the National Garden Club website.

<https://www.gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2023-05/guidelines-for-memorial-markers-may-2023-revision.pdf>

The 2023 certificate and \$50.00 award will be given to the club installing and landscaping one of the three Blue Star Markers from January 2023 through December 31, 2023. In case of a tie, it will be based on the number of markers each club sponsors.

Deadline: No electronic entries accepted. Written applications must be postmarked January 16, 2024, and January 15th, 2025, for the following year. Beginning date and completion date must be within calendar year 2023.

Mail to: Susan Throneberry, 4621 Old Scottsville Road, Alvaton KY 42122.
Refer to the following scale of points for scoring.

General Scale of points for the *President's Special Projects Award*: Total 100 Points

PRESENTATION - 5 points: neat, concise, all required information not to exceed three pages.

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. Photo copies are permitted of printed articles.

SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS

SAR Special Project #1 CREATE A WILDLIFE HABITAT

Certificate and \$50

To a club for the most outstanding wildlife habitat. The requirements for a native garden are to provide food, shelter, water and a place to raise or feed their young. Birdhouses or dense foliage should be provided. Include birdbaths, small ponds and wet rocks to provide a water source for birds, small mammals, amphibians and insects. The garden needs to have plants that provide food in spring, summer and fall to feed insects. Your garden should contain native shrubs and flowers to provide nectar, seeds and berries for birds and others that winter in your wildlife garden. This garden will be sustainable with no pesticides, herbicides or fungicides used. Your application should include a list of plants in your garden, and the wildlife they attract. If possible, provide photos of wildlife in your garden.

The application should be no more than three pages. It must include before, during and after photographs. It should include any published coverage. A crucial part of the application should explain why the club took on the project and why they chose the location. Did those participating in the project finish it with a sense of protecting and preserving the environment.

SAR Special Project #2 CREATE A NATIVE PLANT GARDEN

Certificate and \$25

To a club for the best community native plant garden. The survival of all native species begins with our native plants. If one person plants a garden of native plants not much help comes from it. If all gardens have some native plants then habitat is created that supports the circle of life in the area. Remember many modern hybrid flowers are bred for color and may have different size flower parts that do not feed pollinators looking for food.

The requirements for this community native plant garden award are:

- Plant at least five different species of native nectar plants (perennials) and three species of caterpillar host plants.
- Include at least one native shrub and / or small trees to provide food and shelter for caterpillars, birds and wildlife.
- Consider diversity of color and seasonal interest in planning and design to help attract wildlife across the seasons.
- Include a simple drawing of this garden with plants named (genus, species).

YOUTH CONTEST

YOUTH RECYCLABLE SCULPTURE CONTEST

\$25 and certificate

May apply for SAR #Y-5

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

The purpose of this contest is to encourage youth to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving our planet. List materials used and describe the sculpture in 3 to 5 sentences.

Deadline: November 15

Mail to: Youth Sculpture Chairman: Renee Ray, 1366 Gray Hawk Rd, Lexington, KY 40502

Phone: 502-232-5289, Email: renee@silverartimages.com

Contest Rules:

1. Youth in 4th grade through 8th grade are eligible to enter the contest.
2. Width of the sculpture can be no more than 8 1/2 x 11.
3. Height should be proportional to width.
4. Entry form can be found on the NGC website, www.gardenclub.org
5. Entries should include as many photographs as can be printed on the back of the entry form but two 4"x6" photographs are recommended.

YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

\$5 and Certificate will be presented to the winners of grade levels K-9th grade and Special Education and ESL Students, K-9

Deadline: November 15

Mail to: GCKY Poetry Chairman, Carol Adams, 146 Scottsborough Court, Bowling Green, KY 42103

Contact: Phone: 270-782-3441; Email: cadams44@aol.com

Contest Rules:

Students must follow NGC rules.

<https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2023-05/youth-poetry-contest-guidelines-2023-2024.pdf>

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SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

\$5 and Certificate is 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.

Deadline: January 1.

Mail poster entries to: Martha Harkleroad, 57 Lakeside Dr. Scottsville, KY 42164

Contact: Phone: (270) 843-5404; Email: mharkleroad56@gmail.com

**For 2023 only Smokey Bear entries will be accepted
because it's Smokey Bear 80th Birthday!**

Poster Rules

1. Poster must feature Smokey Bear OR Woodsy Owl and must not feature both.
2. Smokey Bear poster must be based upon and include Smokey's fire prevention message: *Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires!* Woodsy Owl posters must be based upon and include Woodsy's conservation message: *Lend a Hand - Cure for the Land!*
3. The entry posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires or conserving natural resources.
 - Each entry must be 11 by 17 inches in size.
 - Materials that can be used include crayons, markers, poster paints, watercolors, etc.
 - No three-dimensional posters, computer-scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted.
 - Please print the artist's name, address, home phone number, grade level, school, teacher's name, city, and state on the back of the poster in the lower right corner. Should school policy preclude giving students' addresses and phone numbers, please include the school address and phone number.
 - Each poster must also show the name of the sponsoring local garden club.
 - Do not use dark marker to write on back as it may show through.

Poster Tips

- A good poster is bold and simple in design.
 - Its message is delivered in both the picture and the slogan.
 - Its message is easily understood.
4. Posters are to be completed by individual student artists.
 5. Posters will be judged 20 percent each for: originality, design, slogan, artwork, and overall effectiveness of the message.
 6. Misspelled words or failure to use appropriate slogan is an automatic disqualification.