

## Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.

Supports endeavors in every aspect of gardening through educational programs, horticulture, and floriculture.

### GCO Awards Information rev. 9-12-21

The Awards Committee recognizes the best work of our GCO clubs and their members. The following list illustrates the broad scope of awards available. Visit our website [www.gardenclubofohio.org](http://www.gardenclubofohio.org) for GCO applications. Please understand that **awards rules and applications change annually**. This is to improve the application process and comply with NGC awards rules.

#### Applications:

Application forms are available on the GCO website (**at the bottom of this page**) as a Word document. Books of evidence are only required for the Publicity Press Book and Flower Show Awards (see below). See an example of the three-page (one-sided) application on the GCO website. When we ask for the name and e-mail of your club Awards Chairman we want the chairman in **YOUR** club, not GCO, so we can contact you. If your club does not have an Awards Chairman, please list the name and email of the person you want us to contact. Applications must not be in smaller than 10-point fonts. Submit two copies of each application in a 9x12 inch envelope to the appropriate GCO Awards Chairman. **Retain a copy for your records! GCO and NGC cannot be responsible for lost or damaged applications.** Application pages **must** be stapled together. With the exception of publications awards, photography awards and books of evidence (Publicity Press Books, Flower Shows), no loose materials should be included. Extra photos and documentation will be discarded and not considered for the award. **Please adhere to the specific rules for your application.**

New awards must be approved by the Awards Committee and the GCO Board.

With every brief/application, you **MUST** email a true digital photo that best represents the project to Virginia Schmidt at [virgtod@windstream.net](mailto:virgtod@windstream.net). Please identify each photo with the correct project, the club's name, and the Award number, for reference. This ensures that all clubs are represented in the PowerPoint presentation at the Convention Awards Ceremony.

#### GCO Awards Committee 2021-2022

**Awards Chairman:** Cleopatra Lehman, 2440 State Street NE, Canton, OH 44721-1036, Tel: 330-608-0919, email: [clehman19@gmail.com](mailto:clehman19@gmail.com).

**Awards Co-Chairman/PowerPoint:** Virginia Schmidt, 10081 Patton Street, Twinsburg, OH 44087-1011, Tel: 216-310-7413, email: [virgtod@windstream.net](mailto:virgtod@windstream.net)

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**Civic Awards Chairman:** Joann Predina, 7195 Rustic Oval, Seven Hills, OH 44131, Tel: 216-642-1133, email: [jpredina2@cox.net](mailto:jpredina2@cox.net).

**Flower Show Awards:** Barbara Schuh, 570 Battles Rd., Gates Mills, OH 44040-9767,  
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**CAR/NGC Awards Chairman:** Janice Koster, P.O. Box 802, Burton, OH 44021-0802,  
Tel: 440-669-8531, email: [jkoster7227@yahoo.com](mailto:jkoster7227@yahoo.com) .

**GCO/NGC Award Year:** January 1 to December 31.

**Applications and/or briefs must be postmarked on or before November 1 of the awards year.  
EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Holiday Decoration (Christmas Trees, Historic Building, Nursing Home, Community etc.) as well as Holiday Project Award #114 due December 5
2. Holiday Flower Show briefs due November 23. Please let the Flower Show Chairman know if you plan to submit a brief after the November 1 deadline.
3. High School Essay Award # 144 due December 5
4. Publicity Press Books due January 25.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for an award, all or part of the project must have been accomplished during the current awards year. Only GCO members and clubs may apply for awards. All youth garden clubs or youth applicants must be sponsored by a GCO club.

**Flower Show Awards:** Notify Flower Show Awards Chairman **3 months before the show** if you plan to apply for an award. To merit an award, all shows must be organized and judged by NGC Standards and be evaluated in accordance with the Standard Flower Show Evaluation Scale of Points (2017 Handbook).

**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. AWARDS:** Winners of certain awards may be eligible for submission for further awards, which are listed below along with the GCO Awards. The GCO Awards Committee will decide which applications to forward to NGC. NGC will not accept any applications from individuals or garden clubs. All applications must come through the state awards committee. If your application has been submitted for further consideration, notification will be included with your GCO award presented at the GCO Convention. NGC awards will be given to the GCO President at the NGC Convention, winners will be notified after that date and any monetary awards forwarded. NGC Awards will be presented to clubs at the Fall District Meetings.

**AWARDS POINT SCORING:** Awards are point-scored according to the NGC awarding system based on 100 points. The applications are ranked 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Honorable Mention using those scores from highest to lowest. However, a 1<sup>st</sup> place award must score 90+ points, a 2<sup>nd</sup> place 85+ points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 80+ points, Honorable Mention 75 + points. Using this system, it is possible that all four awards could be 90+ points. It is also that a 1<sup>st</sup> place would not be awarded if none of the applications received 90+ scores, but lower places would be awarded. Point scoring sheets will be returned with your applications to help you in the future. There are no ties for 1<sup>st</sup> place awards.

**CLUB SIZES: STARTING IN 2016, THERE ARE CHANGES TO THE CLUB SIZES.**

XSmall Club:	1—15
Small Club:	16---29
Medium Club:	30---45
Large Club:	46---75
XLarge Club:	76+

**SCALE OF POINTS FOR ALL NGC AWARDS:** (exceptions: Promotions, Publications, Flower Show Achievement Awards and Website, as noted). Photography, Publicity Press Book, and Outstanding Garden Club Awards are GCO only and we use our own scale of points. The award-specific scales of points are printed along with the rules for those awards.

**Presentation 5 pts.**—neat, concise, includes all required information on the NGC Awards Application Form (3 sheets allowed), or Book of Evidence, if required.

**Achievement 65 pts.**—scope of project; need and fulfillment, benefit, accomplishment, comprehensiveness of work, activities to attain goals, evaluation of goals reached, educational, prior planning, very brief history if continuing project, financial report, other.

**Participation 15 pts.**—size of club, involvement of members, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, residents in facilities, others. Not all of these must be involved.

**Record or Documentation 15 pts.**—supporting data (as applicable), clear, well-labeled and neatly attached before & after photographs if applicable, landscape plan (does not have to be

professionally drawn), financial report, letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles (if possible), radio or TV script (if possible), etc. Photocopies are permitted.

**TOTAL 100 points**

**GCO AWARDS:** We ask those receiving monetary awards to cash the checks promptly for the sake of our Treasurer!

**Monetary Awards**

First Place	\$35
Second Place	\$20
Third Place	\$10
Award #401 Garden Club of the Year	\$200

Photography: Only the First-Place winner will receive \$25.

Other Awards receive certificates of recognition.

**CIVIC PROJECTS:** Please send all briefs to Civic Awards Co-Chairman Joann Predina, 7195 Rustic Oval, Seven Hills, OH 44131, Tel: 216-642-1133, email: [jpredina2@cox.net](mailto:jpredina2@cox.net) .

#101 CIVIC CONSERVATION AWARD for outstanding work in environmental conservation. Winner may be eligible for NGC Awards #1 Civic Achievement, #6 Conservation, #7 Special Achievement (Civic) or #73 Civic Conservation with Native Plants.

101A	XSmall Club
101B	Small Club
101C	Medium Club
101D	Large Club
101E	XLarge Club

#102 CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION AWARD for best, completed civic beautification project. Winner may be eligible for NGC Awards #1 Civic Achievement or #7 Special Achievement (Civic).

102A	XSmall Club
102B	Small Club
102C	Medium Club
102D	Large Club
102E	XLarge Club

#103 CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AWARD for outstanding civic improvement to a community. Winner may be eligible for NGC Awards #1 Civic Achievement, #7 Special Achievement (Civic) or #49 Community Landscape Design.

- 103A XSmall Club
- 103B Small Club
- 103C Medium Club
- 103D Large Club
- 103E XLarge Club

#104 CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION MAINTENANCE PROJECT AWARD for the best effort of a completed civic beautification/civic improvement project providing continuing maintenance. **Projects eligible at intervals of not less than three years.**

- 104A XSmall Club
- 104B Small Club
- 104C Medium Club
- 104D Large Club
- 104E XLarge Club

#105 HORTICULTURAL OR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AWARD for the best effort for community education using educational projects, informational papers, pamphlets, booklets, and/or displays. Winners may be eligible for NGC #8 Youth Horticulture Education, #41 Conservation Education, or #54 Environmental Education for Youth.

- 105A XSmall Club
- 105B Small Club
- 105C Medium Club
- 105D Large Club
- 105E XLarge Club

#106 BEAUTIFICATION OR IMPROVEMENT OF A PUBLIC BUILDING AWARD. Winner may be eligible for NGC Awards #1 Civic Achievement or #7 Special Achievement (Civil).

- 106A XSmall Club
- 106B Small Club
- 106C Medium Club
- 106D Large Club

106E            XLarge Club

#107 COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT PROJECT OR PROGRAM for the best community enrichment project or program that is not eligible for any other GCO award. Winner may be eligible for NGC A #7 Special Achievement (Civic).

107A            XSmall Club

107B            Small Club

107C            Medium Club

107D            Large Club

107E            XLarge Club

#108 TREES AWARD for the garden club planting or initiating the planting of trees.

108.1 Seedlings

108.1A           XSmall Club

108.1B           Small Club

108.1C           Medium Club

108.1D           Large Club

108.1E           XLarge Club

108.2 Mature Trees

108.2A           XSmall Club

108.2B           Small Club

108.2C           Medium Club

108.2D           Large Club

108.2E           XLarge Club

#109 GARDEN CENTER AWARD for the member, garden club, or group of garden clubs providing outstanding support to a garden center in service to the community and/or influence on youth. Winner may be eligible for NGC Award #2 Garden Center

#110 BIRD PROTECTION AWARD for 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 by a club or group of GCO member clubs. Winner may be eligible for NGC Award #42 Bird Protection.

#111 NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK AWARD for the garden club or group of garden clubs for best overall promotion of National Garden Week. Entry should show community awareness

throughout the entire week and include local and/or state proclamations. Winner may be eligible for NGC Award #53 National Garden Week.

- 111A XSmall Club
- 111B Small Club
- 111C Medium Club
- 111D Large Club
- 111E XLarge Club
- 111F 2 or more clubs

#112 BLUE & GOLD STAR MEMORIAL AWARD for support of this outstanding program inaugurated in 1944 to honor the men and women who have served our country in the military.

- 112A XSmall Club
- 112B Small Club
- 112C Medium Club
- 112D Large Club
- 112E XLarge Club
- 112F 2 or more clubs

#113 BLUE & GOLD STAR MEMORIAL LANDSCAPING for the most outstanding Blue or Gold Star Memorial Highway, Byway or Memorial Marker landscaping projects. 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. May be eligible for NGC Award #29.

- 113A XSmall Club
- 113B Small Club
- 113C Medium Club
- 113D Large Club
- 113E XLarge Club
- 113F 2 or more clubs

#114 HOLIDAY PROJECT AWARD Due December 5.

- 114A XSmall Club
- 114B Small Club
- 114C Medium Club
- 114D Large Club
- 114E XLarge Club
- 114F 2 or more clubs

#115 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD for the best effort by one member club for a historic preservation project such as the restoration of a park, building, and/or garden of importance to local, state, or national heritage. May be eligible for NGC Award #50 Historic Preservation.

- 115A XSmall Club
- 115B Small Club
- 115C Medium Club
- 115D Large Club
- 115E XLarge Club

#116 HISTORIC PROGRAMS, TOURS OR TRAILS for programs, tours, or trails relating to Historic Preservation. One member club, or group of GCO clubs. May be eligible for NGC Award #50 Historic Preservation.

- 116A XSmall Club
- 116B Small Club
- 116C Medium Club
- 116D Large Club
- 116E XLarge Club
- 116F 2 or more clubs

#117 DECORATION OF A HISTORIC BUILDING 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. Those clubs planning to submit an award for a project completed after November 1, must contact the Civic Awards Chairman before October 1 to discuss timing of application. May be eligible for NGC Award #51 Decoration of a Historic Building.

- 117A XSmall Club



- 117B Small Club
- 117C Medium Club
- 117D Large Club
- 117E XLarge Club
- 117F 2 or more clubs

#118 CIVIC PROJECTS WITH NATIVE PLANTS for the best effort by a club or group of clubs in environmental preservation and enhancement of Ohio roadsides (rural highway, urban highway, or safety rest areas) or the development of natural areas using native plants. May be eligible for NGC Award #73 Civic Projects with Native Plants.

- 118A XSmall Club
- 118B Small Club
- 118C Medium Club
- 118D Large Club
- 118E XLarge Club
- 118F 2 or more clubs

#119 BUTTERFLY AWARD for the most comprehensive and effective project on butterflies, e.g., habitat protections, migratory route protection, public education, establishment of a butterfly garden at school, community site, other. May be eligible for NGC Award #43.

- 119A XSmall Club
- 119B Small Club
- 119C Medium Club
- 119D Large Club
- 119E XLarge Club

#120 LITTER, RECYCLING, OR RECLAMATION for the most outstanding community project on litter prevention, reclamation, and/or recycling, e.g., yearlong program, organizing recycling program, establishing community composting site. May be eligible for NGC Award #39.

- 120A XSmall Club
- 120B Small Club
- 120C Medium Club
- 120D Large Club
- 120E XLarge Club

#121 ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION for outstanding, permanent roadside beautification within the state. The program may be continuous but must have advanced degree of completion prior to making application. May be eligible for NGC Award #20.

- 121A XSmall Club
- 121B Small Club
- 121C Medium Club
- 121D Large Club
- 121E XLarge Club

**GARDEN THERAPY:** Please send applications to the Garden Therapy Chairman Carolyn Doerflein, 1806 W. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45239-4829, Tel: 513-652-6100, email: [ctdoer@zoomtown.com](mailto:ctdoer@zoomtown.com).

#130 FLORAL THERAPY AWARD for a member or member club's outstanding work with shut ins.

- 130A XSmall Club
- 130B Small Club
- 130C Medium Club
- 130D Large Club
- 130E XLarge Club

#131 GARDEN THERAPY AWARD for the best work with the physically or mentally challenged in institutions or private homes by a club or group of GCO member clubs.

- 131A XSmall Club
- 131B Small Club
- 131C Medium Club
- 131D Large Club
- 131E XLarge Club
- 131F 2 or more clubs

#132 GARDEN THERAPY SERVICE AWARD for service to the elderly in institutions and/or private homes by a club or group of GCO member clubs.

- 132A XSmall Club
- 132B Small Club
- 132C Medium Club

132D	Large Club
132E	XLarge Club
132F	2 or more clubs

**YOUTH:** Please send all applications to the Youth Chairman Sue Mullins, 30140 Morningside Dr., Perrysburg, OH 43551, Tel: 419-356-4052, email: [Suemullins01@yahoo.com](mailto:Suemullins01@yahoo.com).

**ALL YOUTH APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER AND POETRY CONTEST, MUST BE POSTED MARKED BY NOVEMBER 1, EXCEPT HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY— DECEMBER 5.**

#140 GARDEN CLUB YOUTH AWARD for the Garden Club doing the most outstanding work with youth.

140A	XSmall Club
140B	Small Club
140C	Medium Club
140D	Large Club
140E	XLarge Club

#141 GARDEN CLUB YOUTH SERVICE AWARD for the garden club doing outstanding work with youth in the service area.

#142 YOUTH LEADER AWARD for a youth leader who has shown exceptional ability over a period of time.

#143 YOUTH GARDEN CLUB BEAUTIFICATION AWARD for the youth garden club which has successfully promoted in its community the beautification of an area with due regard to good conservation and ecology practice.

#144 HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST Due December 5

**2021-2022 Essay Topic: "What can we do to reduce water pollution?"**

Eligibility: The Essay Contest is open to high school students, grades 9 through 12.

Length of essay: Between 600-700 words. The entry will be penalized if the essay does not conform to the required length. All entries must be typed and titled.

**SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST:** First through fifth grade students are invited to demonstrate, through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl, their understanding of fire prevention and basic environmental conservations principles. The Grand National Poster Winner will win free round-trip airfare and accommodations for four to Washington DC, \$100 will also be awarded to the First Place National Winners from each grade level sponsored by NGC. **Please send posters to the Youth Chairman post marked by November 1. Sponsoring garden clubs should send only the 10 best posters from each grade level (a maximum of 50 posters per club).**

## POETRY CONTEST

**2021 Theme: “Sing with the Songbirds: Exploring the Glory of Nature”**

Eligibility: Special Education & English as a Second Language: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade. General Education: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

Contest Rules: 1. All entries must be typed and titled. 2. Include name, address, age, grade, school of participant on the back of entry. 3. Sponsoring garden club and state federation/club name must also be identified. 4. ‘Generations of Gardeners’ sponsoring garden club may be that of a Grandparent. 5. All entries become the property of NGC, Inc. 6. Poems do not have to rhyme. 7. Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems, limerick, or Haiku.

**Please send Poetry to Youth Chairman by November 1. Sponsoring garden clubs should send on the five best from each grade level.**

**LANDSCAPE DESIGN:** Notify Ohio Landscape Design Consultants Chairman of desire to apply. Pat Rupiper, 385 Ridgemoor Ln, Westerville, OH 43082-1104, Tel: 740-703-3683; Email: [patrupiper@gmail.com](mailto:patrupiper@gmail.com) .

#150 LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONTEST for the club or group of GCO member clubs sponsoring the most effective residential landscaping contest that promotes neighborhood beautification. To be judged by a panel of three or more NGC Accredited Landscape Design Consultants. Contact OLDCC President at least 90 days in advance to assign a panel to judge the project.

#151 LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARD for an individual member of GCO developing the most distinctive home landscape from an original plan. To be judged by a panel of three or more NGC Accredited Landscape Design Consultants. Contact OLDCC President at least 90 days in advance to assign a panel to judge the project. Application must be made within three years of project completion.

#152 LANDSCAPE DESIGN FOR A PUBLIC BUILDING AWARD for a club or group of GCO member clubs that develop the most distinctive landscape for a public building. To be judged by a panel of three or more NGC Accredited Landscape Design Consultants. Contact OLDCC President at least 90 days in advance to assign a panel to judge the project.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Members may submit one photo for each award.

Entries must be submitted in print.

**When entering design photos, PLEASE include the floral designer's name.**

Print submission guidelines: attach a 5X7 inch print on an 8 1/2 X 11-inch sheet of white cardstock. Place the photo along with the Photography Award Application Form in a clear plastic sheet protector and mail them to the respective Photography Awards Co-chairman.

As stated on the Photography Award Application, the photographer releases the photograph for GCO use without remuneration. The photographer will be credited when a photo is used. All other rights remain with the originator.

Any photograph that does not meet the subject qualifications as stated in the Awards Rules will be disqualified. The intent of our photography awards is to capture views in a natural way.

Photos should be shot in natural light. Highly manipulated or processed photos will not be considered. Photos with date stamps, signatures or watermarks will not be judged. Due to the large quantity of photos submitted, it is impossible to point score each photo. All photos deemed not award worthy will receive a notification "Judged, No Award".

### Scale of Points for Photography Awards

Conformance (Following direction; mounting, size, etc.)	5 pts.
Interpretation of Class Title (Pertains to topic set forth for class)	10 pts.
Composition (Consideration of technology aspects)	25 pts.
Artistry/Creativity (What you see and how you approach it)	25 pts.
Technical Achievement (Exposure, focus, etc.)	25 pts.
Distinction/Impact (Wow factor; how image communicates with you)	10 pts.
Total	100 pts.

Send Photography Awards #160-166 to Co-Chairman Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, 1166 Broadview Road, Tallmadge, OH 44278-3310, Tel: 330-630-9625, email: [mafr43@hotmail.com](mailto:mafr43@hotmail.com).

#160 My Garden

#161 My Container Garden (must show part of container with more than one variety of plant material)

#162 Floral Close-up in My Garden

#163 Birds in My Garden

#164 Insects Close-up in My Garden with Flowers

#165 Butterfly in My Garden with Flowers

#166 Bee Close-up in My Garden with Flowers

Send Photography Awards #167-172 to Co-Chairman Dianna Mullins, 6919 Kirk Road, Canfield, OH 44406-9647, Tel: 330-792-0695/330-518-4111(cell), email: [dposey727@aol.com](mailto:dposey727@aol.com) .

#167 My Water Garden (must show water, should not be a floral close-up)

#168 Public Gardens

#169 Floral Close-up in a Public Garden

#170 Floral Design—Floral Arrangement

#171 Floral Design—Table Design

#172 Floral Design—Small or Miniature

**PUBLICATIONS:** Send all Publications Applications to Chairman Virginia Schmidt, 10081 Patton Street, Twinsburg, OH 44087-1011, Tel: 216-310-7413, email: [virgtod@windstream.net](mailto:virgtod@windstream.net) .

*For flyers/cards/brochures, include the actual publication/brochure, not a photo inserted into the brief.*

#180 PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS certificates may be awarded to winning books of evidence exhibiting quality, quantity, and diversity of coverage in the print media promoting garden clubs and GCO/NGC goals and objectives.

- Send book of evidence and application form to Publicity Press Books Chairman before January 25.
- Publicity Press Book of evidence must be submitted in a report cover, size 8 1/2 X 11 inches or 9X12 inches. No heavy scrapbooks or oversized portfolios. No page limit. Plastic page protectors may be used.
- Material must consist of any of the following: newspaper, magazine, newsletter, notices or flyers for onetime events, or any printed publication clippings, e.g., 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. Downloading of published newspaper articles from the Internet is permitted. Judges take into consideration the difficulty in securing newspaper publicity.
- No page numbering or Table of Contents needed. Affix contents in chronological order January 1 through December 31.
- Clippings evenly cut. No loose clippings permitted.
- Each published item must contain the name of organization and/or individuals identified as member of organization. Underline the first use of name of organization and/or member in each article.

- Facebook posts: You can include posts from your club’s page or club posts that were shared to other community groups (not personal pages), up to 2 per month. Entry should be a screen shot of the post, not a retyped post.
- Club website: You can include 2-3 pages total that show club activities/community involvement. This should be a screenshot of the web page, not retyped.
- Do not include personal items like thank you notes or emails to club members, as they are not publicity (shown to the public).

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 GCO/NGC objectives and goals.

**Scale of Points for Publicity Press Books**

<b>Presentation:</b> meets all requirements, neatly presented	<b>15 pts.</b>
<b>Quality:</b> articles well-written, publicity related to projects and/or activities	<b>40 pts.</b>
<b>Quantity:</b> articles for each month (take into consideration dark months), use of varied publications and media (newspaper coverage is difficult, especially in larger cities), Magazines, newsletters, notices/flyers, journals, etc.	<b>25 pts.</b>
<b>Diversity:</b> local, council, district, state, national, other	<b>20 pts.</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 pts.</b>

180A XSmall Club

180B Small Club

180C Medium Club

180D Large Club

180E XLarge Club

#181 PUBLICATION AWARD may be awarded to the entry judged best in its category, e.g., cookbook, handbook, history, membership brochure, etc. Printed publications or those prepared for electronic distribution are acceptable entries.

181A District or Council Publication/Newsletter

181B Club Publication

181.1B Informational Card

181.2B Promotional Event Flyer (May be a one-time event)

181.3B Club Membership Brochure

181.4B Other Brochure

181C Club Cookbook

#182 CLUB NEWSLETTER: Send application form with three sample issues, stating number of issues per year. Printed publications or those prepared for electronic distribution are acceptable entries. Suggest printing newsletters on high grade paper since first place winners may be sent on to National.

182A XSmall Club

182B Small Club

182C Medium Club

182D Large Club

182E XLarge Club

### Scale of Points for Publications

**Presentation:** includes required information on NGC Awards Application form ((3 pages allowed). Design/appearance/audio: memorable content and delivery; creativity; images clear, concise, easy to view and comprehend; logical order of sequence; all visual effects contribute to rather than detract from the message. **60 pts.**

**Achievement:** Overall impact, educational, inspiring, persuasive **10 pts.**  
Club/group information present and accurate **10 pts.**

**Promotion:** Clear message; promotes NGC objectives or projects;  
means of distribution, profits realized if applicable **20 pts.**

**Total 100 pts.**

#183 WEBSITE for the most outstanding website promoting the sponsoring organization and GCO/NGC objectives. Provide on the GCO 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.

183A Single member Club

183B District, Council or Garden Center



### Scale of Points for Website:

<b>Presentation:</b> design/appearance: attractive, engaging, easy to view; layout	<b>25 pts.</b>
<b>Navigation:</b> ease of navigation, navigation system (bar, map, etc.), logical flow of pages, clear page headers, links active	<b>35 pts.</b>
<b>Achievement:</b> club/group information present/easy to find, educational	<b>20 pts.</b>
<b>Promotion:</b> promotes GCO/NGC objectives	<b>10 pts.</b>
<b>Maintenance:</b> does it appear updated?	<b>10 pts.</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 pts.</b>

#184 CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE AND/OR GROUP (new for 2021) For the most outstanding club Facebook page and/or group promoting the sponsoring organization and GCO/NGC objectives. Provide on the GCO Awards Application Form your Facebook page or group name, who maintains and contributes, how often updated. Include screenshots of the page or group. Scale of points the same as for website.

**YEARBOOKS:** No application necessary. Send yearbook to Yearbook Awards Chairman Celine Hallier, 3696 Carlton St NW, North Canton, OH 44720-5092, Tel: 330-685-274, Email: [celinehallier@hotmail.com](mailto:celinehallier@hotmail.com)

### #200 MOST OUTSTANDING YEARBOOKS

- 200A Club membership under 20
- 200B Club membership 20-29
- 200C Club membership 30-44
- 200D Club membership 45-69
- 200E Club membership 70 or more

### Scale of Points for Club Yearbooks

- Format:** **15pts.**
- Book structure: practical, convenient size, durable (3 pts)
  - Cover: name of club, town, state, year. If permanent binder is used, substitute with paper cover including required information, so noting. (2pts)
  - Title page: name of club, town, state, year, number of members, affiliated organizations (district, state, region, NGC, other) (2 pts)
  - Subsequent pages (in order most useful to members): Club officers; club membership roster with complete mailing addresses and telephone numbers;

names and addresses of NGC President, GCO President, District Director, Council President (if any); calendar of events (8 pts)

Options: club's choice to include bylaws, fund raising, roll call; NGC/GCO themes; club theme, if used, should be evident throughout the book (0 pts)

**Programs** (indicate if special interest club, e.g., horticulture or design only) **50 pts.**

- At least seven meetings per year (3 pts)
- Date, location/address, time of meeting (3 pts)
- Speaker's name, qualifications, program title (4 pts)
- Programs, workshops, tours furthering NGC goals & objectives, give brief word description (lecture, slides, demonstration, hands-on workshop) (40 pts)
  1. Variety of program topics (theme not required) (12 pts.)
  2. Variety of styles of programs (lectures, slides, power point, tours, etc.) (12 pts)
  3. Variety of speakers (specialists, members, panel, etc.) (12 pts)
  4. Portion or full program explaining projects of NGC President (2 pts)
  5. Portion or full program on NGC member services (2 pts)

**Projects** (judged upon scope of projects) **35 pts.**

Projects involve actual membership participation that benefit the community, further NGC goals and objectives (does not include fund-raising or social activities)

1. List continuing and new participating projects (15 pts)
2. Give brief word description of projects: location, how others benefit, how members are expected to participate, chairman, etc. (15 pts)
3. List donations: amount, in-kind donations, to whom, sale of GCO/NGC products (5 pts)

**Total** **100 pts.**

**FLOWER SHOWS:** Flower Show Chairman Barbara Schuh, 570 Battles Rd., Gates Mills, OH 44040-9767, Tel: 216-642-1133, email: [duffschuh@roadrunner.com](mailto:duffschuh@roadrunner.com). **Send for an application form along with your schedule at least 60 days prior to show.** Send application with two copies of final flower show schedule to the Flower Show Chairman. Flower Shows may be eligible for NGC Rosettes and Schedule Awards.

#300 STANDARD FLOWER SHOW OF PETITE EXHIBITS, one or more clubs

#301 STANDARD FLOWER SHOW by a member club

301A Xsmall Club

301B Small Club

301C Medium Club

301D Large Club

301E XLarge Club

301F Two or more clubs

**#302 STANDARD FLOWER SHOW IN A PUBLIC BUILDING**

302A One member club

302B Two or more clubs

**#304 PATRIOTIC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW**

304A One member club

304B Two or more clubs

**#305 HOLIDAY STANDARD FLOWER SHOW**

305A One member club

305B Two or more clubs

**#306 STANDARD HOME AND GARDEN FLOWER SHOW**

**#307 SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW by one member club**

**#308 SCHEDULE, STANDARD FLOWER SHOW**

308A One member club

308B Two or more clubs

308C District or Council

**#310 SCHEDULE, SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW**

**#320 SECTION OF HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS IN A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW.** The overall exhibit must be of outstanding quality and include a minimum of 20 specimens. (NOTE—Refer to Scales of Points in the Handbook for Flower Shows, rev. 2007). Consideration shall be given to condition, staging, proper labeling, and rarity. Include a list of specimens in exhibit botanically named (genus, species, and cultivar). Include a clear photograph of exhibit including staging. May be eligible for the American Horticultural Society Award; schedule may state application will be made for this award, if merited. Only GCO Awards Committee may submit application to CAR for this award.

**#321 EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT IN A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW** no commercial or professional exhibits eligible.

321A One member club

321B Two or more clubs

#324 STANDARD FLOWER SHOW CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION given for a Standard Flower Show by a GCO club/clubs who have not sponsored a Standard Flower Show within the past five years or more.

#330 STANDARD FLOWER SHOW BY MORE THAN ONE GCO YOUTH GARDEN CLUB or YOUTH SECTION OF A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW BY MORE THAN ONE ADULT CLUB

#335 GCO CONVENTION FLOWER SHOW AWARD awarded for a Standard Flower Show held during the annual convention. Dorothy Lang Award and any other top awards allowed by the show schedule.

## **OUTSTANDING GARDEN CLUB**

#400 OUTSTANDING GARDEN CLUB

400A XSmall Club

400B Small Club

400C Medium Club

400D Large Club

400E XLarge Club

## **GARDEN CLUB OF THE YEAR**

#401 GARDEN CLUB OF THE YEAR

### **Point Scoring for Garden Club of the Year**

- **Awards #101-134, #140-142, #150-152, #180-183:** Clubs receive points for club awards won as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place—5 pts., 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—4 pts., 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—3 pts., Honorable Mention—2 pts.
- **Youth:** Clubs receive 2 pts. For every youth contest in which they have an award winner (regardless of placement). In other words, Flower Power Garden Club could win a maximum of 2 points for participation in Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl; 2 points for the Youth Poetry Contest; 2 points for the Essay Contest, etc.
- **Photography (Awards #160-172):** Clubs receive 2 points for having an award winner (regardless of placement) with a maximum of 2 points.
- **Flower Show Awards:** Clubs receive points as above for Awards #300-307. When more than one garden club is named, each one receives 3 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 1 point for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- As flower shows are the only projects that garden clubs can win more than one award, one club winners of awards in #308-323, 330 & 331 will be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place—3points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—2 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—1 point. When more

than one garden club is named in an award #300-307, each one will be awarded 1 point.

- **Total points will be divided by the number of members in the GCO database as of November 1 of current year.**

**BUCKINGHAM AWARD** for outstanding service by an individual to GCO. Elected by the GCO Board of Directors.

#404 BUCKINGHAM AWARD

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT FOR A PLANT SOCIETY SHOW OR PROJECT** awarded to a plant society that is a member club or affiliate of GCO. A flower show must be an NGC Standard Flower Show. A project must be developed to educate the public with the use of plant material. Flower Show briefs to be submitted to the Flower Show Awards Chairman. Project Briefs to be submitted to the Civic Awards Chairman.

#406 CERTIFICATE OF MERIT FOR A PLANT SOCIETY SHOW OR PROJECT

## Awards Application Instructions

The Awards Application Form is limited to three printed pages, front of pages only. NO REPORT COVER OR BINDERS ALLOWED. NO PLASTIC SHEETS ALLOWED. Do not use font size smaller than 10 point to fill out the application form. Please use the **Example Application Form** as a guide. The Awards Application Form is located on the website as a Word document and as a PDF. Mail all completed forms to the Awards Chairman of the project you are entering. The Chairman's contact information can be found in the Garden Greetings or on the website at the beginning of each award section. The deadline for all awards is November 1 of the current award year, with exceptions are listed at the beginning of this document. All entries must be postmarked by that date to qualify for an award. If there are questions, please contact the Awards Chairman of the project you are entering or contact Cleopatra Lehman, Awards Co-chairman, at [clehman19@gmail.com](mailto:clehman19@gmail.com) or 330-608-0919.

**Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. Awards Application 2021-2022**

**Award #:**                      **Award Name:**

**Date submitted:**

**Submitted by:**

**Name of your garden club:**

**Number of members in your garden club:**

**District:**

**Your Garden Club Awards Chairman or the person accepting the award certificate:**

**Phone:**                      **E-mail:**

**Street Address:**

**1. New Project: Yes\_\_ No\_\_ Beginning Date:\_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date\_\_\_\_\_**

**2. Brief summary and objectives of project:**

**3. Involvement of club members, other organizations, etc.:**

**4. Project expenses and means of funding, if applicable:**

**5. Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance, etc.:**

**6. Attach or insert photos, digital photos, and/or landscape plan (does not have to be professionally drawn). Include press coverage and thank-you letters if available.**

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