

FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF MARYLAND, INC. (FGCMD) AWARDS
AND YOUTH CONTESTS - rev Jun20,11

Except as noted, the awards year is January 1 – December 31.

Additional information is available from the FGCMD and District Awards Chairmen.

Award applications and the Standard Flower Show Report form are available on the FGCMD website www.fgcofmd.org, under the 'Awards' tab. Unless otherwise indicated, applications must be received by your District Awards Chairman by November 1.

Awards marked with an asterisk [] are silver or pewter, and may remain with the winner for a predetermined period of time before being returned to the Awards Chairman.*

Winner must acknowledge in writing that the award is in her/his possession.

A. Awarded by President and/or Executive Committee. No application required except as noted:

MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR (1994) – A certificate may be awarded to one individual member of an FGCMD club whose volunteer efforts during a period of 5 or more years have made outstanding contributions to club and community in one or more of the following areas: Civic Development, Horticulture Therapy, Youth Activities, Conservation, Landscape Design, Horticulture, Floral Design or all-around Excellence. The FGCMD winner then is nominated for the CAR Award of Honor, and the CAR winner is nominated for the NGC Award of Honor. The Nominee must not be a current member of the NGC Board of Directors. *Application and Book of Evidence due to FGCMD Awards Chairman by January 1.*

CITATION (1959) – A certificate may be awarded to an individual selected by the Executive Committee, and approved by the Executive Board, for meritorious service in promoting the objectives of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.

AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT (1981) – A certificate may be awarded to an individual member, member club or group of member clubs for an activity worthy of recognition in promotion of the objectives of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.

AWARD OF APPRECIATION (1983) – A certificate may be awarded to a non-garden club member for an activity worthy of recognition in promotion of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD (1995) – A certificate may be awarded to an individual/s in recognition for help received during an administration.

***MARIE COULTER BOWL (2009)** – The silver bowl may be awarded to an individual member, member club or group of member clubs for their role and activities in promoting the objectives of CAR and NGC (excluding ex-officio terms as President of FGCMD).

B. Awarded by the FGCMD Awards Committee, except as noted:

- **Conservation, Civic Development, Community Service, Environmental Awareness and Historic Preservation** - *Application required; a club may apply for an award for each separate project, but may not apply for more than one award for any one project:*

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD – A certificate may be awarded to a FGCMD garden club for improvement of a playground, school, civic building, historic landmark, or environmental project. Before and after photographs are necessary.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD (1981) – A certificate may be awarded to a FGCMD garden club for meritorious service in a community through an activity or project reflecting the objectives of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc. A club may receive only one Community Service award per year.

JOANNA TILGHMAN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AWARD (2011) – A certificate may be awarded to a member Garden Club for a project or activity that is bay-wise and most exemplifies bay wise techniques and practices to help clean-up and maintain the Chesapeake Bay.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD – A certificate may be awarded to a FGCMDC garden club for a project involving the restoration of an historic site, such as the restoration or recreation of a garden, outbuilding, fencing, walls, walkways, etc.

Outstanding projects from the pool of applications received for awards listed above may be selected for the following; separate application is not required:

***EVELYN M. COTTON MARYLAND CONSERVATION AWARD (1983)** - The silver bowl may be awarded to a FGCMDC garden club or individual member for any outstanding conservation project.

***GOVERNOR’S BEAUTIFICATION BOWL** – The silver bowl may be awarded to the top-scoring FGCMDC garden club for any outstanding civic improvement. .

***MARYLAND ROADSIDE AWARD (1979)** – The pewter tray may be awarded to a FGCMDC garden club promoting the most outstanding roadside improvement.

***RAE B. WEEKS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD (1992)** – The silver bowl may be awarded to a FGCMDC garden club for the restoration of a park, building and/or garden of importance to the heritage of our state.

- **Garden Therapy** - *Application required; a club may apply for an award for each separate project, but may not apply for more than one award for any one project:*

GARDEN THERAPY AWARD (1988) – A certificate may be awarded to a FGCMDC garden club for sponsoring an outstanding program of garden therapy.

- **Flower Shows -**

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT – A certificate may be awarded to a FGCMDC garden club, group of clubs, Council, District or to National Affiliate Plant Societies presenting a Standard Flower Show scoring 95 points or more and applying for a National Garden Clubs' Flower Show Achievement Award. *Submit Standard Flower Show Report and 2 copies of the Show schedule no later than 10 days following the show date, and the NGC Flower Show Achievement Award application and Book of Evidence no later than 4 weeks following the show date or by December 31(whichever earlier), to the FGCMDC Flower Show Evaluation Chairman.*

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION (1986) – A certificate may be awarded to a FGCMDC garden club, group of clubs, Council, District or to National Affiliate Plant Societies presenting a Standard or Small Standard Flower Show whose show upholds the high standards of NGC, Inc. but not applying for a National Garden Clubs Flower Show Achievement Award. *Submit Standard Flower Show Report and 2 copies of the show schedule no later than 10 days following the show date to the FGCMDC Flower Show Evaluation Chairman.*

The following may be awarded only at a Standard Flower Show Sponsored by FGCMDC:

ANN GORMAN STEWART AWARD – May be presented to the highest scoring blue ribbon exhibit in the Design Division in classes designated in the Flower Show Schedule.

***MRS. EDWARD A. MAHER AWARD** – May be awarded to a member of a FGCMDC Garden Club for the highest scoring blue ribbon exhibit in Design classes using all fresh plant material.

***LUCY BENTON MEMORIAL BOWL** – May be awarded to a member of a FGCMDC Garden Club for a worthy exhibit in the Design Division.

***MARGARET ROBERTS YERGER AWARD** – May be awarded to a member of a FGCMDC Garden Club accumulating the most blue ribbons in Horticulture classes for woody plants.

***ROBERT LEWIS BAKER MEMORIAL BOWL** – May be awarded to a member Club, District or individual member of a FGCMDC Club for an outstanding Educational Exhibit.

ZENOBIA KENDIG AWARD (2006) – May be awarded to a member of a FGCMDC Garden Club for an entry in a designated Horticulture class (designation by Garden Study Council).

- **Landscape Design**

LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONSULTANTS COUNCIL AWARDS (1995) – Cash awards may be awarded to FGCMDC garden club(s) for outstanding landscape work at (1) a public site or (2) a Habitat for Humanity site. *Awarded by Landscape Design Council. Submit application to the Council Chairman by October 1.*

- Membership - No application required:**
 ***CLEMSON BOWL (1998)** – The silver bowl may be awarded biennially to the District gaining the most new clubs during a two year Administration.

***DISTRICT BOWL (1980)** – The silver bowl is awarded annually for the greatest percentage increase in District membership in the calendar year. If a tie in percentages should occur, the District with the largest number of new clubs would win. If a tie still exists, the number of new Life Members will be the deciding factor.
- Photography - Application required; individuals may submit only one photograph per award:**
ANNETTE RICHTER PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD (2006) – A \$50 cash award may be presented to the winner for beauty of a native plant (vine, shrub or flower) as expressed through photography. Close-up photography preferred. Applicant must be the photographer and designer.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD (2009) - A \$50 cash award may be presented to the winner for beauty of flower, fruit or leaf formation of a tree or shrub as expressed through photography in a close-up shot. Applicant must be the photographer. Sponsored by FGCMD District Directors.

HARRY C. REYNOLDS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD (1986) – May be awarded for beauty of overall silhouette of trees or shrubs as expressed through photography. Applicant must be the photographer. Sponsored by Gardening Study Council.

MARY F. FITZPATRICK PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD (1976) – May be awarded for artistic excellence in flower arrangement as expressed through photography. Applicant must be the designer and photographer. Sponsored by Judges Council.
- Publications and Yearbooks - Application required; a club may apply for an award for each separate project, but may not apply for more than one award for any one project:**
PUBLICATIONS AWARD (2001) – A certificate may be awarded to a FGCMD garden club for a publication printed within the current administration (i.e. a directory) or on a monthly or quarterly basis (i.e. newsletters); excludes club yearbooks, notices and flyers of one-time events.

YEARBOOK AWARD – A certificate may be awarded for a yearbook submitted by a FGCMD garden club and scoring 90 points or more in each of the following categories: (1) Under 20 members, (2) 20 - 29 members, (3) 30- 44 members, (4) 45-69 members, (5) 70-99 members, (6) 100-299 members and (7) 300 or more members.
- Regional and National Projects**
REGIONAL AND NATIONAL PROJECT AWARD - Certificates may be awarded to individual garden clubs for outstanding participation and to the District with the most overall participation in current Central Atlantic Regional and/or National Garden Clubs, Inc. National project or projects.
- Youth Gardeners - Application required; a club may apply for an award for each separate project, but may not apply for more than one award for any one project:**
 ***DESSIE MOXLEY YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AWARD (2010)** – The pewter tray may be awarded to a Federated Garden Club for activity completed within the current year with youth or with an organized Youth Gardener Club(s). The same project may not be submitted in two consecutive years for this award.

***STIEFF YOUNG GARDENERS ACHIEVEMENT BOWL** – The silver bowl may be awarded at the FGCMD Annual Meeting for the best civic project by a Youth Gardener Club.

YOUTH CONTESTS

[Please obtain rules and additional information from FGCMD Youth Gardener Chairman]

SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST – For 1st to 5th grade students sponsored by a single garden club, group of member clubs, councils or districts, or a State Garden Club. All entries become the

property of National Garden Clubs, Inc. Grand Prize National winner will win free round trip airfare and accommodations for 4 to Washington, DC. \$100 U.S. Savings Bond also will be awarded to the 1st Place National winners from each grade level. *Submit to FGCMD Youth Gardener Chairman by January 20.*

POETRY CONTEST – For K to 9th grade students sponsored by a single garden club, group of member clubs, councils or districts, or a State Garden Club. All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc. NGC Certificate of Commendation to National winners at each grade level; CAR Certificate of Recognition to winner at each grade level. *Submit to FGCMD Youth Gardener Chairman by December 1.*

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST – For 9th to 12th grade students sponsored by a single garden club, group of member clubs, councils or districts, or a State Garden Club. All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc. \$1,000 National Garden Club Scholarship will be awarded to the National winner. If winner is an underclassman, Scholarship will be held by NGC, Inc. without interest, until such time that the student enters college. At that time, money will be forwarded to the Financial Aid Officer of the college that the student will enter. 2nd place winner will receive \$100. CAR 1st place winner receives \$100. FGCMD will award savings bonds of \$100 and \$50 respectively to Maryland 1st and 2nd Place winners. *Submit to FGCMD Youth Gardener Chairman by December 1.*

NGC AWARD #76 - HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROJECT AWARD along with \$100 for 1st Place and \$50 for 2nd Place, may be awarded to a 9th to 12th grade high school student sponsored by a single member club, group of member clubs, districts or a State Garden Club for an outstanding civic project making a significant improvement for public benefit, e.g. environment, conservation, landscape, horticulture, recycling, horticulture therapy, etc. *Submit to FGCMD Awards Chairman by November 1.*

National Garden Clubs, Inc. also sponsors a **NATIVE PLANTS PATCH** for Girl Scouts. Information can be found at <http://www.gardenclub.org/Youth/GirlScoutPatch.aspx>