

# TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

## YOUTH ORGANIZATION & AWARD BROCHURE

This Youth Organization & Award Brochure is an updated version of the 1997 revision and supersedes all former youth brochures. This brochure is in compliance with National Garden Clubs. Procedure, awards rules and requirements and deadlines are published in *The National Gardener*, September-October edition, odd-numbered years; corrections are published in the September-October edition, even-numbered years.

"Times are changing! NGC Youth Activities are also changing. Rather than working with an inflexible set of club rules for our youth, each garden club can help meet the needs of its community's children with a variety of different types of clubs. The membership of garden clubs is changing. Time is precious and must be used wisely. But it is more significant than ever that we interest our youth in learning to care for plants and their environment. It is important that adults help children to learn to be responsible for their world...." NGC

### YOUTH CLUBS

School systems have different terminology for junior high school and middle school, others have 9th grade with high school. To be equitable, clubs and awards are designated by grades.

Ecotots	Pre Kindergarten - Kindergarten
Junior Gardeners	1st - 6th grade
Intermediate Gardeners	6/7th - 9th grade
High School Gardeners	9/10th - 12th grade
Specials	

### YOUTH AWARDS PROGRAM

This brochure lists awards offered by National Garden Clubs, Texas Garden Clubs and South Central Region and the requirements necessary to compete. Awards, deadlines, cash awards and requirements are subject to change.

Youth need not be enrolled in a youth garden club to participate in Poster, Poetry, Speech, and Essay Contests.

## **PLEDGES FOR YOUTH**

### **JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB PLEDGE**

As a Texas Garden Clubs Youth Gardener, I promise to do all in my power to protect our birds, trees and flowers and to watch for opportunities to make and keep my community clean and beautiful.

### **CONSERVATION PLEDGE**

I give my pledge as an American to save, and faithfully defend from waste, the natural resources of my country - its soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife.

### **AUDUBON PLEDGE**

As a citizen of my country, I pledge myself to try in every way I can, to conserve its natural resources; its soil, water, plants and wildlife; and to protect them from harm and waste.

### **WILDFLOWER PLEDGE**

That the world may be more beautiful for all, I promise not to pluck flowers, nor destroy plants in woods and fields where they are unprotected - except as flourish abundantly, or in the nature of woods. All my influence shall be used to protect wildflowers from destruction by others.

## NATIONAL AND STATE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR ECOTOTS, JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS

- 1 Must be sponsored by a senior garden club that is a member of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. (automatically becoming a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.)
- 2 Must have a minimum of three (3) members for Ecotot clubs and four (4) members for Junior, Intermediate and High School Gardeners.
- 3 Any award with an N, NGC, or SCR before the number MUST adhere to the new National Requirements; Three pages, no folder, make a copy because any award forwarded will not be returned, include postage.
- 4 Must meet at least five (5) times during the club or school year. These meetings may include trips, service projects, flower shows, gardening, environmental projects, etc.
- 5 Types of clubs and grade levels

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- 6 Must register and pay dues to Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. each year for each club or unit (using form in back:
  - 1 Adult club must pay state dues and register youth garden clubs each year; form in back may be copied. TGC will register your youth club with NGC.
  - 2 Send dues of \$1.00 to Texas Garden Clubs Headquarters, 3111 Old Garden Road, Fort Worth, TX 76107-3498 by September 30 each year. Include name of youth club, number of members, city, district; leader's name and address; sponsoring club's name, president's name and address.
  - 3 Complete Registration Form and send to TGC Vice President/Youth Activities by September 30 of each year.
- 7 Awards
  - 1 Clubs wishing to participate in NGC and TGC awards must observe deadlines for club registration, awards deadlines and other requirements.
  - 2 NGC offers Youth Awards as described in *The National Gardener*, September-October edition in odd-numbered years ([www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)) and the TGC Youth Organization & Award Brochure; these awards are designated with the National Council number and award requirements.
  - 3 Unless stated otherwise, youth awards are judged by the local club, submitted to District Youth Chairman, sent to State for competition, then to Region, then to National for final competition.

- 4 Texas Garden Clubs offers additional awards; many are cash awards and are named and numbered as TGC-1, etc. Additions and changes in State awards are published in *The Lone Star Gardener*. Youth Chairmen are published in the July/August/September edition in odd-numbered years.
- 5 South Central Region offers several awards separate from State and National. The requirements and awards chairmen are found in the summer edition of *The Communicator*.
- 6 **Youth are not required to be enrolled in a youth garden club to participate in NGC Poster, Poetry, Speech and Essay Contests.**

## **HOW TO FORM YOUTH GARDEN CLUBS**

Youth garden clubs may be formed in several ways. However, all clubs must be sponsored by a member club of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

### **Clubs outside of school**

May be formed when a group of children or students desire to form a club. The sponsoring club may help by providing a meeting place, a leader and/or advisor, publicity, program help, etc. High School Gardeners may wish input into writing bylaws, program planning, etc.

### **Clubs within a school**

A member Garden Club may adopt a class with the teacher providing the leadership. The sponsoring club consults the teacher as to her needs for the presentation of horticulture, environmental issues, or presentation of floral design. Often school systems lack the funds for necessary equipment for science programs; sponsoring club may wish to provide equipment or books as well as share their special expertise in various areas. The children appreciate knowing that members of the community are interested in their projects and are willing to help them.

### **Working with established youth organizations**

Working with clubs, such as 4-H, Boy and Girl Scout troops, Camp Fire, Future Farmers, Y-Teens, Science and Ecology clubs, Future Homemakers, and Church groups provide opportunities for garden clubs to offer help with various programs.

### **Special Youth Clubs**

This type of club and its program is tailored to the needs of the children, their ability to participate, and the situation where meetings will be held.

## **SPECIAL YOUTH CLUBS**

Garden Club members may accomplish much in the field of working with challenged youth. Besides those who are physically, mentally, or emotionally challenged, there are those who suffer because of other circumstances. Challenged children can be found in schools, hospitals, migrant worker sites, community centers, shelters, etc. Not every club, every adult, nor every youth gardener find that they can meet the challenge of working in a special youth club. We need to share our knowledge, time and enthusiasm for gardening with children in need or crisis.

Special Clubs differ greatly from other youth clubs. There are no age divisions. A roster of members' names might be impractical as membership often fluctuates depending upon circumstances. The yearbook of a special club might consist of only information about sponsoring club, meeting dates and planned programs.

Special Clubs must be registered with VP/Youth Activities and TGC Headquarters the same as other Youth Garden Clubs. A space on the form has been provided for Special Clubs and for identifying the special need.

### **HOW TO ORGANIZE AND SPONSOR A SPECIAL YOUTH CLUB**

1. The sponsoring adult club must be willing to:
  - a. Underwrite expense for materials for the programs and projects. It is wise to set-up a budget so the leader and the club will know what to expect. Often projects can use materials from members' home gardens.
  - b. Secure a dedicated leader to plan and direct the programs and projects and sufficient members who are committed and emotionally able to work with these children. Other members can be used to prepare refreshments, collecting materials, etc.
2. Contact the chosen institution to see if volunteer groups are allowed; make an appointment with designated employee. Have leader discuss purpose of garden clubs and give plan of proposed programs and activities. Find out rules of the institution; be prepared to follow those rules.
3. Arrange meeting place at institution that will be adequate for proposed plans. Decide upon number of meetings per month and suitable meeting time.
4. Decide upon number of children that can be accommodated in the club. There are no required age limitations, but institution may assign children for suitability and ability of proposed program.

### **SPECIAL CLUBS FOR THE CHALLENGED INTELLIGENTLY, PHYSICALLY AND DEVELOPMENTALLY CHALLENGED**

Special Clubs may be formed in a public school system. Some schools "mainstream" the students with classes in regular schools; some have separate facilities. Although these clubs require no certain chronological age or grade divisions, children who are "mainstreamed" in upper elementary or middle school may adapt more easily. However, this would not preclude "high school" level. Schools that have separate facilities have a wider age range to choose from.

Do not try to work with too large a group as each child may require some assistance. Depending on the number of your workers and amount of material required, suggest the number you feel is feasible to work with. If "hands-on" activities are planned, ascertain what motor skills are required and ask that children be chosen accordingly. Find out how many school aides can be assigned as usually it is a rule that any school activity requires some school personnel present.

A creative, dedicated leader will find endless programs and activities suitable for the challenged. Not every program requires complicated "hands-on" activities; all love to have things they have made or things they have grown to take home. Children respond to learning about color, scents and textures. A follow-up "review" may amaze you on how much they have learned.

**Yearbook** Since the children are in a school, the number of members will not fluctuate as much as other special clubs might. The yearbook can include a roster of members' names, programs, projects and information about the sponsoring club. The yearbook provides a link between the club and the parents. When included in award applications, the yearbook provides the judges with information on the entire program and determine how well the programs and projects are carried out.

### **SPECIAL CLUBS FOR YOUTH IN HOSPITALS**

Hospital Clubs are designed for youth of all ages who are hospitalized recovering from accidents, from corrective surgery, for terminal illnesses, or intermittently hospitalized for therapy, etc. These clubs qualify as Special Youth Clubs and could also represent a worthwhile Garden Therapy project for the sponsoring adult garden club. Hospital Clubs are registered with the VP/Youth Activities and dues are paid to TGC Headquarters.

There is no set number of members required as the patients come and go. There are no age divisions. Activities are planned that children are able to participate in and to brighten the long hours they must spend in the hospital.

### **ORGANIZE A SPECIAL YOUTH HOSPITAL CLUB**

1. Approach club members to determine their willingness to underwrite such a program and to provide volunteers to help. Prepare a garden-related program to present to hospital.
2. Survey your hospitals that treat children. Visit the Volunteer Services Office of the hospital to see if youth garden club would be welcome and feasible. Present garden-related program. Discuss general rules pertaining to working with the children. If approved, your group must be cleared with the hospital and security badges issued.
3. The hospital will provide meeting room, specific meeting time, a staff member to help. Proposed activities must be cleared with hospital staff as pertains to members' physical limits, energy level or other unique needs. Your program may need to be tailored to specific needs such as wheelchair accessibility or be very flexible.
4. Good volunteers must have love and compassion and be willing to try. Realistically, volunteers need to ask themselves how they feel about cancer, sickle cell disease, AIDS or whatever type of disability you will be facing. Will the group be able to provide a program that is not only interesting but also fun? What special talents and hobbies can the sponsors share?

5. Volunteers are expected to abide by the code of ethics governing the hospital staff - respect all information as confidential, be pleasant, dignified and quietly efficient. Remember that as a volunteer, you represent the hospital; therefore you should act in a manner which commands public respect for both yourself and the hospital. Exercise the greatest discretion in discussing anything pertaining to patients.

### **OTHER SPECIAL YOUTH CLUBS**

**Homeless Shelters** would be another opportunity to form a youth club. There is the potential for adult and high school gardeners to teach community gardening at the shelter or nearby vacant lot to raise food and herbs for the table and flowers for the beauty. Children often spend a short time in the shelter; they could do projects such as posters, poetry, essays, story time.

**Battered Women's Shelters** give a woman and her children refuge for a night, a week, and even placement into "safe homes"; these shelters and homes usually have protected addresses and there would be specific requirements set by the administration. Children could participate in a vegetable and flower garden and make posters, poetry, essays. These children may have few belongings and would appreciate any gifts. House plants are welcome in shelter rooms and to take when mother and children are transferred into a safe house or apartment.

**Juvenile Detention System** has children serving community service rather than a fine for graffiti, vandalism, etc. A Special Youth Club could be formed to accomplish a specific project and give children a feeling of belonging and accomplishing a project that is worthwhile. Some children may only attend for one day, one week, or the summer. Depending upon their age, youth can dig and plant a new flower bed at a nursing home, load and spread mulch for a city building, plant trees in an older neighborhood, start tree seedlings for a city project, build paths at a nature center. The juvenile authorities would assign the youth best suited for this special club.

**Migrant Workers' Children** could be formed for the agriculture season only. These children often have sporadic schooling and the personal attention that a garden club member can offer is invaluable. This is an opportunity for high school gardeners to help. At the trailer park or a nearby community center, members can teach gardening skills, crafts, flower arranging; hold poster, poetry, essay contests; and hold a flower and garden show; provide art materials; etc. If only for a month or two, these children can be shown the beauty of nature that could last a lifetime.



## AWARDS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- 1 Awards Year covers the period of activity from January 1 to December 31. The exceptions are Yearbook and Scrapbook.
- 2 Most Youth Award applications are channeled through the District Youth Chairman. Always check each award description for deadline and to whom to submit the application.
- 3 Youth Awards Offered To Adult Clubs are sent directly to TGC Vice President/Youth Activities by November 1.
- 4 TGC VP/Youth Activities submits awards eligible for NGC awards to TGC National Awards Chairman by December 15.
- 5 It is not required that the youth gardeners prepare the applications; however, in case of Junior and Intermediate Gardeners, it is well to consult them on working toward an award. It then becomes "their" project. Older students may assist in taking photos, gathering materials, etc. The leader or sponsoring garden club member may assemble an application. Applications for Special Club awards will be prepared by an adult.
- 6 Attach to all awards a 3" x 5" card (paper clip to outside cover since card will be removed if award is submitted to NGC):  
Award Number/Name (and class)    Name of Club, City, District    Club Rating  
Number of Members    Name & Address of Current President    Date TGC and District dues paid
- 7 Book of Evidence
  - a. Presentation: three pages, no folder. Top of first page include number and name of award, name of club and city, number of members, President's name, address and phone number.
  - b. Make a copy of award for your records as awards forwarded to SCR and NGC may not be returned.
  - c. Written text: concise; covers all requirements in award description and Scale of Points for Achievement, Participation and Record.
  - d. Record: photocopies are permitted; yearbook pages are not needed as documentation.
  - e. No Table of contents or Summary needed. (Summary appears on Application Form)
  - f. When the same project is eligible for various awards, submitting exact duplication of books is not acceptable.
8. TGC offers a state Scrapbook Award. The scrapbooks may be 12" x 14" with no loose material.
9. Submit one yearbook (binder not required) for TGC-3 Irene Blanke Yearbook Award. Yearbooks may be as simple as a folded piece of paper. Youth yearbook or yearbook pages may be required in book of Evidence. A Special Club, such as Hospital club or club in a shelter, may choose not to issue a yearbook.

10. Postage: Include enough postage for the award to be sent by the District Chairman to the State Chairman and enough postage for the award to be returned to the club. Send small denomination stamps; do not send cash. Any unused postage will be returned. Pack carefully to avoid damage.
11. Return Award: Awards that were not eligible to be submitted for State competition will be returned to the clubs as the spring District convention. It is the responsibility of the district Directors to return the awards to the clubs.
12. A student is not required to be a member of a youth garden club to enter poster, poetry, speech and essay contests. Entries are submitted by a federated garden club.

**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.  
SCALE OF POINTS**

<b>PRESENTATION</b> – neat, concise, includes all required information, does not exceed 3 pages	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, resident in facilities, other	15
<b>RECORD OR DOCUMENTATION</b> – supporting data (as applicable), clear, well-labeled and neatly attached before and after photographs, landscape plan, letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles, radio or TV script, etc. Photocopies are permitted.	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## **YOUTH NON-COMPETITIVE AWARDS**

### **N 47 YOUTH STANDARD FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS, INTERMEDIATE, AND/OR JUNIOR GARDEN CLUBS - RED ROSETTE**

**submit to District Flower Show Chairman by November 1**

May be separate Standard Flower Show or part of an adult Standard Flower Show. Represented by a Red Rosette.

- A. One NGC youth club, minimum of one Special Exhibit required.
- B. Two or more NGC Youth Clubs, minimum of two Special Exhibits

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

(see National Scale of Points on page 10 of this brochure)

## **YOUTH COMPETITIVE AWARDS**

### **NGC Award Rules 1-5, 7-9 apply for Youth Awards**

#### **N-10 JUNIOR AND/OR INTERMEDIATE GARDEN CLUBS**

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

May be awarded to the Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club, sponsored by a member Garden Club, which through its own efforts has been most successful in promoting all phases of garden club work. Indicate grade/s, sponsor, and include Yearbook in Book of Evidence.

\*\* A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$25.00 cash award may be presented to the state winner.

- A. Grades 1-3
- B. Grades 4-6
- C. Grades 7-9

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(Do not enter overlapping applications with Awards 14, 32, and 33)

**N-14 HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT BY A JUNIOR AND/OR INTERMEDIATE  
GARDEN CLUB**

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

May be awarded for outstanding horticultural activity by a Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club sponsored by a member Garden Club. Indicate grade/s, sponsor, and include Yearbook in Book of Evidence. Do not duplicate with other junior and/or intermediate awards.

\* \* The **HAZEL TUTTLE MEMORIAL HORTICULTURE STUDY AWARD** (in memory of Hazel McCoy's mother) A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a monetary award of \$15.00 may be presented to the state winner.

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(see National Scale of Points on page 10 of this brochure)

**N-32 CONSERVATION AWARD FOR JUNIOR AND/OR INTERMEDIATE GARDEN CLUB**

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

May be awarded to the Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club, sponsored by a member Garden Club, which has successfully carried out the most outstanding conservation project. Indicate grade/s, sponsor, and include Yearbook in Book of Evidence.

\*\* A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$25.00 cash award may be presented to the state winner.

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**N-33 HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD**

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

May be awarded to the unit of High School Garden Club sponsored by a member Garden Club that has carried out the best all-around gardening program. Only organized units of the 10th, 11th, and 12th grade age groups, sponsored by member Garden Clubs, are eligible to apply. Indicate grade/s, sponsor, and include Yearbook in Book of Evidence.

\*\* A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$25.00 cash award may be presented to the state winner.

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**N-55 HAZEL MCCOY YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN AWARD**

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

May be awarded to a youth garden club sponsored by a member Garden Club for the most comprehensive program in the field of environmental concern, e.g. horticulture, landscaping, anti-litter, restoration, others.

\*\* A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$12.50 cash award may be presented to the state winner in each category:

- A. 1st-6th grade
- B. 7th - 12th grade (categories for state use only)

**SCALE OF POINTS**

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**N-65 JUNIOR HORTICULTURE AWARD**  
**submit to District Youth Chairman by November 1**

May be awarded to a junior garden club, sponsored by a member Garden Club, for the most significant effort in planting and growing horticulture in an outdoor area. Participants may seek advice from any source, but must do the actual gardening themselves.

A. Pre-school - 3rd Grade                      B. 4th grade - 6th grade

\*\* A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$25.00 cash award may be presented to the state winner in each category.

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## **YOUTH AWARDS OFFERED TO ADULT CLUBS**

### **N-8 YOUTH HORTICULTURE EDUCATION AWARD**

**submit to TGC VP/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.

- A. Single member Garden Club
  - i. small club
  - ii. medium club
  - iii. large club

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### **N-60 MARY LOUISE MICHIE JUNIOR LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**submit to TGC VP/Youth Activities by November 1**

May be presented to an individual who has given outstanding service to the youth of our country as a leader of a Junior Garden Club.

- C. Individual garden club member

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## **USDA FOREST SERVICE POSTERS**

**submit to District Youth or Youth Poster Chairman by deadline published in**

***Lone Star Gardener* or *The National Gardener* the deadline is set by USDA Forest Service National Council** may offer a Certificate and cash award/savings bond to the winners of the USDA Forest Service Poster Contest in each grade level. Certificates are presented to runners-up in each grade level.

\*\* A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$5.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1st place winner, \$3.00 2nd place, \$1.00 3rd place in each school grade.

\*\* Additional TGC Award Certificate and cash awards may be presented to the state 1st place winning Special Students 1st - 5th Grade.

### **SMOKEY BEAR**

Smokey Bear is a highly recognized, internationally known symbol of forest fire prevention. The original Smokey Bear was designed by artist Albert Staehle in August 1944 at the request of the Forest Service and the Wartime Advertisement Council. Smokey first appeared on a poster where he was dumping a bucket of water on an abandoned campfire.

The Smokey we know today is dressed in a khaki colored ranger's hat and blue jeans, carrying a shovel. His message, "Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires", has grown in importance as more people are visiting the forests and increasing numbers are building homes in and near forested areas.

Encouraging youngsters to create their individual concepts of Smokey Bear through the poster contest will help them learn the importance of preventing carelessness and unwanted human-caused wildland fires (camp fires, burning trash, and arson) and the effects on life, property, and natural resources.

### **WOODSY OWL**

Woodsy Owl is a well known national icon symbolizing natural resource conservation. Since 1971, Woodsy has been helping parents and teachers inspire youngsters to observe, explore and actively care for the environment. Woodsy is dressed in an eggshell shirt, forest green pants with a brown leather belt with a gold metal buckle with a big W on it. He has a green Robin Hood hat with a red feather tucked into the side. His backpack and hiking boots are tan/gray. Woodsy's wings and ear tufts are golden brown and his face is cream with big white eyes and black pupils. His new backpack, hiking shoes and field outfit, make Woodsy sportier and better equipped to be with the children to explore their surroundings and to learn about conserving, reusing, and recycling resources.

Woodsy also challenges children to "Lend a Hand - Care for the Land". Poster entries should incorporate the image and messages of Woodsy Owl and encourage children to take a person role in helping maintain a healthy environment.

Awards are due to District by December 1, State by January 1 and to SCR by February 15.



## USDA FOREST SERVICE POSTER CONTEST RULES

- 1 Posters must use Smokey Bear in the picture and be based on the theme "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires".
- 2 Posters must use Woodsy Owl in the picture and be based on the theme "Lend a Hand - Care for the Land!"
- 3 Posters are to be completed by individual artists. No child can enter more than one Forestry poster, either Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl but not both.
- 4 Competition may include: 1st through 5th grade.  
\*\* TGC offers Certificates and cash awards to Special Students 1st - 5th Grade (Special students are not eligible for NGC competition)  
\*\*\* South Central Region offers Certificates and cash awards to Special Students 1st - 6th grades. (6th grade & Special students are not eligible for NGC competition)
- 5 Posters will be judged 20% each for: originality, design, slogan, artwork, and overall effectiveness of the message.
- 6 Size of poster entry: 11 inches by 17 inches.
- 7 Materials: crayons, markers, poster paints, water colors, etc. Bold colors are best. No three-dimensional posters, no computer scanned images will be accepted!
- 8 The artist's name, grade, school, and sponsoring club must be printed on the back of the lower right corner of the poster. Do not use dark marker as it might show through.
- 9 Local clubs are to judge and submit only the first place winner in each school grade to the TGC Youth Forest Service Poster Chairman.
- 10 The State Poster Chairman will send the first place winning poster in each grade to the South Central Region Chairman for judging
- 11 All national entries become the property of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and USDA Forest Service.
- 12 The USDA Forest Service sets the deadline for national contest, so the deadline for submitting the posters to District, State and Region may vary from year to year.

**TGC ENVIRONMENTAL POSTER CONTEST**  
**submit to District Youth Poster Chairman by November 1**  
(confirm deadline published in *Lone Star Gardener* or *The National Gardener*)

Each year TGC sponsors a poster contest on a given topic for children to express themselves; the title is published in *Lone Star Gardener* for the current year.

\*\* A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$3.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1st place winner, \$2.00 2nd place, \$1.00 3rd place in each school grade.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- 1 Posters are to be completed by individual artists.
- 2 Competition may include: 1st through 6th grades and Special Education.
- 3 Posters will be judged 30 pts for originality and artwork, 25 pts design, 20 pts message (labeling, etc.
- 4 Size of poster entry: 11 inches by 17 inches. No three dimensional posters allowed.
- 5 The artist's name, address, age, school grade and sponsoring club must be printed on the back of the poster. Do not use dark marker as it might show through.
- 6 Local clubs are to judge and may submit the top three (3) posters in each school grade to the District Youth Poster Chairman by November 1.
- 7 District Chairman may submit the top three posters in each school grade to the State Poster Chairman.
- 8 The State Poster Chairman will send the first place winning poster in each grade to the South Central Region Chairman for judging.

**TGC ECOTOT POSTER CONTEST**  
**submit to District Youth Poster Chairman by November 1**  
(confirm deadline published in *Lone Star Gardener* or *The National Gardener*)

Each year TGC sponsors a poster contest on a given topic for children to express themselves; the title and any other requirements are published in *Lone Star Gardener* for the current year.

\*\* A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$5.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1st place winner, \$3.00 2nd place, \$1.00 3rd place in each school grade.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- 1 Posters are to be completed by individual artists.
- 2 Competition may include: pre-school through kindergarten.
- 3 Size of poster entry: 11 inches by 17 inches. No three dimensional posters allowed.
- 4 The artist's name, address, age, school grade and sponsoring club must be printed on the back of the poster. Do not use dark marker as it might show through.
- 5 Local clubs are to judge and may submit the top three (3) posters in each school grade to the District Youth Poster Chairman.
- 6 District Chairman may submit the top three posters in each school grade to the State Poster Chairman by November 1.
- 7 The State Poster Chairman will send the first place winning poster in each grade to the South Central Region Chairman for judging by December 1.
- 8 All national entries become the property of NGC.

## NGC POETRY CONTEST

**submit to District Youth Poetry Chairman by November 1**  
(confirm deadline published in *Lone Star Gardener* or *The National Gardener*)

Each year NGC sponsors a poetry contest on a given topic for children to express themselves; the title is published in *The National Gardener* for the current year.

\*\* A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$5.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1st place winner, \$3.00 2nd place, \$1.00 3rd place in each school grade.

### REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Competition may include kindergarten through 9th grade.
- 2 Include name, address, age and school grade of participant on back of entry.
- 3 Sponsoring club must also be identified.
- 4 Poems do not have to rhyme.
- 5 Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems or Haiku.
- 6 Poems to be judged: 10 pts title, 40 pts content, 30 pts creativity, 20 pts style.
- 7 All poems must be judged by local club. Each club may submit the top three poems in each school grade to District Chairman by November 1.
- 8 District Chairman may submit the top three poetry entries in each school grade to the State Youth Poetry Chairman by December 1.
- 9 The State Poetry Chairman will send the first place winning poetry in each grade to the South Central Region Chairman for judging by January 1.
- 10 All national entries become the property of National Garden Clubs.
- 11 Winning entries will be compiled into a booklet which will be made available to the national winners.

## SCR AWARD #17 YOUTH BIRD AWARD

**Submit to your State Chair by January 24, SCR Chairperson by February 15**

South Central Bird of the Year will be announced at the beginning of each SCR term by the Bird Awards Chairman and published in the Communicator.

1. All poster entries must be sponsored by a local Garden Club.
2. Posters must feature the "SCR Bird of the Year".
3. Each entry should be 11 x 17 inches in size.
4. Materials that can be used include: crayons, markers, poster paints, water colors, etc. The choice of paper is up to the child.
5. No three-dimensional posters, computer scanned or electronically generated images will be accepted.
6. Put the following information on the back of the poster in the lower right corner: The artist's name and grade, the name of the sponsoring local garden club, and the name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of the contact at the local garden club (such as the Club President or the Youth Chair). If it is permissible, please include the teacher's name, and the address, phone number, and e-mail address for the artist and/or their parent or guardian. Be cautious if using a dark marker as it may show through. This information may be either written directly on the back of the poster or written on a separate sheet of paper that is then pasted in place.

7. Posters are to be completed by individual student artists. Competition may include students from the first to the fifth grade.
8. The local Garden Club Chair must submit the poster entries to his or her state Chairman no later than January 24, annually. The State Garden Club Chair must submit the five winning posters from his or her state to Regional Garden Club Chairman by February 15, annually.
9. Posters will be judged 25 percent each for: originality, method, artwork, and overall effectiveness of the piece.
10. Any group of children can participate. Scout troops, after-school programs, and the like are perfectly appropriate. Please make sure the child's grade is included on the poster so that the participant can compete in the correct grade category.
11. Please copy your winning posters as they will not be returned.
12. Posters may include artwork pasted upon a second piece of paper. However, they must be flat. 3D posters are not allowed.

### **NGC YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST**

**Submit to District Youth Chairman by November 1, SCR Sculpture Chair by January 15**

The purpose of this contest is to encourage youth to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving our environment.

1. Children in 4th grade through 8th grade will be eligible to enter the contest
2. Sculptures must consist of recyclable, reused and reduced materials
3. Width of the sculpture can be no more than 8 1/2 x 11 inches
4. Height should be in proportion to width
5. Entry form can be found on page 34 of this manual and the NGC website,  
**[www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)**
6. Entries should include as many photographs as can be printed on the back of the entry form but 2-4x6 photographs are recommended
7. Club entries must be sent to State Chairman. **Observe State Deadlines.** State Winners must be sent to **Region** Chairman by January 15, 2012 and Region Winners must be sent to **National** Chairman by February 15, 2012
- 8. Scale of Points**  
Creative use of materials and self expression-60 points  
Description of sculpture and materials used-30 points  
Craftsmanship and technique-10 points
9. For additional information, contact NGC Youth Sculpture Contest Chair,

**TGC HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST**  
**submit to District Youth Chairman by November 1**

(confirm deadline published in *Lone Star Gardener* or *The National Gardener*)

Each year TGC sponsors a speech contest on a given topic published in *Lone Star Gardener* for the current year.

\*\* A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$500.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1st place winner, \$250.00 2nd place, \$25.00 3rd place. The three top speech contestants will be invited to present their speeches at the Spring State Convention.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- 1 Competition may include high school students attending 9th through 12th grades.
- 2 The contest must be sponsored by a federated club/s, a council, or state federation.
- 3 Length of speech: between 6-9 minutes.
- 4 Notes may be used.
- 5 Sponsoring club should send a CD and manuscript. Make a copy for your records as they may not be returned.
- 6 Students should provide an opportunity to deliver his/her speech to a live audience for local and, if possible, state judging.

**SCALE OF POINTS**

<b>CONTENT</b>		<b>55</b>
	Knowledge of subject	25
	Subject matter well organized	15
	Practicality of proposal	5
	Creativity - originality	5
	Conformance to time	5
<b>ORATION</b>		<b>35</b>
	Clarity and presentation	20
	Voice inflection/enunciation	10
	Emphasis	5
<b>MANUSCRIPT</b>		<b>10</b>
	Wallet-size photograph, name, address, phone number, school attending, grade, list of activities.	
	sponsoring club	5
	Neatness - legibility (a plastic folder keeps manuscript neat)	5
	<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**NGC HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST**  
**submit to District Youth Chairman by November 1**

(confirm deadline published in *Lone Star Gardener* or *The National Gardener*)

Each year NGC sponsors an essay contest; the title is published in *The National Gardener* for the current year. The national winner will receive a \$1000 scholarship, 2nd place will receive \$100.00.

\*\* A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$100.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1st place winner, \$50.00 2nd place, \$25.00 3rd place in each school grade.

\*\*\* South Central Region offers a special regional only award to 7th - 9th grade students. Do not confuse NGC Essay Award with SCR Youth Award III. Requirements in *The Communicator*.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- 1 Competition may include high school students attending 9th through 12th grades.
- 2 The contest must be sponsored by a federated club/s, a council, or state federation.
- 3 Length of essay: between 600-700 words.
- 4 Entry will be penalized if the essay does not conform to the required length. All words are to be counted.
- 5 Students should write the essay so that it is suitable to be published in *The National Gardener*. Entries become the property of NGC.

**SCALE OF POINTS**

CONTENT		65
Knowledge of subject	25	
Subject matter well organized	15	
Practicality of proposal	10	
Originality	15	
COMPOSITION		25
Vocabulary	15	
Conformance to length	10	
MANUSCRIPT		10
Wallet-size photograph, name, address, phone number, school attending, grade, list of activities.		
sponsoring club	5	
Neatness - legibility (a plastic folder keeps manuscript neat)	5	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>100</b>

**TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS AWARDS**  
**ELIGIBLE FOR TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS AWARDS ONLY**  
**clubs must be registered with Vice President/Youth Activities**

**TGC - 1 ARBOR DAY AWARD**

**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 winner in each category. May be awarded for the most outstanding observance of Arbor Day by high school, intermediate, junior or Ecotot garden clubs.

- A. Pre-K - 6th grades      B. 7th - 12th grades

**SCALE OF POINTS**

<b>SCOPE</b>		<b>70</b>
	Prior planning: site choice, tree type, purpose to serve, committee contacts, workshops, effort to create Arbor Day awareness	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
	<b>ORIGINALITY</b> - observance and program	10
	<b>PRESENTATION</b> - conforms to General Rules, neatness, attractiveness	10
	<b>DOCUMENTATION</b> - newspaper, photos, letters, yearbook, etc.	10
	<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

\*\* National Arbor Day is the 4th Friday in April. Because of variance in climates in different areas of Texas, Texas Arbor Season is from the 3rd Friday in January to the 3rd Friday in April. You may observe Arbor Day between above dates as suitable for your area.

Site Selection: school grounds, public or other civic buildings, highways or esplanade beautification, etc. Consider source of water and maintenance. May be continuing project or new project.

Guests: invite parents, teachers, and/or public officials and/or park officials. May include FFA, Scout Troops, Campfire, etc.

Program: plan an appropriate program such as invocation, music, introduction of guests, welcome addresses, speakers, extras such as poem or Arbor Day history, tree planting and dedication, Conservation pledge, benediction - seek to be original.

**TGC -2 SCRAPBOOK AWARD FOR JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, AND  
HIGH SCHOOL GARDEN CLUBS**

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

A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$12.50 cash award may be presented to the state 1st place winner in each category. May be awarded to the scrapbook prepared by high school, intermediate, junior garden clubs. With the exception of typing, all work must be done by club members. Indicate grade.

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Division I One Year Scrapbook | Division II Two Year Scrapbook |
| A. 1st - 6th Grades           | A. 1st - 6th Grades            |
| B. 7th - 12th Grades          | B. 7th - 12th Grades           |

**SCALE OF POINTS**

COVER name of city, year/s covered, durable, practical	5
CONTENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION	25
Fly page or protective cover 1; Title page: club, city, years 1; Table of Contents 1; Publicity channels 1; Yearbook 5; Synopsis of club history 6; General artistic merit: liberal margins, space, neatness 5; Chronological order: articles, publications, pictures in order of date 5.	
PROGRAM OF WORK FOR THE YEAR	70
Activities: pilgrimages, scrapbooks, workshops, etc.	10
Programs: conservation, design, horticulture, nature study, house plants (well balanced)	40
Projects: Flower Show, garden therapy, conservation, litter control, wildflower preservation, World Gardening, birds, backyard habitat, etc.	20
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

Scrapbook Preparation: Be sure each program, project and activity is listed in Table of Contents. Do not include party favors, place cards, etc. Photographs make the difference between interesting and mediocre. Refer to TGC Scrapbook Brochure for additional ideas. Scrapbook should be wrapped securely for mailing.

**TGC - 3 IRENE BLANKE YEARBOOK AWARD FOR JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE,  
AND HIGH SCHOOL GARDEN CLUBS**

**submit one yearbook to District Youth Chairman by November 1**

A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$10.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1st place winner in each class, and \$5.00 to 2nd place winner in each class. Yearbooks to be accepted for competition either on the calendar year or the club year. Indicate Grade.

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| A. 4th - 6th Grades | B. 7th - 8th Grades | C. 9th - 12th Grades |
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**SCALE OF POINTS**

COVER name of club, city, state, club year, design optional	5
TITLE PAGE name of club, city, state, club year, number of members, date of organization, sponsoring club, affiliations with NGC, TGC	5
SUBSEQUENT PAGES	15
Table of Contents; name of sponsoring club and president; club leader; youth club president (theme optional); officers; committee chairmen; projects;	



programs: date, location, topic, speaker; name, address and phone number of members.

Options: roll call, calendar of other events, order of business, bylaws

<b>PROGRAM CONTENT</b>		<b>75</b>
a. At least five regular meetings	5	
b. Monthly programs - date, location, speaker; may include trips, service projects; well-balanced: gardening, environmental, conservation, design, horticulture, nature study, house plants , garden therapy, conservation, litter control, wildflower preservation, World Gardening, birds, backyard habitat, etc.	25	
c. Participation in at least one Standard Flower Show	10	
d. Study and activity on one outstanding project/topic throughout the year	20	
e. Indication of member participation	15	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>100</b>

**TGC - 4 CAMPUS CLUBS - CLUBS IN SCHOOL  
submit to District Youth Chairman by November 1**

A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate may be presented to the state 1st place winner in each Division and Class for an in-school club, sponsored by a member Garden Club, in recognition of cooperation between garden club and school in promotion and education in some phase/s of garden work. Indicate classroom grade/s.

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| <p><b>A. One School Class</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 4th - 6th Grade</li> <li>2. 7th - 9th Grade</li> <li>3. 10th - 12th Grade</li> </ol> | <p><b>B. Two or more School Classes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 4th - 6th Grade</li> <li>2. 7th - 9th Grade</li> <li>3. 10th - 12th Grade</li> </ol> |
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**SCALE OF POINTS**

SUBJECTS AND SCOPE of program presented: horticulture, environment, gardening, backyard habitat, conservation, litter, houseplants, etc.	40
PRESENTATION of material, teaching methods, projects, results; include photos	30
SPONSORING CLUB INVOLVEMENT show extent of involvement	10
YOUTH PARTICIPATION show extent of participation by students; number reached	10
EDUCATIONAL VALUE	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

A member Garden Club may adopt a class with the teacher providing the leadership. The sponsoring club consults the teacher as to her needs for the presentation of horticulture, environmental issues, floral design, etc.

## **TGC YOUTH AWARDS OFFERED TO ADULT CLUBS**

### **TGC - 5 CLUB PROGRAM AWARD FOR SPONSORING CLUB OF SPECIAL YOUTH CLUB**

**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 1st place winning Sponsoring Club of a Special Youth Club in recognition of overall excellence for program planned and executed for the special club. State total program to show range and suitability of projects and activities planned and their purpose and explain any unique method, approach or problem.

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

YOUTH PARTICIPATION	show participation	30
MEETINGS	minimum of five meetings	15
PROGRAMS	well-rounded programs related to NGC and TGC objectives: horticulture, design, birds, conservation, litter, etc.	30
PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES	suitability and effectiveness of activities in relation to youth's needs and abilities	15
DOCUMENTATION	photos, letters of appreciation, yearbook, etc.	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>100</b>

### **TGC - 6 HORTICULTURE AWARD FOR SPONSORING CLUB OF SPECIAL YOUTH CLUB/S**

**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 1st place winning Sponsoring Club of a Special Youth Club which demonstrates the greatest progress in teaching the fundamentals of planting and growing horticulture.

#### **SCALE OF POINTS**

HORTICULTURE AWARENESS		55
	suitability of plant material used	10
	study of propagation methods	15
	study of plant needs	15
	evidence of results	15
METHOD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT	teaching methods, effectiveness, suitability	10
PARTICIPATION	total participation of sponsoring members	15
SCOPE & DOCUMENTATION		20
	planning and time allotted to workshops and/or hands-on outdoor activities, yearbook or month by month outline	10
	photographs, publicity, letters of appreciation, etc.	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>100</b>

**TGC - 7 MARY JO BAIRD ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR SPECIAL YOUTH HOSPITAL CLUBS**

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

A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$15.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1st place and \$10.00 to the state 2nd place winning Sponsoring Clubs of a Special Youth Hospital Club for outstanding achievement in working with youth in a hospital.

**SCALE OF POINTS**

PRESENTATION neat, concise, meets requirements		15
SCOPE OF ACHIEVEMENT		50
Programs planned, well-balanced, number of programs	20	
Original or unusual methods, considering limitations of members and hospital setting	15	
Scope of accomplishment	15	
PARTICIPATION number of youth reached and participation		10
DOCUMENTATION photos, letters of appreciation, examples of work if available, yearbook if prepared, publicity, etc.		10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>100</b>

**TGC - 8 ACHIEVEMENTS FOR ANY OTHER SPECIAL YOUTH CLUB**

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

A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$15.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1st place winning Sponsoring Club of a Special Youth Club for youth in crisis or need such as Battered Women's Shelters, Homeless Shelters, etc. Applications may be sub-divided according to type of service.

**SCALE OF POINTS**

PRESENTATION neat, concise, meets requirements		15
SCOPE OF ACHIEVEMENT		50
Programs planned, well-balanced, number of programs	20	
Original or unusual methods, considering limitations of members and setting	15	
Scope of accomplishment	15	
PARTICIPATION number of youth reached and participation		10
DOCUMENTATION photos, letters of appreciation, examples of work if available, publicity, etc.		10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>100</b>

**TGC – 9 INA BRUNDRETT ACIEVEMENT AWARD FOR SPONSORING YOUTH  
POETRY, ENVIRNOMENTAL 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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGION AWARDS FOR  
ADULT CLUBS WORKING WITH YOUTH**

- 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.
- 3 **Deadline:** submit to South Central Region Award Chairman by February 1 unless otherwise stated.
- 4 Entries may be continuing projects, but must include some work in the current awards year.
- 5 Awards requiring **Book of Evidence:**
  - 1 Submit 3 pages, no binder or plastic pages
  - 2 On top of first page list award number and name, name and city of club, number of members, President's name and address and phone number.
  - 3 no loose materials
  - 4 a yearbook covering the awards year, if necessary to complete an entry, may be stapled inside the back cover
  - 5 **Postage:** enclose enough postage for entry to be returned after the Regional Convention if unable to pick up entry in person
  - 6 **Cash Awards:** only 1st place winners scoring 90 or above will receive cash awards.
  - 7 A penalty of 5 points will be applied to continuing projects if they won 1st place the previous year

**SCR-22 YOUTH PROGRAM *club submits Book of Evidence to SCR Award Chairman by February 1***

A South Central Region Certificate and a \$50.00 cash award may be given to the single club best meeting the challenge of youth during the awards year. This could be through a series of environmental meetings, a complete program for youth, such as nature hikes, Flower Shows, speech contests, Adopt-a-School, etc. through High School, Intermediate or Junior Gardeners activities.

### **SCR-23 HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST SPONSOR AWARD**

A South Central Region Certificate and a \$25.00 cash award may be given to the adult garden club sponsoring the winner of the Regional Youth Speech Contest.

## **SOUTH CENTRAL REGION YOUTH AWARDS**

### **SCR-2 HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST WINNER AWARD**

*Entries are submitted by the State Youth Essay Contest Chairman to Regional Chairman*

A South Central Region Certificate and a \$100.00 cash award may be given to the winner of the South Central Region's Essay Contest. Entries are submitted by the State Youth Essay Contest Chairman.

### **SCR-3 ENVIRONMENTAL POSTERS**

*Entries are submitted by the State Youth Poster Chairman to the Regional Chairman*

A South Central Region Certificate and a \$10.00 cash award may be given to the 1st place winner in each grade for the best poster using the same subject as the NGC Junior Gardeners Poster topic for the current year. (Kindergarten not eligible for NGC award)

Class 1. Kindergarten	Class 5. 4th Grade
Class 2. 1st Grade	Class 6. 5th Grade
Class 3. 2nd Grade	Class 7. 6th Grade
Class 4. 3rd Grade	Class 8. Specials

### **SCR-4 FOREST SERVICE POSTER CONTEST**

*Entries submitted by the State Woodsy Owl/Smokey Bear Poster Chairman to Regional Chairman*

A South Central Region Certificate and a cash award may be given to the 1st place winner in each division of the USDA Forest Service poster contest.

Divisions:

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|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 1. 1st Grade | 3. 3rd Grade | 5. 5th Grade | 7. Special Students |
| 2. 2nd Grade | 4. 4th Grade | 6. 6th Grade |                     |

### **SCR-5 JUNIOR ARBOREAL AWARD**

*Entries are submitted by the club to the Regional Youth Arboreal Chairman*

A South Central Region Certificate and a \$25.00 cash award may be given to the Youth Group (no age restriction) planting the largest number of trees suitable to the group's location in any club year. Trees may be purchased, acquired from the Forestry Service, Highway Department, etc. or moved from wooded areas with proper permission. Pictures, letter from advisor or news clipping/s suggested for supporting evidence.

### **SCR-6 JUNIOR CLUB PROGRAM AWARD**

*Entries are submitted by the club to the Regional Intermediate Youth Activities Chairman by February 1*

A South Central Region Certificate and a \$20.00 cash award may be given to the club giving the

most interesting single program for a Junior Club.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- 1 List of youth members, sponsoring club members and any others participating
- 2 Photographs of the event
- 3 Complete description of the program

**SCR-7 ART CONTEST**

*club submits entries direct to South Central Region Intermediate Youth Activities Chairman by February 1*

A South Central Region Certificate and a \$15.00 cash award may be given to the 1st place winner, \$7.00 2nd place, \$3.00 3rd place in each school grade in this special Regional Art Contest. Must be 9" x 12". The title (such as Blue Jay or Cardinal) is published each year in *The Communicator*.

Kindergarten	2nd Grade	4th Grade	Special Students
1st Grade	3rd Grade	5th Grade	

Scale of Points:	20 pts Neatness	40 pts Creativity
	20 pts Style & Expression	20 pts Conformance

**SCR-8 YOUTH POETRY CONTEST**

*Entries are submitted by the State Youth Poetry Chairman to the Regional Chairman*

A South Central Region Certificate and a \$5.00 cash award may be given to the 1st place winner in each school grade in the youth poetry contest.

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# AWARDS REPORT TO YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

*Please type or print report.*

Mail to: State Youth Awards Chairman

Name of Award \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number of Entries \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable: Award Name/Number \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Sub Class \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST PLACE GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current President \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND PLACE GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current President \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

THIRD PLACE GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current President \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

HONORABLE MENTION GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current President \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

HONORABLE MENTION GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current President \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

HONORABLE MENTION GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current President \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Continue additional Honorable Mentions on blank pages as necessary. Reproduce this form as necessary.

Name and Address of Chairman Submitting Report \_\_\_\_\_



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**National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Youth Sculpture Contest  
Entry Form**

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and address of contact person:**  
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**Sponsoring Garden Club:**  
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**List materials used:**  
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**Describe sculpture in 3-5 sentences:**  
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**On the back of this form, please attach photos (2-4X6 photos recommended)  
Send this completed form to: State Sculpture Contest Chairman by deadline of January 1**

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# TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS, INC. – YOUTH CLUB REGISTRATION

*Complete and mail to State Youth Activities Coordinator by September 30<sup>th</sup>.*

*Please type or print.*


Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsoring Club \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 President's Name/Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leader/Advisor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Club (check)	Grade	Average Age	Number of Members	No. of Meetings Per Week/Month
Ecotot (Pre-K/K) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Junior (1 <sup>st</sup> –6 <sup>th</sup> ) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Intermed.(6/7-9 <sup>th</sup> ) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
High Schl (9/10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> ) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Special Youth Clubs\*: Mental \_\_\_\_\_ Physical \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. Members \_\_\_\_\_ \*On fluctuating membership, state number of children reached.  
 If "Other", please describe group \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL CLUBS:** List number of planned programs / activities, each category. Use back to give details on club's activities / accomplishments. High School Clubs, state curriculum.

National / State competitions entered (Speech, Essay, Poetry, Poster, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Design Workshop \_\_\_\_\_ Horticulture Workshop \_\_\_\_\_ Arbor Day \_\_\_\_\_ Nature Study \_\_\_\_\_  
 Community Involvement \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Therapy \_\_\_\_\_ Poster \_\_\_\_\_  
 Flower Show \_\_\_\_\_ Field Trip \_\_\_\_\_ or any other program / activity / project \_\_\_\_\_

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## TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS, INC. – YOUTH CLUB DUES

Complete and send with \$1.00 dues for each club by September 30<sup>th</sup> to:  
 Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. 3111 Old Garden Road Fort Worth TX 76107-3498

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Club \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Members \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Average Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leader/Advisor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsoring Club \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 President's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 New Club? \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal? \_\_\_\_\_

The following pages of labels are for your convenience. In offer to limit disqualification as well as give the local garden clubs some recognition, the following labels have been created to be copied in quantities of 4 per page...(Tip: Clearly Print or type club name on the Sponsoring Club line before making one (1) master copy to give to your local school). Your contact at the school (or better yet, your club's Youth Activities chairman) is then instructed to make copies, and cut out the individual labels and have the children past the label on the back – lower – right corner of an 11 x 17 inch poster board. Completed posters should then be returned to your club for mailing to the District Poster Chairman for judging. The final five (5), one winning poster from each grade will then be mailed by the District Chairman to the State Chairman.