

Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.

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

GCO Awards Information *updated October 22, 2023*

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 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. When in doubt, contact the chairman of the specific award for further information/help.**

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 Debbie Osborn at debbo4@aol.com. **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. **Example: Wooster Garden Club, Award #102A, Civic Beautification.jpg**

GCO Awards Committee 2023-2025

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Ohio Landscape Design Consultants Council: Pat Rupiper, 385Ridgemoor Ln, Westerville, OH 43082-1104; Tel: 740-703-3683; email: patrupiper@gmail.com.

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Yearbook: Elise Repp, 7017 Edgecliff Drive, Parma, OH 44134, Tel: 440-241-0267, email: eliserepp@gmail.com.

Youth: Sue Mullins, 29570 Gleneagles Road, C-5, Perrysburg, OH 43551, Tel: 419-356-4052, email: Suemullins01@yahoo.com. **NOTE: Smoky Bear posters, Poetry and High School essays to be sent AFTER NOVEMBER 23 to Sue at 48055 Via Vallarta, La Quinta, CA 92253.**

CAR/NGC Awards Co-Chairman: Janice Koster, P.O. Box 802, Burton, OH 44021-0802, Tel: 440-669-8531, email: jkoster7227@yahoo.com , Barbara Schuh, 570 Battles Rd, Gates Mills, OH 44040-9767, Tel: 440-655-9033 (**new number**), duffschuh@roadrunner.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. **Civic Holiday Award #112: Projects completed in November and December as Holiday Projects should be submitted the following year before the November 1st deadline. For example, projects completed November-December 2022 may be submitted before November 1st, 2023. For all other holiday decorations, submit by November 1st of the current award year.**
2. Holiday Flower Show briefs due November 24. 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 as well as the Youth Poetry and Youth Poster Contest entries due December 15 of the current award year.

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 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention using those scores from highest to lowest. However, a 1st place award must score 90+ points, a 2nd place 85+ points, 3rd 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 1st 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 1st place awards.

CLUB SIZES:

X Small Club:	1—15
Small Club:	16---29
Medium Club:	30---45
Large Club:	46---75
X Large 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
Youth Essay Award	\$100
Award #401 Garden Club of the Year	\$200

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

Other Awards receive certificates of recognition.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, CIVIC AWARDS/PROJECTS HAVE UNDERGONE A COMPLETE REVAMP. If you have any questions please contact Civic Chairman, Joann Predina.

CIVIC PROJECTS: Please send all applications to Civic Award Chairman, Joann Predina, 7195 Rustic Oval, Seven Hills, OH 44131, Tel: 216-642-1133, email: jpredina2@cox.net.

#101 CIVIC CONSERVATION AWARD for outstanding well-balanced work in environmental conservation which shall include at minimum, education and a field project(s). Permanent development of a watershed, erosion control, wildlife refuge, venues such as a trail or classroom, will qualify for this award if the project is closely related to conservation. Use #115 if project involves litter, reclamation and recycling. Use #104 for permanent roadside planting. **May qualify for CAR Environmental Award, NGC CE-2, EC-1, EC-4, EC-5.**

101A XSmall Club

- 101B Small Club
- 101C Medium Club
- 101D Large Club
- 101E XLarge Club
- 101F Group of clubs, District, State

#102 CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT AWARD for best, completed **NEW** public or religious community beautification project in a city, town or neighborhood. For example: summer planters, annual plantings, seasonal gazebo decorations, bridge decoration, non-holiday decoration of a Public/Religious or Historic building, landscape at Habitat for Humanity. Use #103 for permanent improvement projects and #104 for permanent Roadside Plantings. Use #105 for continued beautification of a previously submitted project. Use #107 for Historic Preservation. Use #112 for Holiday decorations of a public or Historic building. Use #113 for wildflower/native plant projects. **May be eligible for CAR Beautification Award, NGC CE-1A and 1C, and CE-5A.**

- 102A XSmall Club
- 102B Small Club
- 102C Medium Club
- 102D Large Club
- 102E XLarge Club
- 102F More than one club, District, State

#103 PERMANENT CIVIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AWARD for outstanding new permanent civic improvement to a community for public benefit furthering NGC objectives. For example, rebuilding and landscaping a city park or community indoor garden fountain, permanent landscaping (including trees, patios, shrubs, perennials) of public or religious grounds, adding a retaining wall to a pond or river, municipal and children’s gardens, sanctuaries. If planting only a sapling(s) or tree(s), or providing saplings to a group, use Trees #109. Use #107 or 113 for restoring Historic garden/grounds. Use #104 for permanent roadside plantings. Use #105 if this is a continued maintenance of a permanent project or historic project. **May be eligible for CAR Award, NGC CE-1, CE-2, CE-6, CE-8, CE-9.**

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

103F More than one club, District, State

#104 PERMANENT ROADSIDE PLANTINGS AWARD for new or refurbished permanent roadside beautification projects. The program must have advanced degree of completion prior to making an application. Use of wildflowers and native plants for environmental preservation and enhancement is highly encouraged. Sites may be rural and urban highways, rest areas, entrances to towns and medians, etc. Ongoing maintenance should be submitted under #105 Continuing Civic Beautification or Improvement Maintenance Project. **May be eligible for NGC Award CE-4.**

104A XSmall Club

104B Small Club

104C Medium Club

104D Large Club

104E XLarge Club

104F More than one club, District, State

#105 CONTINUING CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION or IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECT AWARD for the best effort of a completed civic beautification/civic improvement project providing continued or continuing maintenance. For example, adding new perennials to your existing community landscape, expanding your existing rain garden with flora or addition of a native pollinator garden, yearly replanting your existing historic vegetable garden, expanding an existing cottage garden, repairing your previously installed retaining wall. **Projects eligible at intervals of not less than two years. Winner may be eligible for CAR, NHC CE-1B, CE-1D, CE-5B.**

105A XSmall Club

105B Small Club

105C Medium Club

105D Large Club

105E XLarge Club

105F More than one club, District, State

#106 HORTICULTURAL, ENVIRONMENTAL and CONSERVATION EDUCATION AWARD for the best effort for community education using educational projects, informational papers, pamphlets, booklets, and/or displays, or creating educational venues like trails, walks, classrooms. Topic ideas may include water conservation/clean water, native plants, floriculture, organic practices for adults or with youth. **Winner may be eligible for CAR Environmental and Educational Awards, NGC EC-1-5, NGC YW-8 and YW-9.**

106A	XSmall Club
106B	Small Club
106C	Medium Club
106D	Large Club
106E	XLarge Club
106F	More than one club, District, State

#107 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD for the best effort for a new historic preservation project such as the restoration of a park, building, grounds and/or garden of importance to local, state, or national heritage. Use #105 for continued maintenance. **May be eligible for NGC CE-9.**

107A	XSmall Club
107B	Small Club
107C	Medium Club
107D	Large Club
107E	XLarge Club
107F	Group of clubs, District or State

#108 COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT PROJECT OR PROGRAM for the best community enrichment project or program that is not closely related to NGC goals. For example, projects such as contributing club grown food to a food bank, delivering Meals on Wheels, donating stuffed animals or mittens at Christmas, making knitted table favors for a nursing home, offering Zoom education to the public for your meetings. **Projects eligible at intervals of not less than two years. Winner may be eligible for NGC CE-3.**

108A	XSmall Club
108B	Small Club
108C	Medium Club
108D	Large Club
108E	XLarge Club
108F	More than one club, District, State
108G	Individual Member of a Club, not required to be club sponsored
108H	Individual Member of a Club representing a club sponsored activity

#109 TREES AWARD for the garden club planting or initiating the planting of saplings or trees.
May be eligible for CAR or NGC CE-9.

109.1 Seedlings and Saplings—Seedlings and Saplings are defined as young tree (s) measuring up to a 5 inch diameter at a 4.5 foot height.

- 109.1A XSmall Club
- 109.1B Small Club
- 109.1C Medium Club
- 109.1D Large Club
- 109.1E XLarge Club
- 109.1F More than one club, District

109.2 Mature Trees—defined as juvenile or mature trees over 5 inch diameter at 4.5 foot height.

- 109.2A XSmall Club
- 109.2B Small Club
- 109.2C Medium Club
- 109.2D Large Club
- 109.2E XLarge Club
- 109.2F More than one club, District

#110 NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK AWARD for the garden club or group of garden clubs for best overall promotion of National Garden Week. Entry will show community awareness throughout the entire week and include local and/or state proclamations. **Winner may be eligible for NGC MAE-5 National Garden Week.**

- 110A XSmall Club
- 110B Small Club
- 110C Medium Club
- 110D Large Club
- 110E XLarge Club
- 110F Two or more Clubs

#111 BLUE OR GOLD STAR MEMORIAL LANDSCAPING AWARD for the most outstanding new or replacement 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. For ongoing maintenance of an existing memorial landscape, use #105. **May be eligible for NGC CE-7.**

- 111A XSmall Club
- 111B Small Club
- 111C Medium Club
- 111D Large Club
- 111E XLarge Club
- 111F Two or more clubs, District, State

111.1 BLUE OR 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. **Ohio award only.**

- 111.1A XSmall Club
- 111.1B Small Club
- 111.1C Medium Club
- 111.1D Large Club
- 111.1E XLarge Club
- 111.1F Two or more clubs, District, State

#112 HOLIDAY PROJECT AWARDS For projects completed in November and December, holiday award applications shall be submitted for the next year deadline (November and December 2023 projects to be submitted by November 1, 2024). For projects in other months, deadlines are postmarked no later than November 1st, 2023. All projects must include fresh and/or dried horticulture. This award includes Holiday Decoration of a Historic Building. **Ohio award only.**

112.1 (Small Project) For example, decorate a Christmas tree, wreath, mantle, door, scarecrow, Easter basket; a small display at a botanical garden, public building or religious building.

- 112.1A XSmall Club
- 112.1B Small Club

- 112.1C Medium Club
- 112.1D Large Club
- 112.1E XLarge Club
- 112.1F Two or more clubs

112.2 Multifaceted projects with greater club involvement. For example, Christmas planters for multiple nursing home patients, holiday decorating a public or historic building indoors and/or outdoors, evergreen swags for many city street lamps, citywide large outdoor Holiday evergreen planters, July 4th yard decorations for parade route.

- 112.2A XSmall Club
- 112.2B Small Club
- 112.2C Medium Club
- 112.2D Large Club
- 112.2E XLarge Club
- 112.2F Two or more clubs

#113 COMMUNITY PROJECT WITH NATIVE PLANTS/WILDFLOWERS AWARD for the best effort by a club or group of clubs in establishing wildflower gardens, memorial gardens. This includes restoration of Historic gardens with emphasis on plant material native to the region. This award will not be given to the same project in two consecutive years. Use #104 for Roadside Plantings with natives/wildflowers. **Not also eligible for #114. May be eligible for NGC Award CE-6, CE-9, EC-5.**

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

#114 WILDLIFE SURVIVAL AWARD for the most comprehensive and effective project on butterflies, other pollinators, birds, or wildlife protection, welfare and survival. For example, a habitat or garden specific to supporting the natural population, sanctuaries, migratory routes,

species protection, public education, legal/legislative activities. **Not also eligible for #113. May be eligible for NGC EC-2, EC-3, and G-4.**

- 114A XSmall Club
- 114B Small Club
- 114C Medium Club
- 114D Large Club
- 114E XLarge Club
- 114F More than one club, District, State

#115 POLLUTION AND CONSERVATION: AIR, LAND AND WATER AWARD for the most comprehensive project regarding any type of pollution; litter, recycling and reclamation; and **WATER CONSERVATION/CLEAN WATER** or water recycling. For example, field projects, organizing a recycling program, establishing community composting site. **Use #106 if the field project includes education. May be eligible for NGC EC-1, EC-2.**

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

#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, 29570 Gleneagles Rd, C-5, Perrysburg, OH 43551, Tel: 419-356-4052, email: Suemullins01@yahoo.com. **NOTE:** Smoky Bear posters, Poetry and High School essays to be sent AFTER NOVEMBER 23 to Sue at 48055 Via Vallarta, La Quinta, CA 92253.

YOUTH APPLICATIONS #140, #141 AND #142 MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOVEMBER 1. SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER, POETRY CONTEST AND HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY SHOULD BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 15, AFTER NOVEMBER 23 TO SUE'S CALIFORNIA ADDRESS.

#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 15** NOTE: High School essays to be sent AFTER NOVEMBER 23 to Sue at 48055 Via Vallarta, La Quinta, CA 92253.

Topic for 2023: **“What is the current and future impact on our society of the wildfires caused by climate change?”**

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 conservation 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 by December 15. Sponsoring garden clubs should send only the 5 best posters from each grade level (a maximum of 50 posters per club).

NOTE: Smoky Bear posters to be sent AFTER NOVEMBER 23 to Sue at 48055 Via Vallarta, La Quinta, CA 92253.

POETRY CONTEST DUE DECEMBER 15

2023 Theme: "I Spy With My Little Eye, Something Green Outside - Celebrating Our Green World" NOTE: Poetry to be sent AFTER NOVEMBER 23 to Sue at 48055 Via Vallarta, La Quinta, CA 92253.

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.

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.

#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 written 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. May qualify for an NGC Award

#151A LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARD for an individual member of GCO developing the most distinctive home landscape, **no original plan required (GCO state award only)** All other requirements must be addressed.

#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. Design Photos DO NOT have to be designs from a flower show.

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 .

#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 .

#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 Debbie Osborn, 1351 Mentor Dr., Westerville, OH 43081, Tel: 614-203-2854, email: debbo4@aol.com.

For flyers/cards/brochures, include the actual publication/brochure, not a photo inserted into the brief. Use a paper clip to attach the publication—PLEASE DON'T STAPLE.

#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. GCO/NGC Award year: January 1 to December 31.

- Send book of evidence and application form to Publicity Press Books Chairman before January 25. **Only one copy needed.**
- 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, community or other organization's newsletter (not your club's newsletter), notices or flyers for one-time events that are distributed to the public, 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

Presentation: meets all requirements, neatly presented	15 pts.
Quality: articles well-written, publicity related to projects and/or activities	40 pts.
Quantity: 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.	25 pts.
Diversity: local, council, district, state, national, other	20 pts.
Total	100 pts.

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 the categories below. Printed publications or those prepared for electronic distribution are acceptable entries. Publications in this category are those intended to be distributed to the public, not internal documents. A simple one or 2 page information sheet would not be considered a brochure.

181A District or Council Publication/Newsletter

181B Club Publication

181.1B Informational Card

181.2B Promotional Event/One Page Flyer

181.3B Club Membership Brochure

181.4B Other Brochure

181C Club Cookbook

#182 CLUB NEWSLETTER: Send **two** application forms with three sample issues each, 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 Club/group information present and accurate	10 pts. 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. No need to include screenshots of website. 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:

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

Maintenance: does it appear updated?

10 pts.

Total

100 pts.

#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. **MAY BE DIVIDED BY CLUB SIZE DEPENDING ON APPLICATIONS.** Currently using the Website criteria.

YEARBOOKS: No application necessary. Must send **three (3) copies** of your clubs yearbook to Yearbook Awards Chairman, Elise Repp, 7017 Edgecliff Drive, Parma, OH 44134, Tel: 440-241-0267, Email: eliserepp@gmail.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:

- Book structure: practical, convenient size, durable **(6 pts)**
- Cover: name of club, town, state, year; (if permanent binder, substitute with paper cover including required information), unique in appearance. **(6pts)**
- Title page: name of club, town, state, year; number of dues-paying members; name of affiliated organizations (NGC, GCO, CAR-SGC, District) **(9 pts)**
- Subsequent pages: indicate if special interest club (horticulture or design only); name of club officers; club membership roster with complete mailing addresses (mail, email, phone); name and addresses of NGC President, CAR-SGC Director, GCO President, District Director, Council President (if any); calendar of events; GCO calendar of events **(17 pts)**
- Programs: Seven plus (7+) meetings per year; date/address/time of meetings; program title, speaker's name; variety of program topics; variety of program styles (lecture, demo, PowerPoint, tour, participation, workshop, etc.); variety of speaker's (specialist, club member, panel, business owner, author, etc.); promotion of GCO President's Project; promotion of GCO member services and resources (schools, programs, webinars, meetings, special events, etc.) **(29 pts)**

- Projects: judged on scope of club projects that benefit community (not including club fund-raising or social events): Three plus (3+) projects, description of projects, anticipated membership participation **(30 pts)**
- Judges' Distinction Comments: judges' observation of additional exceptional items worthy of note (artwork, photos, projects, etc.) **(3pts)**

Total 100 pts

FLOWER SHOWS: Flower Show Chairman Celine Hallier, 2696 Carlton St NW, North Canton, OH 44720-5092; Tel: 330-685-4274; email: celinehallier@hotmail.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

#309 SCHEDULE, SPECIALTY FLOWER SHOW

309A Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

309B Design Specialty Flower Show

#310 SCHEDULE, SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

#311 HORTICULTURE SPECIALTY FLOWER SHOW

311A One member club

311B Two or more clubs

311C Council, District, State or Region

#312 DESIGN SPECIALTY FLOWER SHOW

312A One member club

312B Two or more clubs

312C Council, District, State or Region

#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, specific epithet, 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 ONE OR MORE GCO YOUTH GARDEN CLUBS or A YOUTH SECTION OF A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW BY ONE OR MORE ADULT CLUBS.

#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, #180-200:** Clubs receive points for club awards won as follows: 1st Place—5 pts., 2nd Place—4 pts., 3rd 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 1st place, 2 points for 2nd place and 1 point for 3rd 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: 1st Place—3points, 2nd Place—2 points, 3rd 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 or 330-608-0919.

Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. Awards Application 2023

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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