

Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc. Awards

In addition to those awards available from the National Garden Clubs, Inc., the awards herein are available to CAR-SGC, Inc. Member Garden Clubs and individuals as stated. The chief purpose of these awards is to recognize excellence above a State level or achievements that:

- do not fit a National Garden Clubs, Inc. Award Category
- are not large enough in scope for consideration at the National level.

Application for CARSGC, Inc. Awards is made through the Awards Chairmen of each State Garden Club/Federation within the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs. The State Awards Chairman sends the CAR applications to the CAR-SGC Awards Chairman designated for that particular Award, unless otherwise directed.

- Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
- The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.
- National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.
- The Garden Club of New Jersey
- Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.
- Garden Club of Ohio
- The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

Please Note: The only NGC Award now submitted through the Region is **Yearbooks**. Updated information and criteria for judging may be found in the **National Garden Clubs, Inc. Awards Rules, 2017-19.** **Youth Awards** on a National Level are now considered **under Youth Programs**.

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CAR-SGC AWARDS TO INDIVIDUALS AND OR CLUBS:

General Rules

1. The CAR-SGC Awards Year shall be January 1 to December 31.
2. Applications shall be in the hands of the CAR-SGC Awards Chairman, unless otherwise stated, no later than April 1.
3. Applications should have won a state award or be screened by the State Awards Committee to assure high quality.
4. No club shall win the same award two years in succession.
5. Awards will be presented at the CAR-SGC Conference. Any Books of Evidence may be picked up by the State Presidents.
6. Limit of one entry per state per award or per size category (small, medium and large club category.)
7. Note that CAR-SGC Categories of Club Size differ from thoe of NGC.

SCALE OF POINTS FOR ALL CAR-SGC AWARDS (exception: Publicity Pressbook Books)

Presentation 5pts.- neat, concise, includes all required information on the Application Form (3 sheets allowed), or the 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 have to 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 PTS.

APPLICATION FORMS

The CARSGC Application Form and procedure for applying for awards is on the website. The application form contains topics to be addressed along with any supporting photographs.

- There is a three(3) page limit, using only the front of the page.
- Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer allowed.
- Applications will be returned. Exceptions noted.
- Application may be submitted electronically to the CAR-SGC Awards Chairman where applicable.

PROCEDURE

The State Awards Committee shall choose the applicants to be sent for CAR-SGC awards. The State Awards Chairman will complete the CAR-SGC Application Form and send to the CAR-SGC Awards Chairman.

MONETARY AWARDS

Monetary awards sponsored by the Region may be subject to change depending on the financial status of the Region.

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT AWARD

CERTIFICATE and \$100 in each category

Categories: Small Club – up to 25 members

Medium Club – 26-50 members

Large Club – over 50 members

Awarded to a Member Club for the best project involving civic development and improvement. The project may be one that is completed in one season or may be a completed section of an ongoing project.

Accomplishments during the current awards year should be emphasized. Project should benefit or beautify, stimulate civic pride, supply added conveniences or enlarged opportunities for the community. Advice and/or support may be obtained from various sources (city officials, civic groups, landscape architects, nurserymen, etc.)

NOTE – Refer to CAR-SGC General Rules. Send to Chair (Phyllis Besch pdbesch@aol.com) no later than April 1.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN AWARD

CERTIFICATE and \$100 in each category

Categories: Small club – up to 25 members

Medium Club – 26 – 50 members

Large Club – over 50 members

Awarded to a Member Club for the best effort to create awareness of the need to protect and/or conserve our environment. May be for a completed project/effort or for a completed section of an on-going project/effort.

NOTE: Refer to CAR-SGC General Rules. Send to Chair (Pat Rupiper, patrupiper@gmail.com) no later than April 1.

THE VIOLET S. THORON AWARD

CERTIFICATE;

Awarded annually to a Member Club, District, or State (having no Districts) for an outstanding project in the field of Landscape Design and/or for conducting the most complete and effective program of education in Landscape Design. May be awarded for a single project or educational program. Project may be one that is completed in one season

or a completed section of an on-going project. Work completed during the current awards year should be emphasized. The Judging Committee on the State level shall include an accredited Landscape Design Consultant. The CARSGC Landscape Design Representative shall choose a committee to judge the Thoron Award.

NOTE; Refer to CAR-SGC General Rules. Send to Chair (Jane Bersch, janebersch@aol.com) no later than April 1.

JEAN LADSON OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD-

CERTIFICATE and \$100 in each category

Categories; Small club – up to 25 members

Medium club – 26 – 50 members

Large club – over 50 members

Awarded to a Club or Group of Clubs presenting the most outstanding garden club work that is not eligible for any other CAR-SGC Award. Youth involvement is considered a plus.

NOTE: - Refer to CAR-SGC General Rules. Send to Chair (Blewismk@aol.com) no later than April 1.

OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT AWARD

CERTIFICATE and \$100.00

Awarded to a Garden Club or Garden Club Member(s) for an Educational Exhibit, which relates to our national objectives and is designed to instruct. Winning exhibit will be displayed at the CAR-SGC Fall Conference provided space is available. Application should include: Summary of exhibit, impetus for the exhibit, where and when exhibit was displayed, number of people viewing the exhibit, concrete results of the exhibit (if known).

Two photographs may be sent electronically.

NOTE – Refer to CAR-SGC General Rules (Send to Chair (Bette Lewis, Blewismk@aol.com) before April 1.

PUBLICITY PRESSBOOK AWARDS

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION in each category

Categories: Small club – up to 25 members

Medium club – 26 – 50 members

Large club – over 50 members

Group of Member Clubs, Councils, Districts

Certificate may be awarded to winning books of evidence exhibiting quality, quantity, and diversity of coverage in the print media promoting garden clubs and their goals and objectives. Complete the necessary information on the CAR-SGC Application Form and prepare a Book of Evidence. No limit on the number of pages.

NOTE: Refer to CAR-SGC General Rules. Send to Chair (Mary Noel, mhnoel@earthlink.net) no later than April 1.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE CERTIFICATE

Awarded to the State Garden Club/Federation showing the greatest percentage increase in paid membership over the previous fiscal year. Regional Membership Representative determines the results by comparing National Garden Clubs, Inc. paid membership statistics between October 31 of the past and current year.

CAR-SGC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

One (1) or more \$1000 Scholarships may be awarded each year and presented at the Fall Conference.

Each State may submit one (1) application. The application is sent to the CAR-SGC Scholarship Awards Representative by the July 1 deadline. Applications are judged by three (3) former CAR-SGC Directors chosen by the current Director and current CAR-SGC Scholarship Representative.

Application Requirements:

The *The NGC Scholarship Form* is to be used. Follow all directions and include the following:

- A. Application form.
- B. Complete official academic transcript.
- C. Personal letter from applicant, discussing goals, background, financial need and commitment to chosen field of study. (Limited to two typed pages only).
- D. List of extracurricular activities, honors, recognitions received.
- E. Financial Aid form.
- F. Three letters of recommendation, focusing on the following, and limited to one typed page.
 1. Scholastic abilities
 2. Character
 3. Work related experience

Send to Chair (Angie Raitano, (Angie.raitano@comcast.net, 74 Hillcrest drive, Charleroi, PA 15022-2516) no later than July 1.

NOTE: NGC Scholarship winners are not eligible for the CAR-SGC Scholarship award.

GOLDEN PERENNIAL BLOOM AWARD

Certificate and recognition at the CAR-SGC Fall Conference.

Presented to the Regional winner in the State’s Perennial Bloom Award Competition. To be eligible for the Golden Perennial Bloom Award, clubs must choose their Perennial Bloom candidate(s) and send the application for ONE candidate to the District Director by **July 1**. Up to 4 pages of supporting data may be included, as well as the picture of the winner. Applicants or this award are not eligible for the NGC Award of Honor. District Awards Chairmen, after reviewing all Club applications, must select ONE winner from all clubs and send this application to the State Awards Chairman by **August 1**. State Awards Chairmen will select ONE State Winner & send this application to CAR-SGC Perennial Bloom Chairman: Gail S. Corle, 26 Mansion Blvd., Altoona, PA 16602-3252 or gcorle1214@gmail.com by the deadline of **August 31**.

NOTE: Each club is asked to present and plant a tree or shrub in honor of each of their Perennial Bloom Awardees. Complete information for this award, an application and a certificate are included on the CAR0-SGC website.

FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARD

CERTIFICATE and \$50 in each category

Categories:

Small Standard Flower Show Schedule* Standard Flower Show Schedule* Youth Small Standard Show Schedule* Youth Standard Flower Show Schedule* Horticulture Specialty Flower Show Schedule* Design Specialty Flower Show Schedule*

*Refer to *Handbook for Flower Shows 2017*, pgs. 7-9,

Awarded to a Member Club, Group of Member Clubs, District, or Council for an outstanding schedule in its category. Schedule shall be for a flower show held during the calendar year (January 1 through December 31). Winning schedule must score 95 or more. The judging Committee at the State level shall include an accredited Flower Show School Instructor and/or Flower Show School/Symposium Chairman. The CAR-SGC Flower Show School/Instructors Chairman shall choose the committee to judge this award.

NOTE – Refer to CAR-SGC General Rules.

SCALE OF POINTS

Format

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.....15

Terminology clear, Presentation Complete by Concise(10), Font size and type readable(5)

Content

.....
.....70

All information included meets Handbook requirements for category of show entered(40), Number and type of horticulture classes appropriate for show

size, awards offered, and season (15).
Number and type of design classes appropriate for show size, awards offered
and season(15)

Substantiating Data

.....15

Schedule requirements, information and classes/awards, Organized in a
Practical and functional manner (10)

Theme appropriate, workable and evident throughout class schedule (5).

NOTE: Refer to CAR-SGC General Rules. Send to Chair (Mary Ellen Alden,
mellon.alden@icloud.com) by April 1.

CAR-SGC YOUTH EXCELLENCE AWARD

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION and \$50

Awarded to the Youth Garden Club (sponsored by a Member Garden Club) which receives the highest evaluation in proportion to size for the accomplishment of Regional and National objectives. Award is based on submission of a scrapbook documenting the activities of the Club using photographs, publicity, and a printed schedule of the year’s programs and projects. There is no limit on the number of pages.

SCALE OF POINTS

Format.....10

(Cover, Page 1, Clear, concise presentation, neat)

Content.....60

(Photographs and captions, Publicity, Printed Schedule of Year’s
Programs and Projects)

Accomplishment of Regional and National
Objectives.....30

TOTAL.....100

CAR-SGC / NGC YOUTH PROGRAMS

Flyers for each of these contests may be obtained by logging on to the NGC, website (www.nationalgardenclubs.org) clicking on “Youth Programs” and scrolling down to Youth Contests. These Awards are not listed under NGC Awards.

Winning entries will not be returned. They become the property of CAR-SGC/NGC or, in the case of the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, the U. S. Forest Service.

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

CERTIFICATE and \$100

Contest is open to High School students attending 9th through 12th grades. The contest must be sponsored by: single member garden club, group of member clubs, councils or districts, or a State Garden Club. All entries become the property of CAR-SGC/NGC.

2018-2019 Topic: “The Impact of Bottled Water on the Environment and Water Supply”

The length of the essay must be between 500-600 words. The entry will be penalized if the essay does not conform to the required length. All words are to be counted. Students should write the essay so that it is suitable to be published in the *CAR-SGC Review* or *The National Gardener*.

NOTE: Refer to CAR-SGC General Rules. Send State winner to Chair (Sharon Brown, gardensb@hotmail.com) by February 1.

SCALE OF POINTS:

Content	.....
.....	65
Knowledge of Subject.....	.....
25	
Practicality of Proposal	.....10
Originality	.....
.....	15
Subject Matter Well Organized/Clarity of Presentation	.....
15	
Composition	.....
.....	25
Vocabulary	.....
.....	15
Conformance to Length	.....10
Manuscript	.....
.....	10
TOTAL	.....
.....	100

NATIONAL AWARD: \$1000

POETRY CONTEST

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO 1ST PLACE WINNERS FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL

2018-2019 TOPIC: “Pop Goes the Seed”

Contest is open to Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

1. All entries must be typed and titled.
2. Include name, address, age and school grade of participant on back of entry.
3. Sponsoring club must also be identified.
4. All entries become the property of CAR-SGC, Inc/NGC.
5. Poems do not have to rhyme.
6. Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems or Haiku.

NOTE: State winners must be sent to Chair (Sharon Brown, gardensb@hotmail.com) by Feb. 1.

SCALE OF POINTS

Title	10
Content	40
Creativity	30
Style	20
TOTAL.....	100

SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION to 1st place winners in Grades 1 – 5.

Winning posters will not be returned.

Open to individual student artists in grades 1 through five, who are sponsored by a Member Garden Club.

* Smokey Bear posters must be based upon, and include Smokey’s fire prevention message, “Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires!”

* Woodsy Owl Posters must be based upon, and include, Woodsy’s conservation message, “Lend a Hand – Care for the Land!”

Original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl (not both) should demonstrate the applicant’s understanding of fire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles. Materials that can be used include: crayons, markers, poster paints, water colors, etc. No three-dimensional, computer-scanned or electronically generated images will be accepted. The artist’s name, address, home phone number, grade level, school, teacher’s name, sponsoring local garden club, city and state must be printed on the back of the poster in the lower right hand corner. (Do not use a dark marker for this information as it may show through.)

SCALE OF POINTS

Originality	20
Design.....	20

Slogan	20
Artwork	20
Overall Effectiveness of the Message	20
TOTAL	100

NOTE: State winners are to be submitted to CAR-SGC Chair (Mickie Marquis, 122 E. Warren Street, Lebanon, Ohio 45036-1858, 513-850-1653) by February 23.

YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO WINNERS IN GRADES 4 – 8.

Download Youth Sculpture Entry Form from NGC website.

1. Children in 4th grade through 8th grade will be eligible to enter the contest
2. The sculpture is limited to a size that would fit on an 8 1/2” x 11” sheet of paper and must be constructed of recyclable, reused, and reduced material
3. Entries should include as many photographs as can be printed on the back of the entry form; (2) 4x6 photographs are recommended
4. Club entries must be sent to State Chairman by your State Deadline. State winners must be sent to the CAR-SGC Chairman by Feb. 1.
5. Youth sculpture contest winners will be asked to submit a high quality photo of their entry to be used on the NGC website and in other NGC publications.

SCALE OF POINTS

Creative use of materials and self expression	60
Description of sculpture and materials used	30
Craftsmanship and technique	10
TOTAL.....	100

NOTE: State winners are to be submitted to CAR-SGC Chair (Mickie Marquis, mickiem@cinci.rr.com) Feb. 1. 122 E. Warren Street, Lebanon, OH 45036-1858.

THE AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY REGIONAL HERBACEOUS PERENNIAL AWARD

Awarded to a Garden Club, Group of Garden Clubs, District, Council or State for an Outstanding Class or Section of Herbaceous Perennials in a Standard Flower Show.

1. Club, District or State Flower Show Chairmen may apply. (Plant societies excluded.)
2. Each State Garden Club/Federation in the CAR-SGC Region is eligible each year to receive one American Horticultural Society Regional Award for a class or section of Herbaceous Perennials in a Standard Flower show held between January 1 and December 31.
3. The award shall consist of an American Horticultural Society Blue Rosette and a Certificate. A donated monetary award may also be presented.

4. The overall exhibit must be of outstanding quality and include a minimum of 20 specimens. (NOTE: Refer to the Scales of Points in the 2017 ed. *Handbook for Flower Shows*). Schedule may state application will be made for this award, if merited.
5. Application should include:
 - a. Date, name of State Garden Club/Federation, name of show, and location.
 - b. Brief description
 - c. List of specimens in exhibit botanically named (genus, species, and cultivar).
 - d. Clear photograph of exhibit including staging; may be sent electronically.
 - e. Clear photograph of any top awards in exhibit, if applicable; may be sent electronically.
 - f. Application is not to exceed three single pages.
6. The Application is sent to each State's Awards Chairman by the state's date.
7. Each state's winning entry is sent to the AHS Regional Awards Chair (Shirley Nicolai) by April 1.
8. Six weeks before the CAR-SGC Fall Conference the AHS Regional Awards Chairman sends of listing of winners for the rosette (s) and certificate to:
 American Horticultural Society
 7931 E. Boulevard Drive
 Alexandria, VA 22308-1300
 Re: AHS Regional Perennial Award
9. The AHS Regional Perennial Awards will be presented at the CAR-SGC, Inc. **Conference.**

NGC AWARDS PROCESSED THROUGH THE REGION

YEARBOOKS – Use NGC Application for these awards.

YB-1 (clubs)

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION WITH FIRST PLACE RECOGNITION may be awarded for outstanding yearbooks in each of the following categories, determined by number of members, including Life Members, on whom NGC dues are paid. Yearbooks may be accepted for competition on the calendar year or the club year (the same yearbook may be submitted only one time in awards year). No envelope necessary. State Awards Chairman submits Yearbook winners in each category to the Regional Awards Chairman by the Regional Deadline (CAR-SGC Feb. 1). The Regional Awards Chairman sends the name of the winning entry in each category (not the actual yearbooks) to Awards Chairman, Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich by no later than March 30th.

YB-1 Single member garden club : Categories:

1. Club under 20 members
2. Club 20-29
3. Club 30-44
4. Club 45-69
5. Club 70-99

- 6. Club 100-299
- 7. Club 300 or more

SCALE OF POINTS

Format:

Book structure2 points
 Cover2
 Title Page2
 Table of Contents.....1
 Subsequent pages
 Membership Roster.....2
 List of Officers & Chairmen.....1
 NGC Information1
 Other Information2
 Calendar of Events.....2

Programs:

- 1. Meets minimum number of meetings required by State3
- 2. List date and time of meeting, location with address.....3
- 3. List name of speakers; qualifications, Program title.....3
- 4. Variety of Program topics (Theme not required).....14
 - a. Variety of styles of programs (lectures, tours, etc.).....12
 - b. Variety of speakers (specialists, members, etc.).....14

Projects:

- 1. List Continuing and New Projects (not required to have new projects ...15
- 2. Give brief word description of projects.....20

Options: (no points given)

May fill available space with bylaws, budget, fund-raising, roll call, former club presidents. Club theme: If used, should be evident throughout book.

NGC Mission Statement

NGC Conservation Pledge

NGC Environmental Mission Statement

NGC Water Conservation Platform

List of members who are life members in state, region, NGC

Awards received previous year.

NOTE: FOR YB -3 , 5, & 6 – PLEASE DOWNLOAD SCALE OF POINTS FROM THE NGC WEBSITE.

NOTE: Send Yearbooks and Application to CAR-SGC Chair (Bette Lewis, 1915 Blackbriar Street, Silver Spring, MD 20903-1201, Blewismk@aol.com) by Feb. 1.

