

## **TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS, INC. AWARDS BROCHURE**

This brochure lists awards offered by National Garden Clubs, Inc., Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. and South Central Region. Member Garden Clubs, Councils, and Affiliates are encouraged to apply for awards. 1995-97 NGC Awards, Chairman Gerry St. Peters explained that “Receiving a prestigious NGC award is one of the highest honors to be achieved. Recognition creates pride and encourages members to further their efforts.” The excellent work of our clubs and members should receive recognition by fellow members at District, State and National levels.

To be eligible to apply, garden clubs must be federated with Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. and Councils/Forums/Federations and Plant Societies must be Affiliate Members. Individuals must be members of a federated garden club.

Most awards are submitted through the Districts for competition, and if eligible the awards are forwarded to State. If a National Award is offered and the award is eligible, then the award will be forwarded to National Chairman for further competition.

The emphasis of this brochure is to encourage clubs to compete for awards - for competition brings spirit and pride and to prepare those eligible awards to meet the requirements for State and NGC awards.

**National Garden Clubs Rules and Awards** are published in the Fall issue of *The National Gardener* in odd-numbered years; changes and/or corrections are published in the even-numbered years. Changes in rules and award requirements published in *TNG* will take precedence over this Awards Brochure.

**Texas Garden Clubs** also offers some awards exclusively for our organization. These state awards are titled with “TGC” and are found in this Awards Brochure. Changes in TGC awards are published in *The Lone Star Gardener*; revisions are made available from TGC Headquarters and can be added to brochure. Separate brochures available from TGC Headquarters: Club Programs, Club Ratings, Flower Shows, Scrapbooks, and Yearbooks, are more detailed in preparing and judging these specific awards. Youth Awards are also covered in more detail in a separate brochure.

**South Central Region Awards** are applied for **separately**. The Awards and Rules are published in the summer edition of *The Communicator* and in this brochure. Changes in rules and award requirements published in *The Communicator* will take precedence over this Awards Brochure. The awards are submitted directly to the South Central Awards Chairman **before** the February 1 deadline. **All the SCR Awards have been placed together in the last section of this brochure.**

## NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. AWARDS RULES 2011-2013

### 1. AWARDS YEAR

January 1 to December 31 annually. This applies to all projects submitted with application form. All awards may be presented annually, if merited. Any exceptions will be noted.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Only National Garden Clubs members are eligible to apply for NGC awards unless otherwise stated in the award description. Members are: member garden clubs, groups of member clubs, State Garden Clubs, NGC Regions, and individual members of garden clubs. Junior, Intermediate, High School Garden Clubs, Individual Youth must be sponsored by a member garden club to be eligible for specific NGC awards. National Affiliates, Affiliate members and International Affiliates are eligible to apply for awards as noted.
- b. Dues to District and TGC must be current to be eligible for awards.
- c. When the same project is eligible for more than one award, submitting exact duplication of books of evidence is **not** acceptable. (Each award should be written with supporting data focused on that award.)

### 3. DEADLINES

- a. Unless otherwise stated in awards description, awards are submitted to District Chairman **to arrive by November 1.**
- b. Unless otherwise stated, eligible awards are submitted by District Chairman to corresponding State Chairman **to arrive by December 1.** (District Chairmen, do not delay. The State Chairman has very little time.)
- c. Unless otherwise stated, awards eligible for NGC awards are submitted by TGC Awards Chairman to TGC Awards/National Chairman by **December 15.**
- d. TGC Awards/National Chairman submits eligible awards to NGC Awards Chairman to arrive no later than **January 15.** (Awards received after judging deadline can not be considered.)

### 4. APPLICATION FORMS

NGC has a NEW application form and procedure for applying for awards. The application form contains topics to be addressed along with any supporting photographs.

\*There is a three (3) page limit, using only the front of the page.

\*Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer required or allowed.

\*Applications will not be returned. Exceptions noted.

\*Applications may be submitted electronically to the State Awards Chairman and National Awards Chairman where applicable.

\*Forms are available on the NGC website, [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org), and from State Awards Chairmen, IA Awards Chairman, Flower Show Achievement Awards Chairman, or Award of Excellence Chairman.

\*This NEW application form should not be used for Awards of Excellence or Flower Show Achievement Awards.

### 5. PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING AND DEADLINES

#### APPLICANTS:

- Complete the application form. Submit the original form (3 pages only) to your State Awards Chairman by the deadline set by your state. If submitting my mail, include original and 1 copy.

- Keep one copy for your records
- YEARBOOKS complete the necessary information on the NGC application form. Do not answer the questions. Firmly clip 2 copies of the completed application form to the inside front cover (send only 1 yearbook). No envelope necessary.
- PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS – complete the necessary information on the NGC application form. Do not answer the questions. Prepare a Book of Evidence. No limit on number of pages. Submit to your State Awards Chairman by deadline set by your state.
- PUBLICATIONS: Submit entry for #3, #12 or #13 in an envelope with one Application Form secured to outside and one enclosed inside envelope if sending by mail. Electronic submissions permitted. Submit entries to your State Awards Chairman by deadline set by your State.

## **6. NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS**

Garden Clubs: one application for each size category (based upon membership) for each award may be submitted for evaluation to the NGC Awards Committee. State Garden Clubs: one application for any award category may be submitted for evaluation to the NGC Awards Committee. Note: entry limitations on Awards: #20, #71-74 and Flower Show Achievement Awards #5 and #25.

## **7. CATEGORIES BY SIZE**

Garden Club applications shall be judged according to size determined by number of members on whom NGC and state dues are paid, including Active, Associate, Inactive, Honorary, etc.

- i. small club                    29 members and under
- ii. medium club                30 – 99 members
- iii. large club                    over 100 members

State Garden Clubs applications shall be judged according to size determined by number of members on whom NGC dues are paid, including garden club members, Affiliates, State Life Members, etc.

- i. small state                    1,999 members and under
- ii. medium state                2,000 – 5,999 members
- iii. large state                    6,000 members and over

## **8 TROPHIES, MONETARY AWARDS, CERTIFICATES OF MERIT**

Trophies and/or monetary awards shall be awarded to highest scoring entry among all applicable categories. The winner of a trophy or monetary award is determined from first place entries in each category. (must score 90 or more to be awarded first place recognition). Certificates of Merit shall be presented to overall winners, Runners-up receive Certificates of Commendation (by category/size/type), and other award submission receive Certificates of Appreciation. Awards and Certificates shall be presented at the NGC Convention.

## **9. A BOOK OF EVIDENCE**

Should be prepared for the following only:

Flower Show Achievement Awards (10 pages (20 surfaces front & back))

Publicity Press Book (no limit on number of pages)

Information for preparing a Book of Evidence for the above may be found in guidelines that follow.

**10. SCALE OF POINTS FOR ALL NGC AWARDS:**

(exceptions: Promotions, Publication, Yearbooks, Flower Show Achievement Awards, Publicity Press Books, Website, as noted)

<b>PRESENTATION</b> – neat, concise, includes all required information on NGC Awards Application Form (3 sheets allowed), or the Book of Evidence, if required	5
<b>ACHIEVEMENT</b> – 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	65
<b>PARTICIPATION</b> – size of club; involvement of members, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, residents in facilities, others. Not all of these have to be involved	15
<b>RECORD OF DOCUMENTATION</b> – supporting data (as applicable), clear, well-labeled and neatly attached before & after photographs if applicable, landscape plans (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	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR BOOK OF EVIDENCE All NGC and TGC Awards must meet these requirements

- 1. Label on outside cover:** number and name of NGC (or State) award, category, name of club/s city and state.  
**CARD (for TGC information only)** Prepare 3x5 card and **paper clip** to outside front cover of binder for judging and preparation of District and State Awards. This card will be removed if award is submitted to National. List following information:
  - Award Number/Name (and class if any) (ex. N-1 Civic Achievement)
  - Name of Club, City, District, Club Rating (Gold, Silver, Bronze, Green), Number of Members, Name & Address of Current President
  - Dates TGC and District dues paid
- 2. Presentation:** not to exceed 6 pages, front and back, for a maximum of 12 surfaces; pages may be placed in top loading sheet protectors. Material must be attached to pages. Use 8 ½” x 11” paper and enclose in report cover or 2 pocket folder; no scrapbooks or oversized books. Exceptions are noted.
- 3. Top of first page:** include number and name of NGC award, name of club/s, number of members on whom NGC and state dues are paid (regular, honorary, life, associate).
- 4. Written Text:** concise; covers all requirements in award description and Scale of Points for Achievement, Participation and Record.
- 5. Record:** photocopies are permitted; yearbook pages are not needed as documentation
- 6. No Table of Contents** or summary needed. (Summary appears on Application form) Page numbers not required.
- When the same project is eligible for various awards, submitting exact duplication of books of evidence is not acceptable.
- The NGC application forms will be prepared by the TGC Awards/National Chairman not by the club. **One application form will be permanently attached to inside front cover of the book of evidence and duplicate form attached with a paper clip for easy removal.**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR BOOK OF EVIDENCE**  
**All NGC Awards must meet these requirements**

**1. Label on Outside Cover**

Award #                      Award Name:  
Submitted by: (enter name exactly as it should appear on any award received)  
Name of State Garden Club  
State Awards Chairman:              Phone:              E-mail:  
Number of members in club:  
Date:  
Number in state garden club

**2. Application form is limited to three (3) printed pages – front of pages only. (No report cover or binders allowed). (No plastic sheets allowed)**

Application Form will be not returned (Exceptions – publication (books), CD/DVD). Copy entry for your files.

State Awards Chairman must send entries (mail or electronically) to NGC Awards Chairman to arrive no later than January 15.

Please complete each topic, if applicable. Using numbering as below when completing form.

1. New Project:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Beginning Date:                      Completion Date:

2. Brief summary and objectives of project
3. Involvement of club members, other organizations, et.
4. Project expenses and means of funding
5. Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance
6. Attach or insert photos, digital photos, and/or landscape plan (does not need to be professionally drawn)

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## TGC PROCEDURE FOR PREPARING BOOK OF EVIDENCE AND MAILING AWARDS

1. **CARD** (for TGC information only): Prepare 3x5 card and **paper clip** to outside front cover of binder for judging and preparation of District and State Awards. This card will be removed if award is submitted to National. List following information.
  - Award Number/Name (and class if any) (ex. N-1 Civic Achievement)
  - Name of Club, City, District, Club Rating (Gold Silver, Bronze, Green), Number of Members, Name & Address of Current President
  - Dates TGC and District dues paid
2. The NGC application forms will be prepared by the TGC Awards/National Chairman not by the club. **One application form will be permanently attached to inside front cover of the Book of Evidence and duplicate form attached with a paper clip for easy removal.**
3. Submit award entries to appropriate District Chairman unless otherwise noted in awards description. Council/Forum/Federation and Districts send entries directly to appropriate TGC Chairman.
4. If your District does not have a Chairman that corresponds with each award, send your award to your District General Awards Chairman.
5. Do not hesitate to call or write your District or TGC Vice President/Awards for information. Please send a stamped envelope for the reply.
6. **POSTAGE:** Include enough postage for the award to be sent by the District Chairman to the State Chairman and postage for the State Chairman to send to the TGC/National Chairman if qualified. Do not send cash. Any unused postage will be returned. Enclose postage in an envelope with your club's name and paper clip to binder. (Please send smaller denomination stamps rather than one \$3.00 stamp.)
7. **RETURN OF AWARD:** Awards that were not eligible to be submitted for state competition will be returned to the clubs at the Spring District Conventions. Awards submitted for state and national competition will be returned to the District Directors at the Spring TGC Convention.
8. **TEXT OF AWARD:**
  - a. Make sure that the text and the photos show the extent of the club's work. Organize materials that tell story of project from beginning to end. Be descriptive, give word pictures of the project. Explain who, what, when, where, why.
  - b. In the text, address "Fulfillment", "Scope", "Prior Planning", "Benefit".
  - c. Give number of member participation in the project and how goals reached. Club participation is important; two members doing all of the work is not a club project.
  - d. Supporting data must be focused on this particular award. Cut news articles and photos neatly. Cut or arrange news articles where there will be no foldouts; underline or highlight key information in a lengthy article. OK to photocopy except for Publicity Press Book.
  - e. Include action photos of members with the community/youth/etc. Label the photos with who, when, where. (Members and Scout Troop #15 planting 50 trees at Hill Park, January 23). Make before/during/after photographs from same angle.
  - f. Neatness is important. Use even and liberal margins. Number the pages. Proofread

carefully.

- g. Attach photos with rubber cement; glue sticks hold paper but do not hold stiff photos well.
- 9. Follow all of the rules in preparing the Book of Evidence. Don't miss out on 1<sup>st</sup> place because you forgot required information.

## **PROCEDURE FOR PREPARING BOOK OF EVIDENCE AND MAILING AWARDS FOR TGC AWARDS**

1. Card (for TGC information only: Prepare 3 x 5 card and paper clip to outside front cover of binder for judging and preparation of District and State Awards. This card will be removed if award is submitted to National. List the following information:  
**Award Number/Name** (and class if any) (ex. TGC Community Service)  
**Name of Club, City, District, Club Rating** (Gold, Silver, Bronze, Green).  
**Number of Members, Name & Address of Current President**  
**Dates TGC and District dues paid.**
2. Submit award entries to appropriate District Chairman, unless otherwise noted in awards description. Council/Forum/Federation and Districts send entries directly to appropriate TGC Chairman.
3. If your District does not have a Chairman that corresponds with each award, send your award to your District General Awards Chairman.
4. Do not hesitate to call or write your District or TGC Vice President/Awards for information. Please send a stamped envelope for the reply.
5. **POSTAGE:** Include enough postage for the award to be sent by the District Chairman to the State Chairman and postage for the State Chairman to send to the TGC/National Chairman, if qualified. **Do not send cash.** Any unused postage will be returned. Enclose postage in an envelope with your club's name and paper clip to binder. (Please send small denomination stamps rather than one \$3.00 stamp).
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7. **TEXT OF AWARD:**
  - a. Make sure that the text and the photos show the extent of the club's work. Organize materials that tell a story of the project from beginning to end. Be descriptive – give word pictures of the project. Explain who, what, when, where, why.
  - b. In the text, address “Fulfillment”, “Scope”, “Prior Planning”, “Benefit”.
  - c. Give number of member participation in the project and how goals reached. Club participation is important; 2 members doing all of the work is not a club project.
  - d. Supporting data must be focused on this particular award. Cut news articles and photos neatly. Cut or arrange news articles where there will be no foldouts; you can use rubber cement to attach photos (glue sticks hold paper but do not hold stiff photos well); underline or highlight key information in a lengthy article. It is okay to photocopy except for Publicity Press Book.
  - e. Neatness is important. Use even and liberal margins. Number the pages. Proofread carefully.

8. Follow all of the rules in preparing the Book of Evidence. Don't miss out on 1<sup>st</sup> place because you forgot required information.

#### CLASSIFICATION FOR GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE, GREEN & AFFILIATE CLUBS

##### Division I – Single Member Clubs

Class 1 – 20 members or less

Class 2 – 21 – 40 members

Class 3 – 41 – 100 members

Class 4 – over 100 members

##### Division II – Groups of Clubs

Class 1 – 4 clubs or less

Class 2 – 5 – 20 clubs

Class 3 – 21 – 50 clubs

Class 4 – over 51 clubs

##### Division III – Affiliate Clubs

## REQUIREMENTS FOR BOOK OF EVIDENCE FOR TGC AWARDS

1. LABEL ON OUTSIDE COVER: number and name of TGC award, category, name of club's city and state.  
CARD – Prepare 3 x 5 index card clipped to the outside front cover of the binder with Award Number/Name, City, District, Club Rating, Number of members, Name and address of current President, Dates dues paid to TGC and district.
2. PRESENTATION: not to exceed 6 pages, front and back, for a maximum of 12 surfaces; pages may be placed in top loading sheet protectors. **(NOTE\*\*\*This rule will change in January 2012 to correspond with NGC Rules for submitting award applications).** Material must be attached to pages. Use 8 ½ “ x 11” paper and enclose in report cover or 2 pocket folder; not scrapbooks or oversized books. Exceptions are noted.
3. TOP OF FIRST PAGE: include number and name of NGC award, name of club/clubs, number of members on whom NGC and state dues are paid (regular, honorary, life, associate).
4. WRITTEN TEXT: concise; covers all requirements in award description and Scale of Points for Achievement, Participation and Record.
5. RECORD: photocopies are permitted; yearbook pages are not needed as documentation.
6. NO TABLE OF CONTENTS OR SUMMARY NEEDED. (Summary appears on Application Form)
7. When the same project is eligible for various awards, submitting exact duplication of books of evidence is not acceptable.
8. The NGC application forms will be prepared by the TGC Awards/National Chairman not by the club. One application form will be permanently attached to inside front cover of the book of evidence and duplicate form attached with a paper clip for easy removal.
9. Follow all of the rules in preparing the Book of Evidence. Don't miss out on 1<sup>st</sup> place because you forgot required information.

## GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING AWARDS

1. Immediately upon receipt of awards, check to be certain each is entered in the correct category.
2. Secure a panel(s) of a minimum of 3 judges, some may be specialists in the field related to the award rather than all garden club members.
3. Be certain the panel understands the award rules, description, and Scale of Points. If entry is not worthy, award should be withheld. Clarify if there is a rule violation that removes the application from consideration.
4. Winners must be kept secret until after awards presentation.
5. Do not write on pages in Book of Evidence; use the comment sheet.
6. Do not deduct points for anything not specifically in the Scale of Points. If points are deducted for omission be sure omission was not inadvertently overlooked by the panel.
7. Comments are required and should encourage and educate. Start with complimentary remarks before explaining how application needed improvement. Give careful thought to wording; comments should help the club in sending in their next application. Explain why points are deducted.
8. The Standard System of Awarding is used:

First Place	90 or above	Second Place	85 or above
Third Place	80 or above	Honorable Mention	75 or above
9. Please, no tie scores. Only one First Place, one Second, one Third, then all awards scoring over 75 are awarded Honorable Mention. (ex. First Place could score 99, Second 93, Third 84, HM 81, HM 79. If there is only one entry with a score of 80, it would receive Third Place). If scores are too close, OK to allow ties on honorable mentions.
10. District Chairman: send **first place** entry in each size category to State Chairman and list all others that score 95 or above, on report form to State Chairman.
  - Division I – Single Member Clubs
    - Category A
      - Class 1 - 20 members or less
      - Class 2 - 21 – 40 members
      - Class 3 - 41 – 100 members
      - Class 4 - over 100 members
    - Division II – District, Council and Forums
      - Category B
        - Class 1 - 4 clubs or less
        - Class 2 - 5 – 20 clubs
        - Class 3 - 21 – 50 clubs
        - Class 4 - over 50 clubs
      - Division III - Affiliates
  - 11. Do not mail awards that are not eligible for state awards to state chairmen or TGC VP/Awards. Each District's procedure may vary; Books of Evidence and entries are usually returned to the member clubs at the District Spring Convention or by using the enclosed postage.

12. Do not mail awards that are not eligible for NGC awards to TGC/National Awards Chairman or TGC Vice President/Awards. TGC Chairmen bring the Books of Evidence to the TGC Spring Convention and they are placed in the Exhibits Room for members to see. At the conclusion of the convention, the awards are distributed to the District Directors to return to the member clubs.
13. **Deadlines** are important! Awards must be forwarded promptly from District to State as State Chairmen have little time to forward eligible entries to the TGC/National Awards Chairman.

**ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR STATE CHAIRMEN JUDGING  
AWARDS ELIGIBLE FOR NATIONAL AWARDS**

1. **Observe the deadlines.** Entries must be mailed no later than December 15 to the TGC/National Awards Chairman! The TGC/National Awards Chairman must process and mail the awards to the NGC Awards Chairman no later than **January 3** to be assured of on-time arrival.
2. Upon receipt of award entry or Book of Evidence, double-check if application is entered in the correct category. The 3 x 5 card will be removed by the TGC/National Awards Chairman and a NGC Application will be stapled to the inside front cover.

## NON-COMPETITIVE AWARDS

### AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

A non-competitive award presented by local garden clubs to businesses, industrial establishments, schools, youth clubs, civic organizations, etc. who are not affiliated with a garden club, for on-going or completed projects. Award Certificate #5234 may be obtained from NGC Member Services.

### MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR

May be awarded to one member in each region whose volunteer efforts during a period of five or more years, has made outstanding contributions to club and community, in one or more of the following areas: civic development, horticulture therapy, youth activities, conservation, landscape design, horticulture, floral design, or all around excellence.

Eligibility: any member of a State Garden Club, who has never been a member of NGC Board of Directors. Entries are submitted to TGC Awards Chairman by January 1. TGC Awards Chairman forwards one entry to Regional Awards Chairman by February 1. Region forwards one entry to National Chairman by February 20. The eight Regional Winners will receive a NGC Certificate and be recognized in *The National Gardener*.

Obtain application and complete information from NGC Member Award of Honor Chairman.

## CONTRIBUTING AWARDS

An Award of Appreciation is offered for \$10.00 and above contribution. All donation checks are to be made payable to "Texas Garden Clubs, Inc." The deadline for contributions is February 1 (except Arbor Day). Send all monies to TGC Headquarters, 3111 Old Garden Road, Fort Worth, TX 76107-3498. Include: Club's Name, President's or Treasurer's Name and Address, and District Number. Specify fund/s. Memorial Donations: include Name and Address of family for acknowledgement of donation. Following the February 1 deadline, the Office Manager will notify District Director, appropriate State Chairman and State VP of Awards of contribution/s.

### ARBOR DAY FUND

An Award of Appreciation will be presented for contributions of \$10.00 or more to further promote Arbor Day Celebration held by Texas Garden Clubs, deadline January 15.

### TGC – 9 INA BRUNDRETT ACIEVEMENT AWARD FOR SPONSORING YOUTH POETRY, ENVIRONMENTAL AND U.S. FORESTRY POSTER CONTESTS

**Submit to District Youth Chairman by November 1**

A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$25.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1<sup>st</sup> place winning Sponsoring Club, \$20.00 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$15.00 to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place and \$10.00 to Honorable Mention winners. The following scale of points will be used for the youth contest winners:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	5 pts	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	3 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	4 pts	HM	1 pt

## **BOOK LISTINGS**

### **FRIENDSHIP BOOK**

An award will be presented to each club listing 100% members with State Friendship Book Chairman. A duplicate list with a check for \$1.00 per member is to be sent to TGC Headquarters.

### **GOLD & SILVER BOOKS**

An award will be presented to a club contributing \$50.00 for the Gold Book or \$25.00 for the Silver Book. Include name and address of individual being honored with check to TGC Headquarters.

### **PRESIDENT'S BOOK**

An award will be presented to all clubs honoring the club's president by contributing \$10.00 to this fund. The President's name will be listed in the book. Include name and address of president being honored with check to TGC Headquarters. Clubs that have listed all presidents since the club's federation with Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. will be eligible for an additional award - 100% Presidents Book by notifying TGC Presidents Book Chairman.

### **TGC HEADQUARTERS BIRDSEED FUND**

An award will be presented for contributions of \$10.00 or more to purchase birdseed for feeders at Headquarters in Fort Worth.

### **TGC LIBRARY AND LIBRARY FUND**

An award will be presented for contributions of a book for the TGC Library at Headquarters or for contributions of \$10.00 or more for fund to purchase books.

### **TGC SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

#### **separate check required**

Scholarships are available to college level students (Junior, Senior, or Postgraduate) enrolled in study of Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Conservation, Forestry, Botany, Agronomy, Environmental and allied subjects. Only the interest earned may be used. An award will be presented for contributions of \$10.00 or more.

### **INA BRUNDRETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

#### **separate check required**

Scholarship is available to college level students (Junior, Senior or Postgraduate) enrolled in the study of Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Conservation, Forestry, Botany, Agronomy, Environmental and allied subjects. Only the interest earned may be used. An award will be presented for contributions of \$10.00 or more.

### **FRANCES ELLIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

#### **separate check required**

Scholarship is available to college level students (Junior, Senior or Postgraduate) enrolled in the study of Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Conservation, Forestry, Botany, Agronomy, Environmental and allied subjects. Only the interest earned may be used. An award will be presented for contributions of \$10.00 or more.

### **TGC HEADQUARTERS ENDOWMENT FUND**

#### **separate check required**

The Endowment Fund was established as a source of income to maintain TGC Headquarters. Only the interest earned may be used. Donations to this fund are added to the permanent portion of this fund. An award will be presented for contributions of \$10.00 or more.

### **SUE ANN DURRETT ENDOWMENT FUND**

#### **separate check required**

The Sue Ann Durrett Endowment Fund was established as a source of income to maintain TGC Headquarters. Only the interest earned may be used. Donations to this fund are added to the permanent portion of this fund. An award will be presented for contributions of \$10.00 or more.

### **JACKI SIMMERS ENDOWMENT FUND**

The Jacki Simmer Endowment Fund was established as a source of income to maintain TGC Headquarters. Only the interest earned may be used. Donations to this fund are added to the permanent portion of this fund. An award will be presented for contributions of \$10.00 or more.

### **BLASCHKE LANDSCAPE ENDOWMENT FUND**

#### **separate check required**

The Renee Dhossche Blaschke Landscape Endowment Fund was established as a source of income to maintain the landscaping at TGC Headquarters. Only the interest earned may be used. Donations to this fund are added to the permanent portion of this fund. An award will be presented for contributions of \$10.00 or more.

### **NATIONAL LAND TRUST**

**KEYSTONE HERITAGE PARK – EL PASO** TGC has adopted Keystone Heritage Park as a conservation/environmental project. Keystone is a diminishing wetlands area adjacent to an archeological site of an ancient Native American village. The plans for the park include continued excavation of the village, restoration of the wetlands, replanting of native flora and restocking native crustaceans and fish. There will also be botanical gardens (desert, aquatic and riparian), establishment of wildlife rehabilitation release center, and educational opportunities for children and visitors. An award will be presented for contributions of \$10.00 or more to this project.

**NATURAL DISASTER** - Funds forwarded to National Garden Clubs, Inc. to be used to help our “Sister States” that have suffered a disaster following a tornado, hurricane, forest fire, flood and/or any other “natural disaster”. An award will be presented for contributions of \$10.00 or more to this project.

**RIVERSIDE NATURE CENTER** Located in Kerrville on the Guadalupe River, is a study and research center for students to learn about birds, butterflies and native Texas Habitat. Self guided trails of native Texas trees, wildflowers, grasses and cacti are labeled for identification and study. An award will be presented for contributions of \$10.00 or more to this project.

**THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF TEXAS** An award will be presented for contributions of \$10.00 or more. As a National Land Trust project, Nature Conservancy of Texas protects diverse areas: Clymer Meadow, Sandylands Preserve, Barton Creek, Mad Island, Dolan Falls, Chihuahua Woods, Davis Mountains and others within the state. Donations are necessary to purchase and maintain land and wildlife corridors.

**DAFFODILS AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION** will purchase daffodils for planting on the grounds near the Texas Governor's Mansion, after restoration from the fire damage with dedication in early spring 2013.

**GRAPEVINE BOTANICAL PARK** a community center for learning, and the gardens provide a place to enjoy natural surroundings in a peaceful setting. Outdoor teaching area conducts classes to approximately 1,400 children and adults per year.

## **WORLD GARDENING**

**BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY** TGC has adopted The Brookwood Community, in the Houston area, as a State Garden Therapy Project. Brookwood is a community for functionally disabled adults, organized to provide citizens campus housing, an opportunity for development of productive job skills, experience in contributing to self-sufficiency, and social and spiritual growth. Brookwood is self-supporting; through worksite training, citizens learn vocational skills to generate operating revenue for their community. Garden Club volunteers in the Houston area assist in horticulture/greenhouse training. Greenhouse grown plants and handcrafts produced at Brookwood are retailed in local stores providing further financial support. An award will be presented for contributions of \$10.00 or more to this project.

**CAMP TYLER FOUNDATION** Camp Tyler Foundation is a 287 acre forest and prairie land with 1.5 miles of lakefront, 7 ponds, and a residential capacity of 128. This hands-on learning center specializes in teaching science and mathematics to fifth grade students. Students experience what it is like to be a field scientist. Students who participate in Camp Tyler science and mathematics programs radio track turtles, P.I.T. tag salamanders, and collect macro-invertebrates. They learn mark and recapture techniques and use GIS/GPS technology. Camp Tyler is a 501(c)(3) organization that stimulates the imagination, develops a curiosity about life and creates an environment to share discoveries about our world. An award will be presented for contributions of \$10.00 or more.

**HOLISTIC GARDENS AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY** Garden for the whole gardener using organic practices serving those with disabilities, at-risk youths, veterans and assisted living residents. TAMU students train special-needs gardeners.

**MARBRIDGE FARMS** Located in Austin, this in an adult care facility for the physically and mentally challenged with training programs for young adults and long-term residential care for mature adults and complete licensed nursing care for the retirement years. Work training programs, vocational training and activities, to reach the maximum potential of each resident are employed. An award will be presented for contributions of \$10.00 or more.

**SEEDS FOR LIFE** Is a joint project between Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., Instituto Tecnológico de Mazatenango and SOS Guatemala to provide seeds to the needy and teach them how to plant, cultivate and harvest those seeds. An award will be presented for contributions of \$10.00 or more.

## SLIDE AND VIDEO AWARDS

**T-90-B SLIDE PROGRAM** An Award Certificate will be presented to an individual, club, group of clubs, or District for a slide program on any phase of gardening or related activity. Must be at least 30 minute program of original 35 mm slides or first quality duplicates. Program must have at least 36 slides. Slides must be numbered in pencil. Include two copies of commentary, numbered to correspond with slide numbers, typed on 8 ½ x 11 paper. Categories: 1) Floral Design, 2) Birds, 3) Gardens, 4) Horticulture, 5) Landscapes, 6) Miscellaneous (National or State Headquarters and programs for new Garden Clubs), 7) Wildflowers, 8) Garden Therapy (Youth/Handicapped/Nursing Home), 9) National and State Parks.

**T-90-C VIDEO PROGRAM** Video programs may be purchased and donated through TGC Radio/TV/Video Chairman from “Videos That Need Donors” list, available with SASE from TGC Radio/TV/Video Chairman or Headquarters.

Enclose \$3.75 with donated program, payable to TGC Radio/TV/Video Chairman for packaging and shipping of program to Headquarters. Include card with required information (Club, District #, President’s Name & Address, etc.) The TGC Radio/TV/Video Chairman will notify the District Director, TGC Vice President/Awards, and Club Rating Chairman of program donation. Credit for donation may be taken toward Silver/Gold Club Rating.

**RENTAL INFORMATION** Slide and video programs may be rented from Headquarters.

1. Reserve program well in advance. Indicate first and second choice of program.
2. Rental fee is \$10.00, payable to Texas Garden Clubs, which includes rental, postage, and insurance.
3. Enclose self addressed, stamped envelope for confirmation.
4. Include club name and name, address, telephone number of person to whom program is to be mailed.
5. Program will be mailed one week in advance to allow for previewing.
6. Return program to Headquarters immediately after use. Future rental privileges will be lost if items are not returned. Rewind video. Check total number of slides and replace in box in proper order and return script.
7. Properly package program for return. If returned by post office, insure program for \$50.00 and Media Mail on package.

(Note: see page 57 for N-68 Video/CD Award)

## **CLUB RATINGS**

### **submit to TGC Club Rating Chairman by November 1**

There are only two requirements for garden clubs to be members of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. 1) hold regular meetings 2) pay state dues. Club Ratings measure the quantity and quality of a club's projects and activities. Club Rating is considered when applying for many awards. Garden Club of the Year is awarded by rating.

Club Rating Application is available from TGC Headquarters for \$2.00 plus \$1.00 postage. Completed application is enclosed in two-pocket theme binder with yearbook or yearbooks, which cover calendar year. If submitting two yearbooks, mark "A" and "B" and when referring to yearbook pages indicate A and B in text. Paper clip 3 x 5 card with state information to cover.

### **GREEN CLUB RATING**

No application is required.

### **BRONZE CLUB RATING**

No application is required. Club must:

1. Hold at least seven programs annually on gardening or related subjects, which reflect objectives of TGC and NGC.
2. Have one authoritative speaker annually on some phase of garden related work (plant specialist, horticulturist, nurseryman, floral designer, Flower Show Judge, landscape specialist, Landscape Design Consultant, Garden Study or Environmental Consultant)
3. Publish a yearbook, handmade or professionally printed.
4. Have bylaws, which comply with TGC Bylaws, based on Roberts Rules of Order.
5. Have annual informative display open to guests. May be Standard Flower Show or Horticulture, Design, or Specialized Plant Display. Display, if judged, should meet requirements in Handbook for Flower Shows.

### **SILVER CLUB RATING**

Clubs must apply annually using Club Rating Application. Silver Rating requires at least 200 points earned in four sections.

### **GOLD CLUB RATING**

Clubs must apply annually using Club Rating Application. Gold Rating requires at least 400 points earned in all sections. Without a Standard Flower Show, a Gold Rating requires 500 points earned in all sections.

### **TGC AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE**

An award will be presented to the Gold Club with the most points earned.

An award will be presented to the Gold Club that averages the most points per member.

An award will be presented to the Silver Club with the most points earned.

An award will be presented to the Silver Club that averages the most points per member.

## TGC CLUB SERVICE AWARD

submit to District Awards Chairman by November 1

This participation award is non-competitive and measures garden related service in keeping with National Garden Clubs objectives to the community by a member garden club. Points are earned for services rendered not extensive enough in any one instance to apply for a competitive award, or for which no competitive award is available. Do not list any service for which another award has been applied. Fill out form below and give supporting explanation, documentation by section and by letter on a separate page. No binder, Table of Contents, or Summary necessary.

SILVER AWARD - 50 PTS      GOLD AWARD - 100 PTS      CITATION - 150 PTS

### SECTION I PARTICIPATING SERVICE

A. Garden related service to residents in nursing homes, retirement centers, hospitals, or those with other disabilities. (Examples: taking gifts, flowers, plants; special parties; giving garden related programs)

20 points each event      Events x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_pts.

1 point for each \$5 of club funds spent      Spent x \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_pts.

B. Garden related service to other community organizations. (Example: decorating for civic functions or civic buildings, furnish flowers or plants, etc.)

25 points each event      Events x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_pts.

1 point for each \$5 of clubs funds spent      Spent x \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_pts.

C. Garden related volunteer hours given by members, such as working at plant clinics or fairs, litter control projects, giving horticulture or flower arranging workshops or classes, serving on park boards, giving garden related programs to other organizations. Give description of service, to whom given, name of member/s and number of hours.

2 points per hour      #      Hours \_\_\_\_\_      x  
2=\_\_\_\_\_pts.

D. Small civic plantings or landscape projects not covered by other awards.

25 points each project      Projects x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_pts.

2 points for each \$10 of clubs funds spent      Spent x \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_pts.

E. Working with youth (not in garden clubs). Give name of group and description of project

25 points each project      Projects x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_pts.

### SECTION II GARDEN RELATED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CLUB FUNDS

A. Money donated for garden related projects (in community or elsewhere) not already covered by any other award, do not include your club's part in Council projects. Must meet criteria of NGC objectives, not just contribution to any community organization, no matter how worthy their cause.

1 point for each \$10 given      Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_pts.

B. Scholarships: Include scholarships given by club, or given to other scholarship funds (except TGC Scholarship Fund for which other recognition is given). Contributions to District scholarships may be included. State to whom scholarship funds are given.

1 point for first \$100 or fraction thereof, and

1 additional point for each \$100 or fraction thereafter      Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_pts.

**TOTAL POINTS EARNED \_\_\_\_\_ pts.**

## **MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

### **CLUB MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION AWARD OF APPRECIATION**

Shall be awarded by TGC to each club sponsoring a new club during the calendar year.

### **NGC MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES**

**submit applications to TGC Vice President/Membership**

**Member Extension Certificates** are presented to clubs that gain more members than they lose.

**20 Year Individual Membership Certificates** Recognition of individuals who have served a garden club for 20 years may be requested from NGC in St. Louis by the garden club.

**50 Year Garden Club Certificates** A state may request these certificates from NGC for clubs that qualify.

**National Certificate for Sponsoring a New Club** TGC VP/Membership obtains these certificates from NGC Membership Chairman. May be presented to an individual or a club. Only one certificate available for each new club sponsored.

### **MARY LOUISE MICHIE AWARD**

**TGC Membership Extension Award of Excellence – The Mary Louise Michie Award** of \$100 may be awarded to the District organizing the most new clubs during the calendar year.

### **STATE MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION AWARD**

An award of \$50.00, donated by Jean Mills, may be presented to the club with the greatest numerical increase in membership. Clubs must file a Membership Extension Application to be eligible for this award. Extension forms are available (see top of next page) and all applications are made through TGC Vice President/Membership.

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**TGC MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION APPLICATION**

Membership Extension Application must be approved by TGC VP/Membership. Applications must be received by TGC VP/Membership by January 15.

**NAME OF CLUB** \_\_\_\_\_ **DISTRICT** \_\_\_\_\_

print in exact manner to appear on certificate

Paid Membership January 15 (current year) \_\_\_\_\_

Paid Membership December 31 (current year) \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_

(Club President)

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

**submit to Vice President/Scholarship to arrive by October 1  
use approved forms available from VP/Scholarship**

Cash grants from interest earned on Scholarship Funds shall be awarded annually to college students to attend an accredited school of their choice. Award certificates honoring Mary Badham Kittel, Bess Buchanan, Florence H. Thomas, Nellie Day Trigg, Hazel Raska, Ethel Spears, Bea Dooley, Ina Brundrett, Frances Ellis and William and Lucy Hendy will be presented.

**PURPOSE** - To encourage the study of Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Conservation, Forestry, Botany, Agronomy, Environmental and allied subjects.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS** - Students must be a resident of Texas. Students must be a College Junior, Senior or Graduate Student at the time of application with an overall scholastic record of not less than B average (3.25). Majoring in one of the fields listed above. Relatives of NGC members are eligible provided all other requirements are met.

**APPLICATIONS** - Forms are available from the VP/Scholarship. Applications must be mailed by Certified Mail to the VP/Scholarship to arrive by October 1 each year. Do not use folder or staples, all papers must be loose for duplication of application for the judges. Districts must set an earlier deadline. Districts may offer their own scholarships; candidates receiving district scholarships may be submitted for state scholarships.

**NGC SCHOLARSHIPS** - National Garden Clubs, Inc. scholarships are available to undergraduate and graduate students in horticulture and related subjects. Applications must be submitted by the State. Texas Garden Clubs may submit two applications; the VP/Scholarship shall forward the winning Texas applications.

**JUDGING** - Applications are judged by a panel of judges using the following Scale of Points.

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

FINANCIAL NEED	30
VARIETY OF AVOCATION	10
ACADEMIC RECORD	30
CHARACTER	10
ABILITY TO SUCCEED	10
LEADERSHIP ABILITY	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

## **GARDEN CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Presidents Report required for the year.

One GARDEN CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD of \$100.00 shall be presented to the garden club scoring the most points in the Awards Year. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be awarded to the most outstanding garden clubs in each of the other three (3) club rating categories (Gold Silver, Bronze, Green).

The award is determined by the following point system:

### **Competitive Awards**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	6 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	5
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	3

### **Non-competitive Awards and Contributions**

Gold Club Rating	6 pts
Silver Club Rating	5
Club Service Citation	6
Club Service Gold Award	5
Club Service Silver Award	4
Slide/Video Program Donation	6
Sponsor New Garden Club	6
Sponsor New Youth Club	6
Sponsor Speech, Essay or Poster Contestant/s (2 pts per grade)	2
Membership Extension	2
100% Friendship Book	2
100% Presidents Book	2
All other non-competitive includes cash contributions, per \$10 (6 points maximum per project with an overall cap of 30 pts maximum, matched by 30 pts from competitive/non competitive awards to be considered for Garden Club of the Year)	2

Garden Club of the Year 6 pts

## COMPETITIVE AWARDS

### TGC ARBOR DAY

**submit to District Arbor Day Chairman by November 1**

**subdivide by Club Rating - Gold, Silver, Bronze, Green**

The Arbor Season in Texas is the third Friday in January through the fourth Friday in April. Arbor Day may be observed anytime during this period. This may be a new or continuing project. Select site such as public building, highway or esplanade, school, and choose tree with landscape design in mind. Involve other civic groups and seek publicity where possible. Include Mayor and other public officials, youth, park department, etc. Program suggestions: invocation, welcome addresses, music, history of Arbor Day, recitation of Conservation Pledge, poetry, etc.

#### **Judged according to club rating**

Division A - One member club		Division B - Two or more clubs	
Class I	20 members or less	Class I	2-20 member clubs
Class II	21-40 members	Class II	21-50 member clubs
Class III	41-100 members	Class III	51-100 member clubs
Class IV	over 100 members	Class IV	over 100 member clubs

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

ENTRY - attractive appearance, conforms to general rules, neat, sturdy, all materials secured	10
ORIGINALITY - observance and program	10
TEXT - Prior planning: site choice, tree type, purpose tree to serve, committee contacts, work, effort to create Arbor Day awareness in community	25
CLUB - active member participation, correlation of Arbor Day observance and other activities, maintenance of planting or activity continuation	30
Community: participation, interest created by observance	15
EVIDENCE - publicity, photos, letters, yearbook page/s	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**TGC ART - PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD**  
**bring entry/ies to TGC Spring Convention**

A state award may be presented to the most outstanding art project in the category below. Due to the value of items, entries will not be accepted by mail, UPS, or other commercial carrier. Entries will be accepted and judged at the TGC Spring Convention. The committee will exercise all care, but cannot be responsible for entries. Artwork (Photography) must be done during the current award year. Districts may choose to hold their own district level competition prior to state convention.

- Class I) adult garden club member or affiliate member
- Class II) youth in sponsored groups or youth garden club

Division A) PHOTOGRAPHY – NOTE\* (State photos become property of TGC)

**SCALE OF POINTS**

ORIGINALITY & CREATIVITY	30
QUALITY OF DESIGN	20
STYLE & EXPRESSION	20
USE OF SUBJECT:	20
NEATNESS	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**TGC BACKYARD WILDLIFE HABITAT AWARD**

**submit to District Backyard Habitat Chairman by November 1**

A state award may be presented for a project to make property more attractive to butterflies, reptiles, birds and small mammals by planting and maintaining native and other desirable plants. Feeders, water devices and nest boxes are also important components of a wildlife habitat.

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|---|--------------------------------|
| Division A) New Project   | Division B) Continuing Project |
| Class I) individual garden club/affiliate member on own property          |                                |
| Class II) garden club on public property                                  |                                |
| Class III) group of clubs on public property                              |                                |
| Class IV) sponsored group on other property (school, care facility, etc.) |                                |

**SCALE OF POINTS**

**Class 1 Individual**

PRESENTATION: neatness, all requirements met	10
PRIOR PLANNING: “before” drawing of property to scale showing pathways, plants, fences, inventory of existing plant material	20
ESTABLISHING HABITAT: food, water, cover and areas for reproduction and raising young	20
DESIGN/HABITAT PLAN: “current” drawing of property to scale showing habitat improvements (lawn reduction, drip irrigation, list of plants, organic matter, maintenance, etc.) photos	30
EXPLANATION OF PLAN: why plants chosen (nectar, fruit), where feeders placed, water features, etc.	20
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

## SCALE OF POINTS

### Classes 2, 3, & 4

PRESENTATION: neatness, all requirements met	10
PRIOR PLANNING: “before” drawing of property to scale showing pathways, plants, fences, inventory of existing plant material	15
ESTABLISHING HABITAT: food, water, cover and areas for reproduction and raising young	20
DESIGN/HABITAT PLAN: “current” drawing of property to scale showing habitat improvements (lawn reduction, drip irrigation, list of plants, organic matter, maintenance, etc.) photos	25
EXPLANATION OF PLAN: why plants chosen (nectar, fruit), where feeders placed, water features, etc.	20
PARTICIPATION: must show member participation and/or involvement with other group/s – planning, maintenance	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

## N-42 BIRD PROTECTION

### submit to District Birds Chairman by November 1

May be awarded to a member garden club or clubs for conducting the most comprehensive and effective project for bird protection and welfare, e.g. sanctuaries, providing food, houses and promoting law enforcement relative to bird welfare.

Category A: Single member garden club

- i. small club
- ii. medium club
- iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs

Category D: State Garden Club

- i. small state
- ii. medium state
- iii. large state

## SCALE OF POINTS

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

## N-43 BUTTERFLY

### Submit to District Butterfly Chairman by November 1

May be awarded for conducting the most comprehensive and effective project on butterflies, e.g. habitat protection, protection of migratory routes, public education, establishment of butterfly garden at school or community site, other.

Category A: Single member garden club

- i. small club
- ii. medium club
- iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs

Category D: State Garden Club

- i. small state
- ii. medium state

iii. large state

### SCALE OF POINTS

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

### TGC BUTTERFLY PRESERVATION EDUCATION AWARD

**submit to District Butterfly Chairman by November 1**

A state award may be presented for the most outstanding Butterfly Garden. The garden must include plants for nectar, caterpillar food plants, water and habitat. The garden may also contain butterfly-specific and other landscaping plants.

- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Division A) New Project   | Division B) Continuing Project |
| Class I) garden club member or affiliate member on own property           |                                |
| Class II) garden club on public property                                  |                                |
| Class III) group of garden clubs on public property                       |                                |
| Class IV) sponsored group on other property (school, care facility, etc.) |                                |

### SCALE OF POINTS

#### Class 1

PRESENTATION: neatness, all requirements met	10
PRIOR PLANNING: “before” drawing or photograph if new project (apply points to Design Plan if Continuing Project)	15
DESIGN PLAN: “current” drawing of garden showing plants, list of plants and purpose (nectar, caterpillar food), habitat, water/damp sand for puddling, maintenance of garden	35
GARDEN USE: list of butterfly garden visitors (butterflies, caterpillars, insects and others)	10
APPEARANCE: photographs of features and/or butterflies, photos at different times of the year	30

**TOTAL POINTS 100**

### SCALE OF POINTS

#### Classes 2, 3 & 4

PRESENTATION: neatness, all requirements met	10
PRIOR PLANNING: “before” drawing or photograph if new project (apply points to Design Plan if Continuing Project)	10
DESIGN PLAN: “current” drawing of garden showing plants, list of plants purpose (nectar, caterpillar food), habitat, water/damp sand for puddling, feeders, maintenance of garden	30
GARDEN USE: list of butterfly garden visitors (butterflies, caterpillars, insects, others)	10
APPEARANCE: photographs of features and butterflies, photos at different times of year	30
PARTICIPATION: must show member participation and/or involvement with other group/s (city, county or other organizations)	10

**TOTAL POINTS 100**

**N-29 BLUE STAR MEMORIAL LANDSCAPING**  
**submit to District Chairman by November 1**

A state award of \$50.00 will be presented to the club with the best entry. May be awarded for the most outstanding Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker landscaping projects (Award is for the landscape project not just the dedication ceremony). The marker and landscaping may be 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 of a destroyed or long neglected landscape.

29-1 Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker

- A. Single member garden club
  - i. small club
  - ii. medium club
  - iii. large club
- B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)
  - i. small club
  - ii. medium club
  - iii. large club
- D: State Garden Club
  - i. small state
  - ii. medium state
  - iii. large state

29-2 Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker

- A: Single member garden club
  - i. small club
  - ii. medium club
  - iii. large club
- B: Group of member clubs (Councils, District, etc.)
  - i. small club
  - ii. medium club
  - iii. large club
- D: State Garden Club
  - i. small state
  - ii. medium state
  - iii. large state

29-3 Blue Star Memorial Marker

- A: Single member garden club
  - i. small club
  - ii. medium club
  - iii. large club
- B: Group of member clubs (Councils, District, etc.)
  - i. small club
  - ii. medium club
  - iii. large club
- D: State Garden Club
  - i. small state
  - ii. medium state

iii. large state

**SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

**N-1 CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT**

**submit to District Civic Achievement Chairman by November 1**

A state award of \$25.00 will be presented to the member club with the best overall project. May be awarded for distinguished civic or conservation work making permanent improvement for public benefit, e.g. establishing sanctuaries, experimental forests, municipal gardens, landscaping public buildings, etc. No commercial project is eligible.

Category A: Single member garden club

i. small club

ii. medium club

iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, districts, etc.)

**SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

## TGC CLUB HISTORY AWARD

### submit to District Club History Chairman by November 1

State award may be presented to a member club, council of member clubs, or District. History is to consist of a descriptive, informative and explanatory account of programs, projects and their execution, as well as a brief portrait of persons who made outstanding accomplishments possible. It should be in narrative form, not simply a statistical report. Size and age of club will be considered as well as quality of programs, projects and achievements and club rating. Not limited to number of pages; include a one-page summary at end. Do not include photos, yearbooks, publicity, extra materials. **Judged according to Club Rating.**

Class 1	20 members or less	Class 5	over 200 members
Class 2	21-40 members	Class 6	Council
Class 3	41-100 members	Class 7	District
Class 4	over 100 members		

### SCALE OF POINTS (Club History)

FORMAT: Title page: name of club, club rating, address of President, age of group, number of members, District number	10
PAST HISTORY: Up to but not including current year Describe briefly: formative years, major accomplishments of each year with name of president who served. Give attention to any accomplishment which may have a lasting effect for good of community	20
PRESENT HISTORY: Current year only. Do not project into future Programs: list noteworthy programs; describe any unusual manner of presentation Projects benefiting members and others: description, number members involved, money spent	30
OUTSTANDING PERSONALITIES: Separate topic from history members who had impact on club, community	15
OTHER WORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES: separate topic - achievements and activities worthy but not covered in history	15
LEGIBILITY: Neatness, articulation, composition	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

## TGC CLUB PROGRAM AWARD

**submit to District Club Program Chairman by November 1**

State award may be awarded to a club or council for the best club program presented during the club year at one meeting by one or more persons. Only one entry permitted each year. Program must: a) stimulate interest in purposes and objective of NGC, b) be adaptable for presentation to other clubs, c) be double spaced, d) be no less than four and no more than six pages of written program text, or script, e) include date of presentation, where program was presented and name of person/s presenting the program. Table of Contents, summary, pictures and pamphlets not necessary. Please include computer disk of program text, if possible, with written entry. **Judged according to Club Rating.**

Class 1 One Member Club

Class 2 Group of Member Clubs

### SCALE OF POINTS

PROGRAM		85
Subject Matter	65	
Originality - presentation & subject	10	
Date presented, where & by whom	5	
Of interest to clubs of comparable size	5	
NEATNESS AND CONCISENESS		5
CONFORMANCE TO RULES		10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>100</b>

## TGC COMMUNITY CONCERN AWARD

**submit to District Community Concern Chairman by November 1**

A state award of \$25.00 will be given to a member club or group of member clubs for the best Community Concern project. Purpose to help make the day brighter and surroundings more pleasant for residents of nursing homes, retirement homes, hospitals, children's hospitals, etc. by taking gifts, flowers, plants, having special parties (birthday, holidays) or entertaining along with flowers and refreshments, giving program or slides on flowers or gardens, etc. subdivide:

a) one project      b) more than one project

Class 1 Member Club

Class 2 Group of Member Clubs

### SCALE OF POINTS

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT		25
SCOPE & QUALITY OF PROJECT/S - number of members involved, what was donated, etc		25
PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS PARTICIPATING		10
PRIOR PLANNING FOR PROJECT/S		5
BENEFIT AND END RESULTS - residents reaction		15
DOCUMENTATION - photos, letters,		15
PRESENTATION & NEATNESS		5
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>100</b>

## **TGC COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

### **submit to District Community Service Chairman by November 1**

A state award of \$25.00 will be presented for the best overall Community Service Project. It may be presented to a member club or group of member clubs for a one year project or continuing project to reward club/clubs for garden related service to the community. Work may be done at both private and charitable institutions such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools, libraries, city hall, community centers, garden centers, city parks, and adopt-a-highway projects. The garden related services should be of benefit to the citizens of the community.

Division A One year Project      Division B Continuing Project  
Class 1 Member Club              Class 2 Group of Member Clubs

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT	25
SCOPE & QUALITY OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED	25
PRIOR PLANNING & PERCENTAGE OF MEMBER PARTICIPATION	20
BENEFIT AND/OR LASTING VALUE TO COMMUNITY	15
DOCUMENTATION - photos, newspaper, letters of appreciation, yearbook	10
PRESENTATION & NEATNESS	5
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

## **N-6 CONSERVATION**

### **submit to District Conservation Chairman by November 1**

May be awarded for conservation activities, e.g. education or legislative activity; conservation field project; natural resource development, such as a watershed, erosion control, reforestation, wildlife refuge; overall excellence and well-balanced year's conservation activities.

Category A: Single member garden club

- i. small club
- ii. medium club
- iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, districts, etc.)

Category C: Individual garden club member

Category D: State Garden Club

- i. small state
- ii. medium state
- iii. large state

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

## **THE MAGNOLIA GREENE CONSERVATION AWARD**

A \$50.00 cash award may be presented to a club for overall excellence and well balanced year's conservation program, including club programs, projects and activities, e.g. education or legislative activity; conservation field project; natural resource development, such as a watershed, erosion control, reforestation, wildlife refuge; overall excellence and well-balanced year's conservation activities. See N-6 above.

### **MARY BADHAM KITTEL AWARD**

Texas Garden Clubs may present a \$50.00 cash award to a club that carries out best conservation project or projects in conjunction with youth groups (Boy/Girl Scouts, Junior Gardener, Ecology clubs, etc.)

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

CONFORMANCE	5
ORIGINALITY OF CONCEPT	10
SCOPE OF ACTION	40
PERCENTAGE OF MEMBER PARTICIPATION of both organizations	30
QUALITY AND TIMELINESS	10
PUBLICITY AND/OR PICTURES	5
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### **N-41 CONSERVATION EDUCATION**

**submit to District Conservation Chairman by November 1**

May be awarded for the most comprehensive work and/or study in conservation education.

Category A: Single member garden club

- i. small club
- ii. medium club
- iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, districts, etc.)

Category D: State Garden Club

- i. small state
- ii. medium state
- iii. large state

Category I. Region

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

### **TGC DELEGATE'S REPORT**

**submit to District Director or District Delegate's Report Chairman**

**TGC Spring Convention by June 1, TGC Fall Convention by December 1**

State award may be awarded for the most outstanding report on TGC Fall or Spring Convention; an individual may apply for both Spring and Fall. To encourage representation of clubs and councils, stimulate reporting information, and to keep members aware of activities and objectives of Texas Garden Clubs. Requirements: No less than 1500 nor more than 2000 words; cover business sessions, workshops, programs; include convention badge or registration card; **do not** include photos, publicity or other material; **do not** include table of contents or summary.

Class 1 Spring Convention    Class 2 Fall Convention    Entries sub-divided by Club Rating

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

BUSINESS SESSIONS - recommendations, motions passed, reports pertinent to club, workshops	40
PROGRAMS - entertainment, educational value	20
OUTSTANDING FEATURES - decorations	10
PRESENTATION OF REPORT TO CLUB - date given, time allotted, number of members present	10

PREPARATION OF APPLICATION - neatness, clarity, conciseness,  
accuracy, conformance to rules

20

**TOTAL POINTS**

**100**

**STANDARD FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (SFSAA)  
OFFERED COMPETITIVELY ONLY WITHIN EACH STATE  
NON-COMPETITIVE BETWEEN STATES**

1. **AWARDS YEAR** – January 1 to December 31 annually.
2. **PROCEDURE** – State Chairman must be notified of club/s or organization/s intent to apply, well of advance of show. See Handbook for Flower Shows, revised 2007 edition.
3. **DEADLINE** – observe state deadlines. All applications must be sent by the State Awards Chairman to the NGC Flower Show Awards Chairman to arrive no later than January 15.

Refer to Rules and Requirements as published in Handbook for Flower Shows, revised 2007 edition.

Councils of Garden Clubs must consist of at least three (3) NGC Member Clubs and recognized by the State Garden Club to be eligible for a NGC Standard Flower Show Achievement Award.

**#5 A, B, C, D Club Standard Flower Show**

Purple Rosette. Winning club is not eligible to receive this award in consecutive years.

- A. Membership fewer than 21. Minimum of one (1) Special Exhibit required.
- B. Membership 21-49. Minimum of two (2) Special Exhibits required.
- C. Membership 50-99. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.
- D. Membership 100 or more. Minimum of four (4) Special Exhibits required.

**#17 A, B, C, D, E Home Standard Flower Show**

Blue Rosette.

- A. One (1) member club, one or more homes; garden/s optional. Minimum of two (2) Special Exhibits required.
- B. One (1) member club, one or more homes, in combination with some exhibits staged in a public building; garden/s optional. Minimum of two Special Exhibits required.
- C. Two (2) or more member clubs, one or more homes; garden/s optional. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.
- D. Two (2) or more member clubs, one or more homes, in combinations with some exhibits staged in a public building; garden/s optional. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.
- E. Council of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, NGC District/s of Garden Clubs, one or more homes; garden/s optional. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.

**#18 A, B Council Standard Flower Show**

Rose Rosette. Minimum of three Special Exhibits required.

- A. Council of Garden Clubs Standard Flower Show, sponsored by at least three (3) NGC member clubs belonging to an association, federation, group, circle, etc. and recognized by the State Garden Club.
- B. Judges Council/s Standard Flower Show. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.

**#21 A, B, C Patriotic Standard Flower Show**

Red/White/Blue Rosette.

May be held in home/s and/or public building/s. Requirements: US flag must be correctly and prominently displayed. Exhibitors are not limited or required to use patriotic colors.

- A. One (1) member club. Minimum of two (2) Special Exhibits required.
- B. Two (2) or more member clubs. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.
- C. Council of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, District of Garden Clubs. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.

### **#22 A, B, C Holiday Standard Flower Show**

Red/Green Rosette. May be held in home/s and/or public buildings. The spirit of a holiday/s must be featured.

- A. One (1) member club. Minimum of two (2) Special Exhibits required.
- B. Two (2) or more member clubs. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.
- C. Council of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, State District of Garden Clubs. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.

### **#25 A, B, C Petite Standard Flower Show of Miniature and/or Small Exhibits**

Small Yellow Rosette. May be held in home/s and/or public building/s. Show must qualify as a Petite Standard Flower Show in both Design and Horticulture Divisions. See *Handbook*, p. 120 for definition of acceptable horticulture. Winning organization is not eligible to receive this award in consecutive years.

- A. One (1) member club. Minimum of two (2) Special Exhibits required.
- B. Two (2) or more member clubs. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.
- C. Council of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, District of Garden Clubs. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.

### **#30 A, B. District Standard Flower Show**

Green Rosette. Area named may be either District or Region as defined by the State Garden Club. Award is based on total number of clubs within the area. There must be a participation of at least 75% of those clubs.

- A. District/region consisting of fifteen (15) or fewer NGC member garden clubs. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required.
- B. District/region consisting of sixteen (16) or more NGC member clubs. Minimum of four (4) Special Exhibits required.

### **#34-3 A, B. Plant Society Standard Flower Show**

Certificate of Award of Merit. May be held in home/s and/or public building/s. Show must fulfill all requirements of a Standard Flower Show, except that the Horticulture Division may be judged by plant society judges. Minimum of one (1) Special Exhibit required.

- A. Plant Society affiliated with NGC on local, state, regional or national level.
- B. NGC organization co-sponsored with non-NGC affiliated Plant Society.

### **#35 A. Near-Club Standard Flower Show**

Blue/White Rosette. May be held in home/s and/or public building/s. Near clubs must share sponsorship of the show not merely be exhibitors in the show. Two (2) or more member clubs located near one another. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required. (Councils of Garden Clubs, Judges Councils, State Districts of Garden Clubs are not eligible for this award).

### **#57 A, B Standard Flower Show Staged in Public Building**

Burgundy/Pink Rosette. Show must be staged in an historical landmark (home, historical restoration, etc.), museum, church, business, shopping center, mall, housing development, fair (world, state, or county), garden center, or other commercial building.

- A. One (1) member club. Minimum of two (2) Special Exhibits required.
- B. Two (2) or more member clubs. Minimum of three (3) Special Exhibits required. Councils of Garden Clubs, Judges Councils, State Districts of Garden Clubs are not eligible for this award.

## **(SFSAA) COMPETITIVE BETWEEN STATES**

### **#11 A, B State Standard Flower Show**

Gold Rosette. The first runners-up for State Standard Flower Show (one in A. and one in B. that score 95 or above on the National evaluation will receive Certificates of Excellence.

A. Small state, no more than 100 member clubs with ten percent (10%) of adult clubs participating. Minimum of five (5) Special Exhibits required.

B. Large state, more than 100 member clubs with ten percent (10%) of adult clubs participating. Minimum of fifteen (15) Special Exhibits required.

1. Horticulture Division: Minimum of 20 classes required with at least 80 exhibits, any number per class.

2. Design Division: Minimum of 20 classes with at least 4 exhibits in each class. A minimum of 80 exhibits overall.

## **YOUTH FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

### **#47 A, B, C Youth Flower Show or Youth Section of an Adult Standard Flower Show**

Red Rosette. Youth organization/s or group/s, e.g. Youth Garden Club, Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, school class, etc. Number of classes and exhibits in horticulture and design must satisfy the minimum requirements of a Small Standard Flower Show. Minimum of two (2) judged Educational Exhibits required. Evaluating Panel of judges must use the Scale of Points for Evaluating Standard Flower Show and Book of Evidence must be submitted.

A. Youth Flower Show held by one (1) NGC Youth club or Youth group, sponsored by an NGC member club.

B. Youth Flower Show held by two (2) or more NGC Youth clubs or Youth groups, sponsored by an NGC member club.

C. Youth participation in an adult Standard Flower Show

1. Youth section/sub-sections must be evaluated independently from the adults on a separate Scale of Points for Evaluating Standard Flower Show, by a panel of three Accredited Flower Show Judges judging the show.

2. Book of Evidence must provide evidence of Youth participation in writing the Youth section of the Flower Show schedule and in staging or in clerking in the Youth section. (Pictures may serve as evidence)

# TGC FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARD

submit only one schedule to District Flower Show Schedule Chairman by November 1

A State Flower Show Schedule Award may be given to a member club staging a Standard Flower Show for the Flower Show Schedule. Submit one schedule. It is **not** necessary to apply for a NGC Flower Show Achievement Award to submit a Flower Show Schedule for a State Award. Schedules are judged according to Club Rating. Subdivide by Club Rating - Gold, Silver, Bronze, Green.

## Division I. Standard Flower Show

### Category A

#### A. Single member garden club

- Class 1            20 members or less
- Class 2            21 - 40 members
- Class 3            41 - 100 members
- Class 4            over 100 members

## Division II. Small Standard Flower Show

### Category B

#### B. Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

- Class 1            4 clubs or less
- Class 2            5 - 20 clubs
- Class 3            21 - 50 clubs
- Class 4            over 50 clubs

Awards to be given in A for each rating (Gold, Silver, Bronze, Green)

## STANDARD FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE EVALUATION SCALE OF POINTS

See Handbook for Flower Shows, National Garden Clubs, Inc.

- A. GENERAL INFORMATION** (Information may be on cover and/or title page)..... 7
- 1. Name of club presenting show
  - 2. Location of show with complete address
  - 3. Appropriate show theme or title
  - 4. Date: Times of opening and closing
  - 5. Stated: A Standard Flower Show, Small-Standard Flower Show, Petite Standard Flower Show, or Petite Small-Standard Flower Show
  - 6. Stated: Open and free to Public, open and admission price, or by invitation
  - 7. Stated: Member of NGC, Regional Name, District # and name of local affiliations (if any)
- B. FORMAT**.....4
- 1. Cover and/or Title Page
  - 2. Table of Contents (optional) but all pages must be numbered
  - 3. Committee Chairmen with telephone numbers listed or manner of conducting chairmen
  - 4. General Rules
  - 5. Standard System of Awards must be stated in full. NGC & other Exhibitor Awards being offered must be stated in full or with HB page references. Include minimum requirements with sections/classes where offered. NGC and other rosette awards may be listed within appropriate division.

6.	Divisions – order is determined by staging requirements	
a.	Division I: Horticulture or Design. Specific division rules, sections, and classes. May include Petite sections or entire division and an Invitational Section.	
b.	Division II: Design or Horticulture. Specific division rules, sections, and classes. May include Petite section or entire division and an Invitational section.	
c.	Division III: Special Exhibits. May include sections that apply toward an Achievement Award (Educational, Youth, Sponsored Groups, Gardens) and/or sections that do not apply toward an Achievement Award (Artistic Crafts, Invitational, Commercial)	
<b>C.</b>	<b>GENERAL RULES.....</b>	<b>17</b>
1.	Stated information applying to the entire show	11
a.	Who may enter exhibit/s in each division	
b.	Complete procedure for making entries – if procedure varies from division to division, state within division rules	
c.	Date/s, time and place for accepting and removing exhibits,	
d.	Time of judging	
e.	Specify chairmen to be present during judging	
f.	Specify obligation of the Classification Chairman. Checks for conformity to the schedule	
g.	State: Decision of the judges is final. Awards may be withheld if not merited	
h.	Clarify State policy concerning use of state’s native plants, noxious plants, and those on its conservation list	
i.	State: there must be an emphasis on <u>fresh</u> plant material. No artificial plant material in any division	
2.	Correctness and clarity of all stated rules	6
<b>D.</b>	<b>AWARDS.....</b>	<b>10</b>
1.	Information to be stated	6
a.	List: all places, ribbon colors & point values with statement that the NGC Standard System of Awards will be used for all competitive judging	
b.	List: all Top Exhibitor Awards being offered with either full descriptions or Handbook pages. Include: minimum number of exhibits and classes required: identify sections/classes eligible	
2.	Correctness of awards offered	
<b>E.</b>	<b>HORTICULTURE RULES AND CLASSES.....</b>	<b>23</b>
1.	Information to be stated:	14
a.	All plant material must be fresh and have been grown by the exhibitor	
b.	Rule regarding period of ownership prior to show	
c.	All entry cards are to be filled out in advance (if possible), typed, water-proof ink, labels, or pencil. Advise how entry cards may be obtained.	
d.	Specify restrictions on potted plant containers	
e.	All entries are to be labeled by genus, species, and/or variety. Common name may be given	

- f. Specify who is to furnish cut specimen containers. If required of the exhibitor, specify clear, preferable colorless, glass bottles. Include type of wedging and anchoring allowed
  - g. State: Classification Committee has authority to subdivide classes as necessary (Optional, since allowed in the Handbook without schedule authorization)
  - h. See 2007 Revised Edition of Handbook for Flower Shows p. 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, for Horticulture Scale of Points
- 2. Correctness and clarity of stated rules 3
  - 3. Correctness of Horticulture classes with all botanical spelling correct 6

**F. DESIGN RULES AND**

**CLASSES.....23**

- 1. Information to be stated 14
  - a. Design must be the work of one individual. Exception: Club Competition and Companion Design classes. Plant material need not have been grown by exhibitor unless schedule requires.
  - b. Fresh plant material may not ever be treated in any manner
  - c. If designer is unable to fulfill assignment, it is the designer's responsibility to find a replacement.  
This procedure applies when advanced entries are required.
  - d. Dimensions of allocated design space (frame of reference) and all provided staging equipment, e.g. background panel, frame, pedestal, etc. (dimensions, color, etc.) State if designers must/may provide own staging needs.
  - e. Design Scale of Points or HB page where scales can be found.
  - f. State one of the following: Freedom of style, Traditional style, or Creative style for all Designs, with or without required Design type
  - g. List things permitted not needing schedule approval or refer to Handbook pages where they are listed.
- 2. Correctness and clarity of stated rules 3
- 3. Correctness and clarity of Design Classes 3

**G. SPECIAL EXHIBITS DIVISION.....10**

- 1. Information to be stated 6
  - a. If Educational Exhibits are included
    - 1. Phrase or paragraph describing each Educational Exhibit
    - 2. Description of staging facilities, i.e. size of exhibiting area, background color, tables, restrictions
    - 3. Competitive or non-competitive
  - b. If Youth/Sponsored Groups/Gardens are included  
(If not included, all points apply to Educational Exhibits)
    - 1. Types of exhibits required.
    - 2. Age groups, if applicable
    - 3. Rules governing specific group,s participating if applicable.
  - c. Correctness and clarity of this Division 4  
(If other sections such as Artistic Crafts, Invitational, Commercial, are included, they too must conform to the HB)

**H. THEME OR TITLE EXPRESSED THROUGHOUT ENTIRE SCHEDULE.....6**

- 1. Division and Sectional sub-titles related to overall theme 3
- 2. Design Class titles appropriate 3

**TOTAL SCORE 100**

**TGC AWARD FOR PLANT SOCIETY SHOW SCHEDULE**  
**submit to District Flower Show Schedule Chairman by November 1**

<b>FORMAT</b>	<b>15</b>
Schedule Structure: practical, legible printing, numbered pages, neatness, spelling	6
Title page, name of organization, location of club, affiliation with TGC and other organization/s, place and time of show	4
Table of Contents (necessary if large schedule)	1
Address and phone number of General Chairman and Entry Chairman	2
Other Committee Chairmen and their phone numbers	2
<b>REQUIRED DIVISIONS</b>	<b>30</b>
Horticulture Division: required horticulture sections/classes From National Plant Society	20
Design Division: emphasis on fresh plant material	10
<b>RULES GOVERNING SHOW AND AWARDS</b>	<b>45</b>
General Rules: Entries – time received, time closed, removal. Specific instructions. Judging – times and qualifications. Time open to public.	10
Rules Governing Awards: Explanation of Society Award System. Requirements for all awards and Top Awards	10
Horticulture Division Rules	15
Specific number blooms, stems, disbuds, plants per container, etc.	5
Requirements of eligibility, possession, seedlings hybrids, etc.	5
Labeling requirements	2
Staging: Containers for cut specimens, English boxes, etc.	2
Scales of Points: Listed or references to Society Scales of Points	1
Design Division Rules	6
Specific limitations: dominance of featured plant material required, other fresh and/or dried material allowed, etc.	2
Staging information: niches, tables, space allowed, etc.	1
Scales of Points: listed or reference to <i>Handbook for Flower Shows</i>	1
No artificial flowers, foliage, etc. allowed by NGC rules	2
<b>THEME OF SHOW</b>	<b>10</b>
Distinction and originality, use of theme throughout schedule	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**MARY MUSICK TABLE AWARD**

**submit to TGC Mary Musick Table Chairman by February 1**

It is the recommendation of the Awards Committee that the Mary Musick Awards be dropped and funds will be used to promote table design through programs and/or Power Point Presentations.

Mary Musick donated money to Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. for an award to create slide programs on tables. Slides are no longer produced. It is felt the interest from her donation be used to underwrite a table design program in her memory at State Conventions or produce a Power Point or CD program that clubs will be able to order from headquarters. (This would be according to funds available). This needs to be ratified at the 10/2011 TGC Fall Convention.

**N-2 GARDEN CENTER**

**submit to District Garden Center Chairman by November 1**

May be awarded for a garden center, maintained by members, which in proportion to size has performed the greatest service to the community, e.g. library, lectures furthering NGC objectives, courses, exhibits, trial garden, youth involvement, networking with other civic organizations. Text to include days/hours center is open to public and activities held at center.

Category A: Single member garden club

i. small club

ii. medium club

iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

**SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

**TGC HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

**submit to District Awards Chairman by November 1**

A \$50 state award for first place, \$35 second place and \$15 third place may be presented for outstanding Habitat for Humanity projects. Book of Evidence should follow all award requirements. No club or group of clubs may win this award two years in succession.

Category A Single Clubs

Category B Group of Clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

**SCALE OF POINTS**

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT	30
SCOPE AND QUALITY OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED	30
PRIOR PLANNING AND PERCENTAGE OF MEMBER PARTICIPATION	10
PERCENTAGE OF CLUB PARTICIPATION	10
DOCUMENTATION: photos, newspaper clippings, letter of appreciation yearbook	10
PRESENTATION AND NEATNESS	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

## **N-50 HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

### **submit to District Historic Preservation Chairman by November 1**

May be awarded for historic preservation project such as the restoration of a park, a building and/or garden of importance to local, state or national heritage.

Category A: Single member garden club

i. small club

ii. medium club

iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

Category D: State Garden Club

i. small state

ii. medium state

iii. large state

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

## **N-51 DECORATION OF HISTORIC BUILDING**

### **submit to District Historic Preservation Chairman by November 1**

May be awarded for tastefully decorating a historic building/house/mansion. Decorations are not required to be of the period of the building, but should be creative, distinctive, and harmonize with the building's style. Designer's choice of all materials within purview of curator, official, or owner of the building.

Category A: Single member garden club

i. small club

ii. medium club

iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

## **HORTICULTURE AWARDS**

### **N-4 HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT**

#### **submit to District Horticulture Chairman by November 1**

May be awarded for horticultural achievement of permanent importance. A statement from the respective plant society (if one exists) must be submitted to verify development of new plant cultivar.

Category C: Individual garden club member

Category F: Individual affiliate member

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

**TGC HORTICULTURE AWARD OF MERIT FOR GARDEN CLUBS  
submit to TGC Horticulture Chairman by December 1**

Eligible for a cash award of \$50.00 donated by Diane Whitaker. A state award may be awarded in each of following classes:

Class A For winning article on subject: "How Our Club Produced Our Most Interesting Horticulture Program". Subject limited to a single program and designed for club member participation. Limit to 1000 words.

Class B For a worthwhile public planting of native material or other horticultural project. Must include color photographs.

Class C For a comprehensive study of new or unusual materials.

Class D For introduction of new plant material (flowers, shrubs, trees) to an area; give history of plants in native locale and progress in new location with brief outline of cultivation and method of planting. Must include color photographs.

**SCALE OF POINTS - for Class B**

PRESENTATION:	5
RECORD: Step by step outline of project, objectives, why this project was selected, brief history	15
ACTION: Taken - details of site chosen for planting (size, public access, other relevant data), plants used (varieties, amounts of seeds or plants, why chosen), cost, work hours, financial outlay, source of finances, plans for continued maintenance. Verified by photos	40
SCOPE OF ACHIEVEMENT: Results as to community (beautification, education, etc.) Attention drawn to objectives of member garden clubs, supporting data (letters, publicity, etc.)	40
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**N-19 HORTICULTURE THERAPY (GARDEN THERAPY)  
submit to District Garden Therapy Chairman by November 1**

A state award of \$25.00 will be presented to member club with the best overall project. May be awarded for an outstanding program working with the physically or learning challenged in nursing homes, schools, prisons, etc.

Category A: Single member garden club

- i. small club
- ii. medium club
- iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

Category C: Individual garden club member

Category D: State Garden Club

- i. small state
- ii. medium state
- iii. large state

**SCALE OF POINTS**

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## **N-48 HORTICULTURE THERAPY GARDEN PROJECT**

### **submit to District Chairman by November 1**

May be awarded for establishment of a garden/s to benefit the physically or learning challenged, residents in nursing home, school, prisons, low income housing, etc. Includes barrier free garden, accessible gardening, community garden, meditation garden at hospital, etc.

Category A: Single member garden club

- i. small club
- ii. medium club
- iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

Category C: Individual garden club member

Category D: State Garden Club

- i. small state
- ii. medium state
- iii. large state

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

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## **LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARDS**

### **N-26 LANDSCAPE DESIGN EDUCATION**

**submit to TGC Awards Chairman by November 1**

May be awarded to a State Garden Club for the most comprehensive and effective state program of education in landscape design, informing the public of proper landscape design practices, and benefits derived from developing plants for proper homes, schools, parks, roadsides, communities, cities, regions, etc.

- Category D: State Garden Club
- i. small state
  - ii. medium state
  - iii. large state

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

### **N-28 LANDSCAPE DESIGN OF CHURCH GARDENS**

**submit to District Landscape Design Chairman by November 1**

May be awarded for planning and/or planting of a church or synagogue garden that meets the needs of the congregation.

- Category A: Single member garden club
- i. small club
  - ii. medium club
  - iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)  
Category C: Individual garden club member

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

### **N-49 COMMUNITY LANDSCAPE DESIGN**

**submit to District Landscape Design Chairman by November 1**

May be awarded for the most significant contribution in providing planning and planting for: commercial property, church or synagogue, hospital, library, civic center, park, waterfront, etc. Copy of landscape plan must be included in Book of Evidence.

- Category A: Single member garden club
- i. small club
  - ii. medium club
  - iii. large club

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

### **N-62 LANDSCAPE DESIGN**

**Submit to District Landscape Design Chairman by November 1**

May be awarded for an outstanding project in the field of landscape design.

- Category A: Single member garden club
  - i. small club
  - ii. medium club
  - iii. large club
- Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)
- Category D: State Garden Club
  - i. small state
  - ii. medium state
  - iii. large state

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

### **N-40 LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONSULTANTS submit to TGC Awards Chairman**

May be awarded to a Council of Landscape Design Consultants for the most outstanding program of continuing landscape design education.

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

### **TGC LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONSULTANTS COUNCIL AWARDS (No State Number - No National Award)**

The following awards are made available by the Landscape Design Consultants Council. ALL APPLICATIONS ARE MAILED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSULTANTS COUNCIL BY NOVEMBER 1.

**Award #1** Two Awards, \$50.00 First Place and \$25.00 Second Place, may be given annually to garden clubs, groups and/or councils of garden clubs for the best project of any planting for a public area. The project must have been planned and executed either by, or under the supervision of, a federated garden club(s). Good landscape design which insures permanent beauty will be a major consideration.

**Scale of Points** same as for Award N-49 with exception that a Scaled Plot Plan may be substituted for ASIA approved plan in Book of Evidence.

**Award #2** An Award of \$25.00 may be awarded to an individual, club or group of clubs for the most outstanding use of Council Slides. The project may be educational workshops or programs in the community for any age group.

**Scale of Points** not applicable; documentation in Book of Evidence must accompany entry. Council Slides may be obtained from the Consultants Council Secretary and some Extension Agents.

**TGC POCKET GARDENS**  
**submit to District Awards Chairman by November 1**

This award may be awarded to the most representative installation of Pocket Gardens utilizing landscape design practices and functionality. With environmentally compatible horticulture placement using the principles of design, placement and use of native plants that will meet low maintenance and water conservation ideas. A drawing (to scale not required) with plants named and pictures of completed project need to accompany application.

**Category A: Division I      Single member garden club**

- Class 1      20 members or less
- Class 2      21-40 members
- Class 3      41-100 members
- Class 4      over 100 members

**Category B. Division II      District, Council, Forum or Affiliate**

- Class 1      4 clubs or less
- Class 2      5-20 clubs
- Class 3      21-50 clubs
- Class 4      over 50 clubs

**RATING CLASSIFICATION: GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE, GREEN** (Note: Individuals may apply classified by their Garden Club size and rating).

**CLASSIFICATIONS**

**A. Private Gardens:**

1. Presentation: Objective to promote additional outdoor living space and/or enhancement of property.
  - a. Side garden development, urban lot
  - b. Patio Garden
  - c. Enhancement of entrances and yards

**B. Community Pocket Garden (not to exceed 30' X 50')**

1. Presentation: objective to utilize small public spaces for community enjoyment and civic beautification
  - a. Pocket Garden Park (pedestrian only)
  - b. Street Intersection
  - c. Public building outdoor and/or indoor entrance

**SCALE OF POINTS**

SCOPE OF PROJECT FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITY	25
UTILIZING SPACE	20
PLANNING FOR LOW MAINTENANCE	15
WATER CONSERVATION	10
ARTISITIC CONCEPT (landscape design)	30
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**N-39 LITTER/RECYCLING/RECLAMATION**  
**submit to District Litter Chairman by November 1**

May be awarded for the most outstanding community project on litter prevention, reclamation and/or recycling, ex. Year long program, organizing recycling program, establishing composting site, etc.

Category A: Single member garden club

- i. small club
- ii. medium club
- iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

Category D: State Garden Club

- i. small state
- ii. medium state
- iii. large state

**SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

**N-53 NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK**

**submit to TGC National Garden Week Chairman by November 1**

A state award of \$25.00 will be presented to a member club with the best overall project. May be awarded for the best overall promotion of National Garden Week; entry to show community awareness throughout the entire week and include local and/or state proclamations.

Category A: Single member garden club

- i. small club
- ii. medium club
- iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

Category D: State Garden Club

- i. small state
- ii. medium state
- iii. large state

**SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

**TGC NOVEMBER/DECEMBER AWARD**

**submit to TGC November/December Chairman by January 15**

A special state award may be presented to recognize a club project which was accomplished after the general awards deadline of November 1 but before January 1, and has not been included in another award application. Graded by appropriate Scale of Points.

- A. Single Project
- B. Multi Projects

## TGC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Club submits to District by February 1

### District to submit to TGC Presidents Reports Chairman by March 1

### Mark the form "For Competition" or "Not For Competition"

A state award may be given using the Standard System of Awards (see Rule #8, page 7 of this brochure), for best report in each class. Instead of a 1<sup>st</sup> place for scoring 90 or above, a **Gold Medal** designation will be made in recognition of the number of clubs with tied high scores. Second, Third, and Honorable Mention awards may be given. Report forms are furnished by the District to each club and affiliate president and are to be returned by February 1 (or earlier date if required by District) to District Director or chairman designated by District Director. Information is compiled and provides the Director and the State President with important information on clubs' activities, programs and projects. This report is to be brief, not in a binder, no photographs, nor newspaper clippings. (Note: Mark the form "Not for Competition" if your club does not wish to compete). Reports are judged according to Club Rating.

#### DIVISION I – CLUBS

Class 1	20 members or less
Class 2	21 – 40 members
Class 3	41 – 100 members
Class 4	over 100 members

#### DIVISION II – COUNCILS, FORUM, FEDERATIONS

Class 1	4 clubs or less
Class 2	5 – 20 clubs
Class 3	21 – 50 clubs
Class 4	over 51 clubs

#### SCALE OF POINTS - DIVISION I - BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD RATED CLUBS

PRESENTATION: Neat, concise, complete general information, name & address and zip code of incoming President	15
PROGRAMS: at least 7 garden club meetings per year. Scheduled study on : Some NGC and TGC objectives, such as: Birds, Blue Star Memorial Highways, Civic Development, Floral Design, Garden Therapy, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Litter, Reclamation & Recycling, Organic Gardening, Roadside Development, World Gardening, Youth, Community Service, Conservation, Environmental Education, Historic Preservation, Land Trust	40
PROJECTS: Give brief description of continuing and/or new projects indicating community involvement and club participating. Note project with N for new or C for continuing	25
ACTIVITIES: Pilgrimages, workshops, ways & means, etc.	20
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

#### SCALE OF POINTS - DIVISION I GREEN RATED CLUBS

Green Rated Clubs are not required to have projects.

PRESENTATION: Neat, concise, complete general information, name & address and zip code of incoming President	15
PROGRAMS: at least 7 garden club meetings per year. Scheduled study on : some NGC and TGC objectives, such as: Birds, Blue Star Memorial Highways, Civic Development, Floral Design, Garden Therapy, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Litter, Reclamation & Recycling, Organic Gardening, Roadside Development, World Gardening, Youth, Community Service, Conservation, Environmental Education, Historic Preservation, Land Trust	60

ACTIVITIES: Pilgrimages, workshops, ways & means, etc.	25
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**SCALE OF POINTS - DIVISION II COUNCILS/FORUMS/FEDERATIONS**

PRESENTATION: Neat, concise, complete general information, name & address of current and incoming president	15
PROGRAMS: Scheduled study of design and garden related subjects, brief description of outstanding programs	20
ACTIVITIES: Ways and means, pilgrimages, workshops, etc.	25
PROJECTS: Give description of continuing and new projects including contributing projects. Note project with <b>N</b> for new and <b>C</b> for continuing	25
ACHIEVEMENTS: - Civic beautification, sponsoring scholarship or youth project, etc.	15
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**SCALE OF POINTS - DIVISION III AFFILIATES**

PRESENTATION - neat, concise, complete general information, name & address of current and incoming president	15
PROGRAMS - relating to club's interest	40
PROJECTS - public displays, plant shows, give brief description of continuing and new projects indicating community involvement (if any) and club participation. Note project with <b>N</b> for new and <b>C</b> for continuing	25
ACTIVITIES - pilgrimages, workshops, plant sale, or participation with a National Affiliate	20
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**DIVISION IV COUNCIL OF NATIONALLY ACCREDITED FLOWER SHOW JUDGES**

Class 1	20 members of less	Class 2	21-40 members
Class 3	41-100 members	Class 4	over 100 members

**SCALE OF POINTS**

<b>PRESENTATION</b>	<b>15</b>
Neat, concise, complete all information, no attachments, name and address of current and incoming president, zip codes	
<b>PROGRAMS</b>	<b>40</b>
Scheduled study on floral Design, Horticulture, Handbook, Judging Ethics, etc.	
<b>PROJECTS</b>	<b>30</b>
Flower Shows, Symposiums, Workshops for others, Contributions, etc	
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>15</b>
Field trips, Pilgrimages, workshops, Ways & Means, Luncheon/Teas, etc.	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

**PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**  
**Rules 1-7 on page 2-4 of this brochure apply. No limit on number of pages**

**SCALE OF POINTS**

**N-3, N-12, N-13**

<b>PRESENTATION:</b> (as applicable) application includes brief description of publication or communication, club membership. No limit on number of pages. Submit entry for N3, N13, & N68 in envelope; N27 & N63 in report cover.	5
<b>ACHIEVEMENT:</b> (as applicable) educational, informative, accuracy, clarity of subject; quality of printing, photography, and/or graphics; voice delivery; coverage received; general appeal	65
<b>PROMOTES NGC OBJECTIVES:</b>	15
<b>RECORD OR DOCUMENTATION:</b> (as applicable) number of copies distributed/sold, how distributed, financial information; cost of publishing, price if sold, market seen/heard; recognition from radio/TV station	15
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**N-3 LITERARY HORTICULTURAL INTEREST**

**submit to TGC Improved Cultivar Chairman by November 1**

May be awarded for a literary production of horticultural interest, written within last three years. Eligible publications included: book, booklet, brochure, study course, or other similar publications.

Category C: Individual garden club member

Category E: Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)

Category F: Individual Affiliate member (member of NGC Affiliate)

**SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Publications & Communications Scale of Points on page 55 of this brochure)

## **N-12 PUBLICATIONS**

**Club entries to District Publications Chairman by November 1**  
**District submit to TGC Publications Chairman by December 1**

May be awarded in each category 1-4 for publications that are published at least three times per year under one editorship or management. Notices and flyers for one-time events do not apply.

Newsletters: submit only three sample issues and state number issues per year.

- Categories:
1. Newsletter – one 8 1/2”x11” or one 8 1/2”x14” sheet of paper
  2. Newsletter or magazine of 3-12 pages
  3. Magazine or Bulletin of 13-24 pages
  4. Magazine or Bulletin over 24 pages

Eligibility for Categories 1-4:

Category A: Single member garden club

- i. small club
- ii. medium club
- iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

Category D: State Garden Club

- i. small state
- ii. medium state
- iii. large state

Category E: Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)

Category G: International Affiliate

Category I: Region

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Publications & Communications Scale of Points on page 55 of this brochure)

## **N-13 PUBLICATIONS**

**Club entries to District Publications Chairman by November 1**  
**District submit to TGC Publications Chairman by December 1**

May be awarded to the entry judged best in each category 1-7. Notices and flyers for one-time events are not eligible.

- Categories:
- 1) Manuals, handbooks (examples: procedural, duties of officers, awards)
  - 2) Educational (examples: environmental, landscape, gardening, horticulture therapy)
  - 3) Horticulture, design (examples: judging, guide to exhibiting, floral design, mechanics)
  - 4) History
  - 5) Membership (examples: brochure, leaflet)
  - 6) Calendars
  - 7) Other (example: cookbooks)

Eligibility for Categories 1-7:

Category A: Single member garden club

- i. small club
- ii. medium club
- iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

- Category D: State Garden Club
  - i. small state
  - ii. medium state
  - iii. large state
- Category E: Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)
- Category G. International Affiliate
- Category I. Region

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Publications & Communications Scale of Points on page 55 of this brochure)

### **N-44 PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK AWARD**

**submit to District Publicity Press Book Chairman no later than January 15**

**District Chairman must forward Book to TGC Press Book Chairman by January 25**

**First place winners in each category sent to Region by February 23**

**Name of winning entry of first place books in each category sent to NGC Awards**

**Committee member by March 23 (Do not send Press Books to NGC Chairman)**

May be awarded to winning books of evidence exhibiting quality, quantity and diversity of coverage in the print media promoting garden clubs and NGC goals and objectives.

Application: NGC application form with required information attached to inside front cover; second form clipped to outside. These books of evidence should be returned to states at Regional meetings.

Category A: Single member garden club

- i. small club
- ii. medium club
- iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

Category E: Affiliated Garden Center (dues paid directly to NGC)

Requirements for preparing Publicity Press Book:

1. Label on outside cover: number and name of NGC award, category, name of club/s, city and state
2. Submit in report cover or folder; 8 ½ x11” or 9x12”. No heavy scrapbooks or oversized portfolios. There is no limit on the number of pages. Sheet protectors maybe used.
3. Material must consist of any of the following: Newspaper, magazine, newsletter, notices or flyers for one-time event, or any printed publication clippings. (Ex: Your state or regional official publication, The National Gardener, etc) with the name and date of publication over each article. Clear photocopies are permitted, reduced photocopies of large or lengthy articles are permitted. Judges take into consideration the difficulty in securing newspaper publicity.
4. No page numbering or table of contents needed. Affix contents in chronological order January 1 through December 31.
5. Clippings evenly cut. No loose clippings permitted.
6. Each published item must contain the name of organization and/or individual’s identified as a member 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. where applicable; publicity should relate to organization's or individual's projects and/or activities; promotion of NGC objectives and goals

**SCALE OF POINTS**

PRESENTATION: Meets all requirements, neat presented	15
QUALITY: articles well written; publicity related to projects and/or activities	40
QUANTITY: articles for each month (take in consideration dark months), use of varied publications and media (newspaper coverage is difficult, especially in larger cities), magazines, newsletters, notices/flyers, journals, etc.	25
DIVIRSITY: local, council, district, state, national, other	20
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**N-27 RADIO AND/OR TV AWARD**

**submit to District Awards Chairman by November 1**

May be awarded for the best garden-oriented programming. Submit date/s aired, length of programs and typewritten script/s of series or guest appearance. Submit date/s aired, length of program and typewritten scripts of public service announcements. Submit audio or video tape of any one program or public service announcement.

1. Radio: a series of programs, a series of Public Service Announcement (10, 20, 30, 60 seconds), guest appearance/s or other.
2. Television: series of programs on local or community access cable stations, series of Public Service Announcements (10, 20, 30, 60 seconds), guest appearance/s or other.

Category A: Single member garden club

- i. small club
- ii. medium club
- iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc)

Category C: Individual garden club member

Category D: State Garden Club

- i. small state
- ii. medium state
- iii. large state

Category E: Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)

Category F: Individual Affiliate member (member of NGC Affiliate)

(see National Publications & Communications Scale of Points on page 55 of this brochure)

**N-20 ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION**

**submit to District Awards Chairman by November 1**

May be awarded for outstanding, permanent roadside beautification within the state. The program may be continuous, but must have advanced degree of completion prior to making application. This award may be given only once for the same program.

Category A: Single member garden club

- i. small club
- ii. medium club
- iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

- Category D: State Garden Club
  - i. small state
  - ii. medium state
  - iii. large state
- Category E: Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)

**SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

**TGC SCRAPBOOK**

**submit to District Scrapbook Chairman by November 1**

**Councils/Forums/Federations submit to TGC General Scrapbook Chairman by Nov. 1**

**Districts submit to TGC General Scrapbook Chairman by December 1**

A state award may be presented to the scrapbook prepared by one club, group of clubs or District. Scrapbook to cover one administration of the organization. A Scrapbook Brochure is available from TGC Headquarters with complete details on preparation of scrapbook.

DIVISION A - One Year      DIVISION B - Two Year      DIVISION C - District - Two Year

CLASSES (further subdivided by Club Rating)

Category A

- Class 1    20 members or less
- Class 2    21-40 members
- Class 3    41-100 members
- Class 4    over 100 members

Category B

- Class 5 – Councils of Clubs
  - a. 25 clubs or less
  - b. 26-75 clubs
  - c. 76 or more clubs

**SCALES OF POINTS**

A. COVER & ALBUM Approximately 12 x 14”, lightweight, durable, practical	<b>5</b>
Name of club, town, year/s covered.	
B. CONTENTS	<b>30</b>
1. Fly page - protective page	1
2. Title Page - name of club, town, year covered	1
3. Table of Contents (in front, in order of items appearing in book)	1
4. Publicity channels - the top portion of newspapers found in book	4
5. Yearbook - attached securely, available to be read	1
6. Synopsis of club’s history from year federated up to current year	2
7. Neatness, artistic merit, liberal margins, even spaces, even clipping, no glue seepage, no wrinkled newspaper/photos	10
8. Chronological order - as to date of events	5
9. Clippings of publicity, name and date of publication, pictures, with descriptions beneath (may be copied and/or reduced/enlarged)	2
10. Summary at end of scrapbook - year covered in this book	3

<b>C. CLUB ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>		<b>65</b>
Documented and identified with underlined clippings and/or action pictures. List under headings (with sub-titles) in the Table of Contents, giving page number.		
1. Projects and Activities - must include at least 5 of the following: Arbor Day, Civic Achievement, Community Service, Flower Show, Garden Therapy, Plant Exchange, Plant Displays, Landscape Design, Litter Control, Pilgrimage/s, Workshop/s, Ecotot, Ecoteer, Ecoteen Gardeners, Conservation, and any other NGC or TGC objectives.	15	
2. Programs - Conservation (Birds, Soil, Air Pollution, etc.), Horticulture, Landscape Design, Flower Arranging, and any other NGC and TGC objectives (see projects above)	25	
3. Club Projects	25	
1. Club Projects	5	
2. District Project Participation	5	
3. State Project Participation	5	
4. National Project Participation	5	
5. Council/Forum/Federation Project Participation	5	
if not member, distribute points between 1-4		
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>100</b>

**TWO YEAR SCRAPBOOK SCALE OF POINTS**

A. COVER Approximately 12 x 14", lightweight, durable, sturdy, practical, name of club, town, years covered. One title page		<b>5</b>
B. CONTENTS		<b>30</b>
1. Fly Page (protective page)	1	
2. Separation page between first and second year	1	
3. Title Page - name of club, town, years covered	1	
4. Two Tables of Contents - one for each year, both to be placed in front, or 1 <sup>st</sup> year in front & 2 <sup>nd</sup> year following separation page. in order of items as they appear in book	4	
5. Publicity channels	1	
6. Two yearbooks or a two-year book	2	
7. Synopsis of History (starting with year federated up to but not including period covered by this Scrapbook)	2	
8. General neatness and artistic merit	10	
9. Chronological order - as to date of events	2	
10. Clippings of publicity, name and date of publication	2	
11. Two summaries, one at end of each year	4	
<b>C. CLUB ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>		<b>65</b>
List under headings (with subtitles) in Table of Contents, giving page number		
a. Projects and Activities - Must include at least 5 of the following for each year: Arbor Day, Civic Achievement, Community Service, Garden Therapy, Flower Show, Workshop/s, Pilgrimage/s, Plant Displays,	15	

Plant Exchanges, Litter Control, Landscape Design, Junior, Intermediate and/or High School Gardeners, and other objectives		
b. Programs - Conservation, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Flower Arranging, etc.		25
c. Club Projects		25
1. Club Projects	5	
2. District Project Participation	5	
3. State and National Project Participation	10	
4. Council, Forum, or Federation (If member of same, if not points will be distributed between Club, District, State and National)	5	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>100</b>

### **GREEN RATED CLUB SCRAPBOOK**

**SCALE OF POINTS** complete Scale found in Scrapbook Brochure

Green Clubs are not required to have projects and activities. Cover 5 points, Content 50 points, and Club Programs 45 points. Omit Club Accomplishments and Club Projects.

### **N-7 SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT**

**submit to TGC Special Achievement Chairman by November 1**

May be awarded for outstanding civic work furthering NGC objectives and projects through club year or special project not provided for in another NGC Award.

Category A: Single member garden club

    i. small club

    ii. medium club

    iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

Category C: Individual garden club member

Category D: State Garden Club

    i. small state

    ii. medium state

    iii. large state

Category E. Affiliates (dues paid directly to NGC)

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

### **N-68 VIDEO/CD AWARD**

**submit Club entries to District Awards Chairman by November 1**

**submit District Entries to TGC Publications Chairman by December 1**

May be awarded for the best video/CD/DVD/flash drive production on any NGC objective, e.g. Flower Shows, Flower Arranging, Horticulture, Landscaping and Gardens, Environmental Protection, Christmas Decorations, etc. Winning video will become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc. Member services for use by member clubs.

Category A: Single member garden club

- i. small club
- ii. medium club
- iii. large club
- Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)
- Category D: State Garden Club
  - i. small state
  - ii. medium state
  - iii. large state
- Category E: Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)
- Category I Region

(see National Publications & Communications Scale of Points on page 55 of this brochure)

### **N-38 VISION OF BEAUTY CALENDAR**

**submit to NGC Calendar Chairman by September 10**

Garden Club members and members of clubs affiliated with NGC may submit digital photos of all types of designs – traditional, contemporary, new trends and those appropriate for seasons of the year and holidays. Entries are submitted directly to NGC Calendar Chairman no later than September 10 of each year. **Entry form and requirements are found in current Vision of Beauty Calendar.**

- Category C Flower Arranger of the Year (Individual)

### **N-63 WEBSITE AWARD**

**submit to District Awards Chairman by November 1**

**submit District entries to TGC Website Chairman by December 1**

May be awarded for the most outstanding website promoting the sponsoring organization and NGC objectives. Provide on the NGC Awards Application Form your website address, who maintains site, how often updated, and cost. Ease of navigation will be considered while judging from the current site.

- Category A: Single member garden club
  - i. small club
  - ii. medium club
  - iii. large club
- Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc)
- Category D: State Garden Club
  - i. small state
  - ii. medium state
  - iii. large state
- Category E: Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

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 NGC objectives	10
MAINTENANCE: Does it appear to be updated?	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### **OPERATION WILDFLOWER AWARDS**

**submit to District Awards Chairman by November 1**

**submit District entries to TGC Awards Chairman by December 1**

A cash award of \$50 may be presented to the State winner. May be awarded in the following: N-71, N-73 and N-74. Entries must include supporting information as applicable: before and after photos; safety must be considered in all plantings; educational value as well as aesthetic beauty should be shown; unique aspects and/or unusual features; financial statement; other. No project may receive an award for two consecutive years. At the National level, nine awards of \$1000 may be awarded to first place winners, and nine awards of \$500 may be awarded to the second place winners.

#### **N-71 ROADSIDE AWARD**

**submit to District Awards Chairman by November 1**

**submit District entries to TGC Awards Chairman by December 1**

May be awarded for notable environmental preservation and enhancement of roadsides and rest areas using wildflowers and native plants in your region. Project may be sited on rural byways, urban highways, roadside rest areas, entrances to towns, medians, etc.

Category A: Single member garden club

i. small club

ii. medium club

iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

Category D: State Garden Club

i. small state

ii. medium state

iii. large state

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

#### **N-73 CIVIC PROJECTS WITH NATIVE PLANTS**

**submit to District Awards Chairman by November 1**

**submit District entries to TGC Awards Chairman by December 1**

May be awarded for establishing wildflower gardens, memorial gardens or the restoration of historic gardens with emphasis on native plant material to your region.

Category A: Single member garden club

i. small club

ii. medium club

iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

Category D: State Garden Club



Divisions: A. One member club                      B. Group of member clubs

CLASS I PLANTING OF WILDFLOWERS IN A GIVEN AREA - Parks, highway plantings, private property, schools, etc.

\*A \$25.00 award donated by Kay Warmerdam may be presented to the state winner in this class.

CLASS II ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR CONDUCTING OF WILDFLOWER TRAIL - Give details and include photographs and publicity (if any).

\*A \$25.00 award donated by Kay Warmerdam may be presented to the state winner in this class.

CLASS III PUBLICATION - distribution of a list, pamphlet, etc. identifying wildflowers of area, using both common and botanical names (correct spelling).

CLASS IV PREPARATION OF A 35MM SLIDE PROGRAM - (minimum of 35 slides) showing wildflowers in local habitat, with commentary giving location where slide was taken, common and botanical names (correct spelling) and names of those taking the slides and writing the commentary. Slides should be in sharp focus and definitive, with both close up and long shot preferred so that both foliage and blossoms are identifiable. Slides must be submitted for viewing, but may be returned, if desired. If slides are given to TGC, a second award is available through Slides Award. Please indicate on application if slides are to be returned.

CLASS V WILDFLOWER EDUCATION THROUGH ARTISTIC MEDIA - a) Paintings of wildflowers in any media; hand-crafted reproductions or any other creative expression for public viewing. Include color photographs. b) Use of dried wildflowers in artistic items, such as framed designs, bookmarks, permanent floral arrangements, etc. to be displayed for public viewing, include color photographs.

CLASS VI RESEARCH WITH WILDFLOWERS - Propagation methods for wildflowers; aspects such as temperature for germination, methods of scarifying, soaking, freezing seeds, soil pH and structure, time of planting, light sensitivity, moisture levels, inoculants, etc. showing effects upon one or more species. Give common and botanical names of plants (correct spelling) or seeds.

**SCALE OF POINTS – CLASSES I & II**

CONFORM TO AWARDS REQUIREMENTS	5
OUTLINE OF PROJECT - giving goals and how attained, listing wildflowers with common and botanical names and how identified on trail, if applicable	50
SUPPORTING EVIDENCE - press, radio, television notices and/or color photographs of area, tours in progress, etc. This should include evidence of value to the community such as letters of appreciation for wildflower conservation, etc.	35
YEARBOOK/S SHOWING PLANS - special programs related to project and membership participation	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**SCALE OF POINTS - CLASSES III, IV, V**

CONFORM TO AWARD REQUIREMENTS	5
EDUCATIONAL WORTH OF PROGRAM OR PROJECT	30
OUTLINE OF PROJECT - giving details of plans, goals, procedures, involvement of individuals and groups and value to community	20
SUPPORTING EVIDENCE - showing photographs of actual work being done and how items were used or displayed for exhibit, etc.	35
YEARBOOK/S - showing programs, workshops, etc.	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**SCALE OF POINTS - CLASSES VI**

CONFORM TO AWARD REQUIREMENTS	5
EDUCATIONAL WORTH OF PROGRAM OR PROJECT	30
SUPPORTING EVIDENCE - including photographs of different steps to show progress and results. Show how results exhibited, published, or reported	35
OUTLINE OF PROJECT - giving details of plans, goals, procedures, involvement of individuals or groups and value to community	20
YEARBOOK/S - showing programs, workshops, etc.	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

## **N-46 WORLD GARDENING**

**submit to District Awards Chairman by November 1**

**submit District entries to TGC World Gardening Chairman by December 1**

May be awarded for the most outstanding program of activity in other countries, e.g. continued support of international organizations that provide health, food, housing, fresh water, etc.; disaster relief; donations of seeds and animals; support of children in school or orphanage; conservation, reforestation, habitat restoration; support for student/s in study of conservation or horticulture related field; other.

Category A: Single member garden club

i. small club

ii. medium club

iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

Category D: State Garden Club

i. small state

ii. medium state

iii. large state

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

## N-16A YEARBOOKS

**submit one copy to District Yearbooks Chairman by November 1**

**District and State will grade and present awards according to Club Size & Rating**

May be awarded for outstanding yearbooks in each of the following categories, determined by number of members, including Life Members, on whom NGC dues are paid. Yearbooks may be accepted for competition on the calendar year or the club year (the same yearbook may be submitted only one time in an awards year). No envelope necessary. State Awards Chairman submits Yearbook winners in each category to Regional Awards Chairman. Regional Awards Chairman sends name of winning entries in each category to NGC Awards Committee Member.

Category A: Single member garden club

1. clubs under 20 members
2. clubs 20-29 members
3. clubs 30-44 members
4. clubs 45-69 members
5. clubs 70-99 members
6. clubs 100-299 members
7. clubs 300 or more members

### SCALE OF POINTS

#### CATEGORY N-16A

FORMAT		<b>15</b>
A. Book Structure	3	
1. Practical, convenient size, durable, neat		
B. Arrangement of Contents		
1. Cover: name of club, town, state, year, number of members, affiliated organizations (district, State, Region, NGC, other)	2	
2. Title Page: name of club, town, state, year, number of members affiliated organizations (district, state, region, NGC, other)	2	
3. Subsequent pages (in any order most useful to members): club officers; club membership roster with complete mailing addresses and telephone numbers; names and addresses of NGC President, NGC Regional Director, State President, State District Director, Council President (if any); Calendar of Events	8	
C. Options: club's choice to include bylaws, fund raising, roll call. NGC/Region/State themes; club theme, if used, should be evident though out book	0	
D. Programs (indicate if special interest club; Ex: Design club, only. Horticulture club, only. Faith-based club, etc.) Study on variety of NGC Goals and Objectives such as: Birds, Blue Star Memorials, Butterflies, Civic Achievement, Conservation, Environment, Flower Shows, Floral Design, Historic Preservation, Horticulture, Horticulture (Garden) Therapy, Landscape Design, Legislation, Litter Control, Roadside Beautification, US & World Gardens, Wildflowers, World Gardening, Youth, etc.		<b>50</b>
1. At least seven meetings a year	3	
2. Date, location/address, time of meeting	3	
3. Speaker's name, qualifications (brief), program title	4	

4. Programs, workshops, tours furthering NGC Goals & Objectives give brief word description (lecture, slides, demonstration, hands-on workshop)	40
a. Variety of program topics (theme not required) (12 pts)	
b. Variety of styles of programs (lectures, slides, tours, etc) (12 pts)	
c. Variety of speakers (specialists, members, panel, etc.) (12 pts.)	
d. Portion or full program explaining projects of NGC President's Projects (2 pts)	
1. Photo archiving of accomplishments	
2. Plantings for public and special places	
a. gardens with edibles	
b. container gardens	
c. trees and shrubs	
3. Protecting aquatic	
e. Portion of full program on NGC Member Service items (2 pts)	
E. Projects (judged upon scope of projects):	35
Projects involve actual membership participation that benefit the community and further NGC goals and Objectives (does not include fund-raising or social activities)	
1. List continuing and new participating projects	15
2. Give brief word description of projects: how others benefits, location, how members are expected to participate, chairman, etc.	20
List donations: amount, in-kind donations, to whom, sale of State/NGC products (Vision of Beauty Calendars, state cookbook)	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### SCALE OF POINTS

<b>CATEGORY N-16B, (GROUP OF MEMBER CLUBS, COUNCILS AND DISTRICTS)</b>	
A. Book Structure	10
Practicability, durability, neatness	
Cover to include: name of organization, state, year, (design optional)	
Title page: number of clubs, affiliation including NGC, region, state, other	
Table of Contents, name and address NGC President, NGC Regional Director, TGC President. If permanent type binder is used, substitute paper cover for competition including required information and so note	
B. Organizational Information	30
Organization officers and committee chairmen, including club affiliation	
Calendar of events including meeting dates, programs, projects, national/regional/state conventions, schools; bylaws, policies, objectives	
C. Projects and Programs	40
1. List projects as continuing or new, including name of chairman and location/description of project; state if project is fundraiser	
2. List meetings, including date, time and place of meeting;	

theme; program and speaker; workshop; tour, social activity, etc.	
D. Member Club Information	<b>20</b>
List of member clubs, including club presidents' names and meeting dates;	
List total number of dues-paying members	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### SCALE OF POINTS

#### CATEGORY N-16E (CLUBS/COUNCILS OF JUDGES OR CONSULTANTS)

A. Book Structure	<b>10</b>
Practicable, durable, neat	
Cover to include: name of organization, state, year, (design optional)	
If permanent type binder is used, substitute paper cover for competition and so note.	
Title page: number of members, affiliation including NGC, region, state, other	
Table of Contents, name and address NGC President, NGC Regional Director, TGC President.	
Subsequent pages in any order most useful to members.	
B. Organizational Information	<b>25</b>
Officers and committee chairmen (club affiliations optional)	
Calendar of events including national/regional/state conventions, schools, Special events, policies, objectives (bylaws, history are optional)	
C. Member Information	<b>25</b>
Membership roster with complete addresses, telephone numbers (states, refresher dates, club affiliations optional)	
D. Projects and Programs	<b>40</b>
1. List projects as continuing or new, including name of chairman and location/description of project; sponsored courses, donations	
2. List meetings, including date, time and place of meeting; title of Program, speaker with brief qualifications; workshop; tours, etc.	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### TGC YEARBOOK AWARD FOR GREEN RATED GARDEN CLUBS

**submit one copy to District Yearbook Chairman by November 1**

A state award may be presented for Green Rated garden club yearbook. Green Rated clubs are not required to have Projects and Activities; points are not deducted if none are included.

#### SCALE OF POINTS (Green rated garden clubs)

#### FORMAT

Book structure		<b>15</b>
Practicability: convenient, size, durability, neatness	3	
Cover: name of club, town, state, year, (design optional); if permanent type binder cover is used, substitute paper cover for competition	2	
Title page: name of club, town, state, year, number of members	4	
Subsequent pages: name and address of NGC & State President, Regional Director, District Director, Council President (if		

any), club officers & chairmen; club membership roster with complete mailing addresses, zip codes and phone numbers; calendar of events (other than regular meetings) 6

**PROGRAM CONTENT**

**85**

Goals for the ideal club program: study and activity on some of NGC objectives such as Birds, Blue Star Highways, Civic Development, Conservation, Flower Shows, Garden Therapy, Ecoteen/Ecoteer/Ecotot Gardening, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Legislation, Litter Control, Roadside Development, World Gardening, etc. Club meetings

At least seven meetings a year. Give information: When - date of meeting. Where - place of meeting. Who - name of speaker. What - title of speaker's subject. Extras - roll call, exhibits, social activities (optional). When theme is used, it should prevail in a majority of meetings

**TOTAL POINTS**

**100**

**TGC YEARBOOK AWARD FOR JUDGES COUNCILS**

**submit one copy to TGC Yearbooks General Chairman by November 1**

A state award may be presented for a Judges Council yearbook.

**SCALE OF POINTS (Judges Council)**

**BOOK STRUCTURE**

**10**

Practicability, durability, neatness; cover to include name, state, year, (design optional); title page to include number of members; NGC, state, district, and other memberships; table of contents; NGC, Regional, State and District Officers. If permanent type binder cover is used, substitute paper cover for competition and so note.

**COUNCIL INFORMATION**

**30**

Council officers and committee chairmen; calendar of events; projects (if any), national/regional/state conventions, schools, council history; budget; bylaws, policy, objectives

**PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS**

**40**

- A. List projects as continuing or new, chairman and location, description of project (sponsor schools, symposiums, workshops, etc.)
- B. List programs, including date and place of meeting; title of speaker's subject, with identification of speaker; type of workshop, tour, or social activity, etc.

**MEMBER CLUB INFORMATION**

**20**

List members, addresses, phone numbers, judges' status

**TOTAL POINTS**

**100**

**TGC YEARBOOK AWARD FOR AFFILIATES**

**submit one copy to TGC Yearbooks General Chairman by November 1**

A state award may be presented for the yearbook of an affiliate club.

## SCALE OF POINTS

### FORMAT

Book structure		<b>15</b>
Practicability: convenient, size, durability, neatness	3	
Cover - name of club, town, state, year, (design optional); if permanent type binder cover is used, substitute paper cover for contest		
Title page - name of club, town, state, year, number of members	2	
Subsequent pages - name and addresses of NGC & State President, District Director, National and state officers of Plant Society (if applicable) club officers & chairmen; club membership roster with complete mailing addresses, zip codes and phone numbers; calendar of events (other than regular meetings)	4 6	

### PROGRAM CONTENT

Goals for the ideal club program: study and activity of main interest of the affiliate (specific plant, specific purpose of the organization) should include <u>one</u> program or portions of programs on a NGC objective such as Birds, Blue Star Highways, Civic Development, Conservation, Flower Shows, Garden Therapy, Youth Gardening, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Legislation, Litter Control, Roadside Development, World Gardening, etc.		<b>85</b>
Club meetings		
At least seven meetings a year. Give information: When - date of meeting. Where - place of meeting. Who - name of speaker. What - title of speaker's subject. Extras - roll call, exhibits, social activities (optional); projects (optional). When theme is used, it should prevail in a majority of meetings		

### TOTAL POINTS

**100**

**YOUTH RELATED AWARDS  
OFFERED FOR ADULT WORK WITH YOUTH CLUBS**

**N-54 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

**submit to TGC Vice President/Youth Activities by November 1**

May be awarded for the most comprehensive program in the field of environmental education involving youth.

Category A: Single member garden club

- i. small club
- ii. medium club
- iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

Category D. State Garden Club

- i. small state
- ii. medium state
- iii. large state

**SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

**N-47 A, B, C YOUTH FLOWER SHOW OR YOUTH SECTION OF AN ADULT  
STANDARD FLOWER SHOW**

Youth organization/s or group/s e.g., Youth Garden Clubs, Scouts, Campfire Girls, school class, etc. Number of classes and exhibits in horticulture and design must satisfy the minimum requirements of a Small Standard Flower Show. Minimum of two (2) judged Education Exhibits required. Evaluating panel of judges must use Scale of Points for evaluating Standard Flower Shows and Book of Evidence must be submitted.

- A. Youth Flower Show held by one (1) NGC Youth clubs or groups sponsored by an NGC member club.
- B. Youth Flower Show held by two (2) or more NGC Youth Clubs or Youth groups, sponsored by an NGC member club.
- C. Youth participation in an Adult Standard Flower Show.
  - a. Youth section/sub-sections must be evaluated independently from the adults on a separate Scale of Points for Evaluating Standard Flower Shows by a panel of three (3) Accredited Flower Show Judges judging the show.
  - b. Book of Evidence must provide evidence of youth participation in writing the Youth section of the flower show schedule and in staging or in clerking in the Youth Section. (Pictures may serve as evidence).

**SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on pages 4 of this brochure)

**N-8 YOUTH HORTICULTURE EDUCATION**

**submit to TGC Vice President/Youth Activities by November 1**

May be awarded for the best promotion of gardening among youth; based on belief that youth should be educated to become future horticulturists.

Category A: Single member garden club

- i. small club
- ii. medium club
- iii. large club

Category B: Group of member clubs (Councils, Districts, etc.)

Category D: State Garden Club

- i. small state
- ii. medium state
- iii. large state

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

#### **N-60 JUNIOR LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**submit to TGC Vice President/Youth Activities by November 1**

May be awarded to an individual who has given outstanding service to youth as a leader of a Junior Garden Club.

Category C: Individual garden club member

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 4 of this brochure)

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**SOUTH CENTRAL REGION AWARDS RULES**  
**Awards, Rules, and name of SCR Awards Chairman**  
**or published in the Summer Edition of *The Communicator***  
**or available from the TGC Awards/Regional Chairman**

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Only federated clubs, members of federated clubs, and groups of federated clubs in good standing are eligible to apply or sponsor applicants.
2. **AWARDS YEAR:** January 1 through December 31. Two-year awards cover 24 consecutive months beginning January 1.
3. **SUBMIT ENTRIES TO:** Adult Awards #1 through #24 (except Unified Project and #13) are sent to South Central Region Award Chairman. Youth Awards are sent to appointed chairmen published in *The Communicator* or from the TGC Award/Regional Chairman.
4. **DEADLINE:** Entries must be received on or before February 1 (unless otherwise stated or required by NGC)
5. Entries may be continuing projects, but must include some work in the current awards year. A penalty of 5 points will be applied to continuing projects winning first place that are submitted the following year for consideration for the same award.
6. Your club must apply. No award will be given without an entry prepared according to SCR Rules.
7. **LENGTH OF ENTRY:** An entry may not exceed 10 surfaces, using front and back of 5 sheets of paper or 10 sheets of paper can be placed back to back in top loading plastic sheet protectors. No loose materials. The entry is submitted in a theme binder or amphile binder. A yearbook covering the awards year, necessary to complete an entry, may be stapled inside the back cover.
8. **ENTRY CARD:** Staple a 3 x 5 card to front cover of binder with following information: Number and Name of Award, Name of Club/Group of Clubs, City, Population, State, Number of Club Members, Year Club Federated, Name and Address of Current President, Name and Address of Person Submitting Entry (if different), Date State Dues Paid for current year.
9. **POSTAGE:** Enclose return postage if entry cannot be picked up at the Regional Convention.
10. **AWARDS:** Cash awards are offered for first place. Only first place winners grading 90 or above will receive cash awards (unless otherwise stated). Certificates may be awarded to other winning entries.

## **SOUTH CENTRAL REGION MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

**South Central Region Award** A \$25.00 cash award may be awarded to a single club with the greatest percentage of new members. Must apply and send yearbook from previous year and current year. (see competitive award section)

### **SCR AWARD #1 ARBOR DAY**

Arbor Day may be observed on any appropriate date – weather and circumstances permitting. This may be a new or continuing project. Public buildings, highway or esplanade beautification, schools, other civic buildings are a few suggestions for sites to select. Choose tree carefully with landscape design or area in mind. Seek publicity where possible. Plan an appropriate program. Invite the Mayor and other public officials. Program suggestions: FFA, youth, student government of secondary schools, Girl & Boy Scouts, children’s or adult theater groups, local dignitaries, Park & Recreation officials. Include an invocation, welcome addresses, appropriate music, introduction of guests and reading of any messages or proclamations received, poetry, history of Arbor Day, tree dedication and planting, recitation of conservation pledge, benediction, etc. A cash award: \$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place to single club

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

CONFORMS TO General Rules, neat and attractive presentation	10
ORIGINALITY of observance and program	10
PROJECT REPORT: Prior planning: site choice, tree species/variety, purpose, committee contacts, work, effort to create Arbor Day awareness	25
CLUB PARTICIPATION: active member participation, correlation of Arbor Day Observance and other activities, maintenance of planting	30
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: interest created by observance	15
DOCUMENTATION: newspaper, photos, letters, yearbook page/s	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### **SCR AWARD #2 BIRDS**

May be presented to a single club and group of clubs doing the best work toward conservation and knowledge of Birds. Suggested Projects: establish bird sanctuaries, work with youth, promote law enforcement relative to bird welfare, include nature trails and bird watching programs in year’s agenda, have a “Purple Martin Time”.

Award: Frances Willis Endowment for 1<sup>st</sup> place, single club: \$25.00  
\$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, group of clubs

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

CONFORMANCE TO GENERAL RULES: neat and attractive presentation	15
PROJECT/PROGRAM REPORT	65
CLUB AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION	10
SIGNIFICANCE OR SCOPE OF PROJECT/PROGRAM	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### SCR AWARD #20 CHURCH GARDEN

A cash award may be awarded to an individual, single garden club, or a group of garden clubs who has promoted the planning and/or planting of a church or synagogue garden. The garden must meet the needs of the congregation, appropriateness rather than the size, will be considered. (Suggestions: flower plantings, paved terraces, meditation garden, sculptures, etc.). Include drawing or landscape plan indicating proportions and material used. Must include before and after photographs.

Award \$30.00 1<sup>st</sup> place.

#### SCALE OF POINTS

CONFORMS TO GENERAL RULES: neat and attractive presentation	5
LANDSCAPE DESIGN	35
SUITABILITY of plant material for year round beauty	25
FITS congregation needs	20
MAINTENANCE	10
PHOTOGRAPHS before and after	5
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### SCR AWARD #3 CIVIC DEVELOPMENT

May be presented to a single club for a city landscape project: such as public buildings, municipal parks or gardens, median strips, libraries, museums, hospitals, schools, etc. Commercial projects are not eligible. May be a two year project. Entries must contain “before” and “after” pictures.

Award: \$25.00 to single club for 1<sup>st</sup> place  
\$15.00 to single club for 2<sup>nd</sup> place

#### SCALE OF POINTS

CONFORMS TO GENERAL RULES: neat and attractive presentation	10
SIGNIFICANCE OF SCOPE OF PROJECT/PROGRAM	25
HISTORY OF HOW PROJECT WAS FINANCED	15
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT	25
a. Degree of Improvement	15
b. Provision for Sustained Maintenance	10
USE OF PLANT MATERIAL	25
a. In Relation to Project	20
b. Use of Native Plants	5
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### SCR AWARD #4 CLUB PROGRAM

May be presented to a single club having the most outstanding program given by a member/s of that club. Program must stimulate interest in purpose and objectives of NGC. Program must be adaptable for presentation to other clubs of comparable size. Entry must be typewritten, between 3-10 pages.

Award: \$25.00 to single club for 1<sup>st</sup> place

### SCALE OF POINTS

CONFIRMS TO GENERAL RULES: neat and attractive presentation	10
DATE, PLACE, number present & by whom presentation given	5
TEXT OF ACTUAL PROGRAM: title and how listed in yearbook	70
WHY considered an outstanding program	10
INTEREST to clubs of comparable size in the future	5
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### SCR AWARD #6 COMMUNICATION

May be presented to a single club for the best promotion of the garden club movement.  
Award \$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place to a single club.

### SCALE OF POINTS

CONFORMANCE TO GENERAL RULES: Neat and attractive presentation	10
COMMUNICATION Report:	60
a.) printed: newspapers, magazine, bulletin clippings	
b.) TV, Radio, Public Access Cable: material covered, dates, stations	
c.) lectures, programs	
d.) projects that attract interest: flower show, civic beautification, etc.	
e.) 'Pat on Back' letters to other organizations, businesses	
INCREASE of members or formation of new clubs	15
DOCUMENTATION/EVIDENCE of community awareness of NGC club	15
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### SCR AWARD #7 COMMUNITY CONCERN

May be presented to a single club for project to make the day brighter and surroundings more pleasant for residents of nursing homes, retirement homes, school for challenged youth or adults, children's hospitals, etc., by presenting program/s, decorating, taking gifts and plants, holding special parties. Hands on participation encouraged. May be a single event or year-long project.  
Award: \$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> to single club.

### SCALE OF POINTS

CONFORMS TO GENERAL RULES: neat and attractive presentation	5
PROJECT REPORT	25
SCOPE OR WORTHINESS OF PROJECT/S	25
PRIOR PLANNING FOR PROJECT/S	5
MEMBER PARTICIPATION: percentages of members	10
RESIDENTS REACTION AND PARTICIPATION: number involved	15
DOCUMENTATION: photos, letters,	15
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### **SCR AWARD # 8A FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE**

May be presented to a single garden club for a well prepared Flower Show Schedule. Authority: *Handbook for Flower Shows, 2007.*

Award: \$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place single club.

### **SCR AWARD #8B FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE**

May be presented to a group of clubs for a well prepared Flower Show Schedule.

Award: \$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place group of clubs.

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

FORMAT - sturdy, neat, complete information for use of both exhibitors and judges	10
RULES - concise, specific, correct terminology. Includes General Rules, Award Rules,	20
REQUIRED horticulture and design division. Minimum 5 classes each division, one-half the classes to be horticulture	30
SPECIAL EXHIBITS: (refer to HB) Educational Exhibits, Youth Groups, Sponsored Groups, Artistic Crafts, Gardens, Commercial. Use clearly written word pictures to allow understanding of scope and nature of exhibits	30
THEME: original, distinctive, used effectively throughout the schedule	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### **SCR AWARD #9 FLOWER SHOW STAGING**

May be presented to a single club or group of clubs to promote new ideas in staging flower show in all divisions. Recycled, reusable and new materials are encouraged, if used in good taste. Book of Evidence must include a floor plan or scaled facsimile giving approximate space for easy flow of traffic; plan may be folded and placed in top loading cover. Six or more photographs to reveal the 'picture' of different, unusual type of staging. A complete description of each type of material and how used. List the outstanding feature NEW to the club or group of clubs.

Class A Single Club - 25 members or less      Class B Single Club - 26 to 50 members

Class C Single Club - 51 or more members      Class D Group of Clubs

Award: \$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place in each class

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

HORTICULTURE DIVISION	25
DESIGN DIVISION	25
EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS or displays (may include commercial and trades)	20
YOUTH, SPECIAL, INVITATIONAL	15
OVERALL artistic appearance and/or effect	15
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### **SCR AWARD #17 NOVICE FLORAL DESIGN**

May be presented to the Best Novice Design in a novice section of a Standard Flower Show. Must submit slide or photo of design; no ribbon or name show. Submit a copy of the Flower Show Schedule.

Award: \$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place.

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

CONFORMS to General Rules: neat and attractive presentation	5
DESIGN conforms to Flower Show Schedule	10
QUALITY OF DESIGN	40
DISTINCTION OF DESIGN	20
CREATIVITY OF DESIGN	25
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### **SCR AWARD #10 GARDEN THERAPY – GERIATRICS**

May be awarded to a single club for the best work in geriatric garden therapy. Most important factor should be the involvement of the older residents; how the club worked with the elderly instead of doing for or giving to them. All entries must show patient participation and be garden related such as: growing, artistic use of plants, study of birds, nature, conservation and landscaping. Award: \$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place to single club

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

CONFORMS TO GENERAL RULES: neat and attractive presentation	15
MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION: percentage of members, cooperation with institution	25
SCOPE AND PROGRAM QUALITY: garden related activities, projects. focus on degree patient participation, number of elderly residents reached	35
ACHIEVEMENT: value to patients continuity, plans for the future	25
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### **SCR AWARD #11A HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

May be awarded to a single garden club for tasteful, distinctive holiday decorations for a historical house/mansion. Award to promote knowledge of customs, decorating, and social-economics of period. Book of Evidence should show: research of period, creativity in decorating; club participation in the executed designs.

Awards: \$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place to single club

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

CONFORMS TO GENERAL RULES: neat and attractive presentation	5
QUALITY OF DESIGN EMBODIED IN THE OVERALL PLAN	20
SUITABILITY of materials for the period	25
MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION: extent of involvement	30
DISTINCTION: documentation	10
SIGNIFICANCE OF PROJECT	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### **SCR AWARD #11B HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

May be awarded to an individual garden club member who has shown dedication to the continuing challenge of reclaiming and preserving historic sites. The site does not have to be developed but must be recognized by local, state, or national authorities.

Award: \$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place to an individual garden club member

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

CONFORMS TO GENERAL RULES: neat and attractive presentation	5
SCOPE: SIGNIFICANCE and fulfillment of project	50
EXTENT of member involvement	35
DOCUMENTATION: proof of accomplishments	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### **SCR AWARD #12 LANDSCAPE DESIGN**

May be awarded to a single club for beautification of either public or private grounds. Award must reflect quality of design, arrangement of plant material and the functional choice of plant material for easy maintenance.

Award: \$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place to single club.

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

CONFORMS TO GENERAL RULES: neat and attractive presentation	5
LANDSCAPE DESIGN PLAN	35
SUITABILITY OF PLANT MATERIAL	30
COLOR AND TEXTURAL HARMONY	15
BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS	10
DOCUMENTATION: publicity	5
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### **SCR AWARD #14 LITTER CONTROL**

May be awarded to a single club and a group of clubs for the best anti-litter project stressing community involvement.

Award: \$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place to a single club

\$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place to group of clubs

A. Single Club

B. Group of Clubs

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

CONFORMS TO GENERAL RULES: neat and attractive presentation	5
DOCUMENTATION: before and after photos, publicity, letters, editorials	15
PARTICIPATION: involvement and accomplishments of adult group and/or Civic organizations toward eliminating litter problems in community as a direct result of garden club leadership and example	40
LEADERSHIP: program of leadership by club toward end result encouragement of better litter control law enforcement in community and/or procurement of new local legislation inspired by garden club/s	10
YOUTH PARTICIPATION: organized activities of youth groups	20

gardeners, scout groups, (need not be sponsored group/s) toward encompassing community effort

**TOTAL POINTS**

**100**

**SCR AWARD #15 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

**submit to SCR Awards Chairman by February 1**

May be presented to a single garden club in each state with the greatest percentage of new members. Another cash award may be presented to the overall winner in the four states. Send last year's yearbook and the current year's yearbook.

**SCR AWARD # 16 NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK**

May be presented to a single garden club for best promotion of National Garden Week

Award: \$25.00 1<sup>st</sup> place

**SCALE OF POINTS**

CONFORMS TO GENERAL RULES	5
PRESENTATION: neat and attractive presentation	10
SCOPE of PARTICIPATION	25
COMMUNITY AWARENESS	25
EDUCATIONAL VALUE	25
PUBLICITY	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**SCR #18 RADIO & TV**

May be presented to single club for producing the best Radio, TV, or Cable Garden Club program as either a single program or a series. May cover any facet of garden club projects, objectives, or activities. Public service announcements or subjects unrelated to garden club objective do not qualify.

Award: \$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place

**SCALE OF POINTS**

CONFORMS TO GENERAL RULES: neat and attractive presentation	5
NAME OF RADIO/TV STATION, CITY, CLUB MEMBERSHIP	15
PROGRAM/S: content, air time involved	45
COMMUNITY INTEREST: evidence on interest generated by program/s Calls, letters, comments, publicity	25
DOCUMENTATION: statement from radio or TV station verifying program	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**SCR AWARD #19 SWEEPSTAKES**

May be awarded to a single adult club winning the highest number of points for awards won at annual SCR Convention. Sweepstakes winner will be determined on these values:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place (Blue Ribbon)	3 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place (Red Ribbon)	2 pts

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Yellow Ribbon) 1 pts  
Award: \$25 cash for 1<sup>st</sup> place to a single club

### **SCR AWARD #21 WORLD GARDENING**

May be awarded to a single garden club for their contribution to a NGC project or a contribution directly to an International Affiliate to assist their country to obtain seeds, tools, books, or other garden related projects. The contribution may also be sent directly to an authorized garden related project in another country.

Award: \$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place to single club

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

CONFORMS TO GENERAL RULES: neat and attractive presentation, all activity and donations must be dated within the current awards year	20
DOCUMENTATION: Photo copy of check or International Money Order, correspondence, letters	60
CORRESPONDENCE with one or more International Affiliates	20
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### **SCR AWARD #5 CLUB YEARBOOK THEME**

A cash award to a single garden club for the most creative use of a theme carried throughout the programs for the year, incorporating the objectives of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Yearbook must be submitted that was in effect for the awards year.

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

CONFORMS TO GENERAL RULES	5
CREATIVITY/originality of theme - new concept	25
USE OF THEME in yearbook - consistent, evident, relevant	15
CORRELATION between theme and all club programs, projects, and activities - consistent, evident, relevant	45
YEARBOOK sturdy, well prepared, easy to use	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### **SCR #22 YOUTH PROGRAM**

May be presented to a single club best meeting the challenge of youth during the awards year. Suggestions: series of environmental meetings; Adopt a School; a complete program for youth (nature hikes, Flower Show, sponsored contest), or through High School, Intermediate or Junior Gardener activities.

Award: \$50.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place to single club

**SCR #23 ESSAY CONTEST SPONSOR**

May be awarded to the adult garden club sponsoring the winner of the SCR Youth Essay Contest.

Award: \$25.00

**SCR #24 SPEECH CONTEST SPONSOR**

May be awarded to the adult garden club sponsoring the winner of the SCR Youth Speech Contest.

Award: \$25.00

**SCR #76 HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROJECT**

The High School Distinguished Service Project Award and \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place may be awarded to a high school student, grades 9-12, for an outstanding civic project making a significant improvement for public benefit, e.g. environment, conservation, landscape, horticulture, recycling, horticulture therapy, others. A single member garden club, group of member clubs, districts, or a state garden club must sponsor the contest.

**SCR #25 PUBLICATION AWARD**

May be awarded for the best publication: bulletin, cookbook, procedure manual, handbook, or history. Submit three sample bulletins.

Award: \$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place to single club.

**SCALE OF POINTS**

GENERAL CHARACTER: informative and/or educational value	40
STYLE AND APPERANCE	40
READABILITY	20
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**SCR UNIFIED PROJECT**

**#12 UNIFED PROJECT – THE EMERALD AWARD**

The South Central Project 2007-2009 Unified Project is “Planting Native Plants and Trees”. Each state in our Region can be a winner – first place, \$125.00; second place, \$75.00; third place, \$60.00; and fourth place, \$40.00. All it takes is a Book of Evidence consisting of twelve (12) single pages, or six (6) pages front and back. Please encourage your garden club members to plant native plants and trees and report with pictures, newspaper articles, etc. to their state Unified Project Chairman. We are good gardeners and know the value of native plants and trees. Submit entry to your state Unified Projects Chairman by November 1, 2008.

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