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THE AWARDS PROGRAM

The awards program recognizes the outstanding achievement of clubs and members at the District, State, Regional and National levels. All clubs are encouraged to participate. To qualify for an award, a club must be in good standing by paying FGCMF dues no later than March 1 and by filing the N990 tax form. FGCMF award applications are sent electronically to your District Awards Chairman. Applications for Council awards and Flower Show awards, listed in this manual, are sent directly to the respective Council Chairman or Flower Show Evaluation Chairman. A comprehensive list of all awards can be found in the Awards section on the following websites:

1. **State - FGCMF (Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.)** www.fgcmfmd.org
 - A complete list of awards is referenced in this manual.
2. **Regional - CAR – SGC (Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs)** www.car-sgc.org
CAR-SGC Member Password: 2325@CARegion
 - The purpose of the CAR-SGC Awards is to recognize excellence above the State level for outstanding club projects or achievements.
 - Applications for CAR-SGC Awards are made through the State Awards Chairman.
 - The FGCMF State Awards Chairman sends all CAR-SGC applications to the CAR-SGC Awards Chairman.
3. **National - NGC (National Garden Clubs, Inc.)** www.gardenclub.org
 - A list of NGC Awards and Youth Work are located on the NGC website in the “Awards & Grants Overview” section. The Youth Contests are located on the NGC website under the “Youth & Scholarship” section.
 - Applications for NGC Awards are made through the State Awards Chairman.
 - The FGCMF State Awards Chairman sends NGC applications to the NGC Awards Chairman.

FGCMF Award Categories

State applications are judged according to the size of the club which is determined by number of members who pay NGC dues, including Garden Club Members (Active and Associate), Affiliates, State Life Members, etc. The categories are:

1. Small Club: 1 - 20 members
2. Medium Club: 21 - 50 members
3. Large Club: 51 + members

CAR-SGC Yearbook Award Categories

CAR-SGC Yearbook awards are also judged according to the size of the club which is different than FGCMF club size categories. Check the CAR-SGC website for information specific to Yearbook awards.

Awards

The award year is January 1 – December 31 for FGCMF, NGC & CAR-SGC. Award applications must be received by your District Awards Chairman, unless otherwise stated, by October 15. Refer to Awards Calendar Schedule page 7.

Every award should be submitted to your District Awards Chairman for review. Contact your District Chairman first for any questions regarding the application or requirements.

Refer to the NGC and CAR-SGC websites for award information, as your project may be eligible for regional or national awards that are not listed in this manual. Applications for Regional and National Awards are made ONLY through the State Awards Chairman. Only one application per award category will be considered by the Regional and National Award Committees.

Award Applications – General Guidelines

All Award Applications can be found on the FGCMF website. Refer to the award to determine the appropriate application form. By submitting an application you affirm that you have any required permissions / releases and that the images, photos and / or videos do not violate or infringe the copyright or other proprietary or intellectual property rights of others. You are giving the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland (FGCMF), the Central Atlantic Region – State Garden Clubs (CAR-SGC) and National Garden Clubs (NGC) permission to use the images, photos and / or videos to promote FGCMF, CAR-SGC and NGC in the future. Images / photos taken at a public event or in a public space do not need photo releases.

1. Any Federated Garden Club of Maryland is eligible to apply.

2. The project or activity must have been completed by October 15. If the club project is not completed by October 15th, submit the award application the following year.
3. If the project or activity has won 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place or Honorable Mention in the prior year, the project or activity may not be submitted for an Award in the following year.
4. Only one project or activity per award may be submitted.
5. If the same project is eligible for various awards, select the **ONE** most suitable award for the project application. An application may not be used for multiple award categories.
6. The FGCMMD / NGC Award Application consists of the Application cover sheet and up to three (3) printed pages, front-side only, including photographs. Application cover sheet in PDF or Word is available on the FGCMMD website. Refer to <https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2023-01/creating-award-winning-application.pdf> to create an award-winning application.
 - Address the criteria listed on the scoring evaluation sheet (commonly referred to as the General Scoring Rubric).
 - Select quality photographs (300 DPI, dots per inch) that show the beginning, middle and end of a project. One high quality photograph highlighting the finished product, preferably without people would be helpful in the application.
 - Save the application documents as a PDF or Word document for electronic submission.
 - Application File name should be labeled as follows:
 - District #_Award#_ Size of Club _ Garden Club Initials
 - Example for District 8, G1 Award, Club size Medium, Keep Blooming Garden Club: D8_G1_M_KBGC
7. The application packet is submitted to the District Awards Chairman electronically.
8. The District Awards Chairman must receive the Application packet by October 15th.
9. Retain a copy of your application packet for club records.

FGCMMD / NGC General Scoring Rubric

The scoring evaluation sheet is commonly called the General Scoring Rubric. Most awards are judged using the General Scoring Rubric. NGC and CAR – SGC organizations use this terminology also. Individual applicants can use the General Scoring Rubric to evaluate the competitiveness of their application as it is the same General Scoring Rubric that will be used by the judges to assess points earned for each aspect of the submitted project.

Points and Placement

1. First Place 90-100 points
 - The entry **MUST** earn 90 or above to be considered for first place.
 - There will be only one first place award for each award category/club size (1st for small club, 1st for medium club, etc. based on Rubric Score). In the event of ties for first place, judges must go back and reevaluate the applications.
2. Second Place 85-89 points
 - There can be a tie for second place
3. Third Place 80-84 points
 - There can be a tie for third place
4. Honorable Mention 75-80 points
 - There can be up to four awards

The award could also be considered for an additional NGC or CAR-SGC award if it places 90 or above.

FGCMD Awards Selection Process

1. The District Awards Chairman reviews the application(s) for completeness and sends the application(s) to the State Awards Chairman by October 30.
2. The FGCMD State Awards Selection Committee meets in November to review all applications. This committee is comprised of the State Awards Chairman, Co-Chairman, District Awards Chairmen, District Directors and Members of the State Executive Board.
3. The FGCMD State Award recipients are selected after review and scoring by the Committee.
4. Youth Contests Award recipients are reviewed and selected by the State Awards Chairman, Co-Chairman and Youth Contests Awards Chairman.
5. Photography Awards are reviewed and selected by the State Awards Chairman, Co-Chairman and one professional photographer.
6. Council Awards are finalized by the respective Council Chairmen.

Regional and National Awards Process

1. FGCMD State Awards recipients, merited for Regional and National Awards, are sent to CAR – SGC or NGC by the State Awards Chairman only.
2. FGCMD / CAR-SGC Yearbook Scoring Rubric will be utilized for judging yearbooks.

Announcement of Award Recipients

For Award applications submitted by October 15:

1. FGCMD Awards are announced at the District or State annual meetings in March. Refer to the Awards Calendar Schedule, page 7, for a complete list. Award recipients are published on the FGCMD website (<https://fgcofmd.org/awards/>) in the Awards Section after the State Annual Meeting.
2. CAR - SGC Awards are announced at the annual meeting in the fall. CAR - SGC Award information is available at www.car-sgc.org
3. NGC Awards are announced at their annual meeting in May/June following the award year. NGC Awards are published on the NGC website. <https://www.gardenclub.org/publications> and in *Gardenews*.

FGCMD AWARDS, COUNCILS, FLOWER SHOW AND YOUTH CONTESTS CALENDAR

The FGCMD Awards year is January 1st through December 31st of each calendar year. If a project is not completed by the designated deadline, save it and submit it the following year. Awards categories are listed top to bottom in the left column in the order they are due.

AWARDS	District Deadlines/ Contact	State Deadlines/ Contact	Awards Presentation Date
FGCMD Perennial Bloom Award	<u>February 1</u> District Awards Chair	<u>March 1</u> State Awards Chair	State Annual March Meeting and CAR-SGC Annual Fall Meeting (same calendar year)
FGCMD Awards	<u>October 15</u> District Awards Chair	<u>October 30</u> State Awards Chair	State and District Annual March Meetings
NGC Awards	<u>October 15</u> District Awards Chair	<u>October 30</u> State Awards Chair	NGC Annual Meeting
COUNCILS			
Environmental Council (EC)		<u>November 1</u> EC Chair	District Annual March Meeting
Gardening Council (GC)		<u>November 1</u> GC Chair	
Landscape Design (LD)		<u>November 1</u> LD Chair	
FLOWER SHOW EVALUATION			
Flower Show		<u>10 days after Flower Show</u> State Evaluation Chair	District Annual March Meeting
YOUTH CONTESTS			
<u>Youth Contests</u> Essay, Poetry, Sculpture	<u>December 31</u> District Awards Chair	<u>January 15</u> State Youth Contests Awards Chair	District Annual March Meeting
Youth Poster Contests	<u>December 31</u> District Awards Chair	<u>January 15</u> State Youth Contests Awards Chair	

FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF MARYLAND, INC. (FGCMD)

AWARDS

Award applications are available on the FGCMD website <https://www.fgcofmd.org/awards/>. Flower Show Forms are available <https://www.fgcofmd.org/councilsandschools/flowershows/>

Unless otherwise noted, applications must be received by your District Awards Chairman by October 15. All applications must be submitted electronically (PDF or Word). Printed copies will no longer be accepted. Refer to <https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2023-01/creating-award-winning-application.pdf>

Awards marked with an asterisk [] indicate a silver or pewter bowl/tray is presented to the recipient at the Annual Meeting in March. Each recipient receives a certificate and photograph of themselves with the award.
Exception: The Dessie Moxley Youth Involvement and Development Award winner will keep their tray.*

GENERAL AWARDS - CONSERVATION, CIVIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY SERVICE, ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, GARDEN THERAPY

FGCMD/NGC Award Application Cover Sheet required. With the exception of Garden Therapy, the below awards are eligible for the FGCMD Selection Committee Awards on page 9.

G1 - 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.

G2 - 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.

G3 - JOANNA TILGHMAN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AWARD (2011) – A certificate may be awarded to a FGCMD 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.

G4 - HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD – A certificate may be awarded to a FGCMD 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.

G5 - DECORATING HISTORIC HOMES – A certificate may be awarded to a FGCMD garden club for tastefully decorating an 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.

G6 - GARDEN THERAPY AWARD (1988) – A certificate may be awarded to a FGCMD garden club for sponsoring an outstanding program of garden therapy. Given for the establishment or restoration of a garden(s) that benefit the physically or learning challenged residents in nursing homes, schools, prisons, low-income housing, cancer centers, etc. Includes barrier free gardens, accessible gardening (raised beds), community gardens, meditation gardens at a hospital etc. The goals of these gardens can also be to increase awareness or give hope. In addition, FGCMD accepts projects that engage participants in small hands-on activities using physical and mental skills to create something or have a sensory experience. Examples may include, but are not limited to, potting plants, botanical arts projects or creating small arrangements.

G7 – GARDEN FOOD BANK AWARD (2024) – A certificate may be awarded to a FGCMD garden club for donating food to a local food bank or for working with a community garden in which food is distributed to a local food bank.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

No application required. Awarded based on the records of the FGCMDCentral Office

M1 - CLEMSON BOWL * (1998) – The silver bowl may be awarded biennially to the District gaining the most new clubs during a two year Administration.

M2 - DISTRICT BOWL * (1980) – The silver bowl may be awarded annually for the greatest percentage increase in District membership in the calendar year. If a tie in percentages occurs, 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 AWARDS

FGCMDC Photography Award Application required; Individuals must be the photographer and may submit only one photograph per award. Duplicate photos are not permitted. Size: 4"x 6", 1800 x 1200 pixels; 300 DPI. Photos must be submitted electronically as a JPEG. In applying for this award, the applicant gives the State permission to use pictures and information contained herein on State Communications. Award panel will consist of one professional photographer and the FGCMDC Awards Committee Chair/Co-Chair using the FGCMDC Photography Rubric specific for each award.

P1 - ANNETTE RICHTER PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD (2006) – A \$50 check award may be presented to the recipient for beauty of a **Maryland native plant** (vine, shrub or flower) as expressed through photography. Close-up photograph preferred. Applicant must be the photographer.

P2 - DISTRICT DIRECTORS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD (2009) – A \$50 check award may be presented to the recipient for beauty of flower, fruit or leaf formation of an **annual plant**, tree or shrub, bird or insect expressed through photography. A close-up shot is preferred. Applicant must be the photographer. Sponsored by FGCMDC District Directors.

P3 - HARRY C. REYNOLDS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD (1986) – Certificate may be awarded for beauty of **overall silhouette** (a dark solid shape image of a subject against a lighter background) of trees or shrubs as expressed through photography.

P4 - MARY F. FITZPATRICK PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD (1976) – Certificate may be awarded for artistic excellence (mastery of skills and techniques in flower arrangement) as expressed through photography. Applicant must be the designer **and** photographer.

YOUTH GARDENERS AWARDS

FGCMDC/NGC Award Application Cover Sheet required

YG1 - DESSIE MOXLEY YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AWARD * (2010) – A 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). For this award, club size is not a consideration and the criteria will be based on the overall project. The same project may not be submitted in two consecutive years for this award.

YG2 - STIEFF YOUNG GARDENERS ACHIEVEMENT BOWL * – The silver bowl may be awarded for the best civic project by a youth gardener club.

PUBLICATIONS / YEARBOOK AWARDS

FGCMDC/NGC Award Application Cover Sheet required for Publications Award PY1; No application cover sheet needed for Yearbook Award PY2. The FGCMDC / CAR-SGC Yearbook Scoring Rubric will be used to evaluate yearbooks. The NGC/MAE3 or MAE4 Scoring Rubric will be used to evaluate publications.

PY1 - PUBLICATIONS AWARD (2001) A certificate may be awarded to a FGCMDC garden club for submitting:

1. Newsletters/Magazines/Bulletins distributed at least three times per current year under one editor;
2. Manual or Handbook supporting any of the NGC objectives, i.e., procedural, duties of officers, awards, etc.;
3. Educational Publication promoting NGC objective, i.e., design, environmental, landscape, gardening, horticulture, therapy, etc.

PY2 - YEARBOOK AWARD – A certificate may be awarded for a yearbook submitted by a FGCMDC garden club and scoring 90 points or more in each of the following categories: Small Club: 1 – 20 members, Medium Club: 21 – 50 members, Large Club: 51 + members.

BLUE STAR / GOLD STAR MEMORIAL MARKER AWARDS

FGCMD/NGC Award Application Cover Sheet required

S1 - Certificate of Merit may be awarded for the most outstanding Blue Star Memorial Marker Landscaping project. The project may have been continuous, but major landscaping must have been completed within two years.

S2 - Certificate of Merit may be awarded for the most outstanding Gold Star Memorial Marker Landscaping project. The project may have been continuous, but major landscaping must have been completed within two years.

FGCMD PRESIDENTIAL / EXECUTIVE BOARD AWARDS

No application required except as noted

PE1 - PERENNIAL BLOOM AWARD

Perennial Bloom Application is required and due to District Awards Chairman by February 1

Eligible for CAR-SGC Perennial Bloom Award

Honors a long-time garden club member who has made gardens grow and bloom with their continuous support of NGC goals and objectives. This individual has provided their service as officers and chairmen, has promoted garden events and programs and has inspired others with their enthusiastic leadership. Along with the award of recognition, a tree or shrub is planted in honor by their club. The FGCMD recipient is nominated for the CAR-SGC Perennial Bloom Award.

PE2 - MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR (1994)

NGC Application SR-4 required and Book of Evidence due to FGCMD State Awards Chairman by January 1

Eligible for the CAR-SGC Member Award of Honor

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 recipient is nominated for the CAR-SGC Award of Honor, and the CAR-SGC recipient is nominated for the NGC Award of Honor. The Nominee must not be a current member of the NGC Board of Directors.

PE3 - 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.

PE4 - 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.

PE5 - 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.

PE6 - PRESIDENTIAL AWARD (1995) – A certificate awarded to individual(s) for their dedication and support of the Federation.

PE7 - 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-SGC and NGC. (excluding ex-officio terms as President of FGCMD).

PE8 – SPECIAL RECOGNITION – A certificate awarded to individual(s)/clubs in recognition for their help and support during an administration.

FGCMD SELECTION COMMITTEE AWARDS

No application required. Outstanding projects from the General Awards on page 7 may be considered for the following recognition:

SE1 - EVELYN M. COTTON MARYLAND CONSERVATION AWARD * (1983) – The silver bowl may be awarded to a FGCMMD garden club or individual member for any outstanding conservation project.

SE2 - GOVERNOR'S BEAUTIFICATION BOWL * – The silver bowl may be awarded to the top-scoring FGCMMD garden club for any outstanding civic improvement.

SE3 - MAE SCOTT FOOD BANK AWARD (2022) A \$100 cash award for contribution of food grown by a FGCMMD Garden Club and donated to a local food bank or to an FGCMMD Garden Club working with a community garden in which food is distributed to a local food bank.

SE4 - MARYLAND ROADSIDE AWARD * (1979) – The pewter tray may be awarded to a FGCMMD garden club promoting the most outstanding roadside improvement.

SE5 - RAE B. WEEKS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD * (1992) – The silver bowl may be awarded to a FGCMMD garden club for the restoration of a park, building and/or garden of importance to the heritage of our state.

COUNCIL AWARDS

Individual Council Award Applications Required

Note: Landscape Design and Gardening Consultants Council entries can also be submitted for an FGCMC Award; Project or activity must have been completed in the current year.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS COUNCIL

Submit Environmental Consultants Council Application to the Environmental Consultants Council Chairman by November 1. The FGCMC / NGC Awards Program Scoring Rubric will be used to evaluate the awards.

EC1 - JEAN LOWRY SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE AWARD – An Environmental Consultants Council Award of \$500 may be awarded to a FGCMC garden club for an outstanding sustainable landscape project displaying (1) an understanding of environmental stewardship practices (2) an educational component that teaches benefits of sustainable landscaping to the local community and (3) evidence of successful efforts to improve or reverse degradation of natural resources.

GARDENING CONSULTANTS COUNCIL

*Submit Gardening Consultants Council Application to the Gardening Consultants Council Chairman by November 1; Applications can be submitted for a FGCMC award **AND** a Gardening Consultants Council award with the same project. The FGCMC / NGC Awards Program Scoring Rubric will be used to evaluate the awards.*

GC1 - CONTAINER GARDEN AWARD – A cash award of \$150 may be presented to FGCMC club(s) for a project featuring two or more outstanding container gardens that: (1) enhance a public space or (2) support the mission of a not-for-profit organization.

GC2 - EDIBLE GARDEN AWARD – A cash award of \$150 may be presented to FGCMC club(s) for a project featuring an outstanding edible garden that: (1) provides a service to the public or (2) supports the mission of a not-for-profit organization.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL

*Submit FGCMC/NGC Award Application Cover Sheet to the Landscape Design Council Chairman by November 1; Application can be submitted for a FGCMC award **AND** a Landscape Design Council award with the same project. The FGCMC / NGC Awards Program Scoring Rubric will be used to evaluate the awards.*

LD1 - LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARD FOR PUBLIC SPACES (1995) – This award may be presented annually to FGCMC garden club(s) for outstanding landscape work at a public site which includes historic and religious sites. Cash Awards: 1st place \$150; 2nd place \$100; 3rd place \$50 and Honorable Mention \$25. Project may not be submitted again within three (3) years.

LD2 - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AWARD

This award of \$200 may be presented annually to FGCMC garden club(s) for work at a Habitat for Humanity site. The projects must be completed by September of the year submitted and may not be submitted again within three (3) years.

LD3 – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROPOSAL AWARD

This award of \$50 may be presented annually to FGCMC garden club(s) that submit a proposal for a Habitat for Humanity project.

LD4 - THE MAE SCOTT TAPESTRY LANDSCAPE AWARD (2010) - This award may be given annually to a FGCMC member or garden club for outstanding Tapestry Landscaping around an individual's home or a club's planned and maintained project. A cash award of \$250 for first place and \$150 for second place shall be presented to the recipients. The Tapestry Landscape may be an existing area, an improved planting area, or a newly planned and planted area. Submission of a book of evidence is required. Any individual or club who is awarded first place may not resubmit for this award within five (5) years.

FGCMD FLOWER SHOW EVALUATION AWARDS

State, Regional and National Flower Show award applications should be submitted to the Flower Show Evaluation Chairman. A Complete Guide to these awards can be found at:

<https://www.fgcofmd.org/councilandschools/flowershows/guide-to-state-regional-and-national-fs-awards-1.pdf>

FS1 - CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Submit Standard Flower Show Report (available at <https://www.fgcofmd.org/councilandschools/flowershows/>) and 2 copies of the Show schedule no later than 10 days following the show date.

Submit the NGC Flower Show Achievement Award application and Book of Evidence.

A certificate may be awarded to a FGCMD 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 Club Flower Show Achievement Award.

FS2 - CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION (1986)

Submit Standard Flower Show Report (available at <https://www.fgcofmd.org/councilandschools/flowershows/>) and 2 copies of the show schedule no later than 10 days following the show date to the FGCMD Flower Show Evaluation Chairman.

A certificate may be awarded to a FGCMD 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.

FGCMD FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

The following are awarded ONLY at a Standard Flower Show Sponsored by FGCMD, Inc.:

- **ANN GORMAN STEWART AWARD** – May be awarded 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 FGCMD 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 FGCMD Garden Club for a worthy exhibit in the Design Division.
- **MARGARET ROBERTS YERGER AWARD** – May be awarded to a member of a FGCMD 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 FGCMD Club for an outstanding Educational Exhibit.
- **ZENOBIA KENDIG AWARD (2006)** – A certificate may be awarded from the FGCMD Gardening Consultants Council to the recipient of the Horticulture Excellence Award in a State sponsored Standard Flower Show.

YOUTH WORK AWARDS AND CONTESTS

YOUTH WORK AWARDS

Other Youth Work Awards available to club sponsors are located on the NGC website – Awards & Grants - Youth Work (YW).

NGC YW #7 - HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROJECT AWARD

FGCMD/NGC Award Application Cover Sheet required

Submit entries to FGCMD District Awards Chairman by October 15

For 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. Awards are \$100 for 1st Place and \$50 for 2nd Place.

YOUTH CONTESTS

The contests listed below (except Essay Contest) are found on the NGC website - Youth & Scholarships – Youth Contests. Each District Awards Chairman evaluates their District clubs' entries and selects the top three recipients for judging at the state level. Refer to the NGC link for rules and separate application forms.

ESSAY CONTEST

Submit entries to FGCMD District Awards Chairman by December 31

For 9th to 12th grade students sponsored by a single garden club, group of member clubs, councils or districts. Student must write a 600 - 700 word essay on a given topic. Criteria for the essay is provided by the State Awards Chairman. The entry is submitted via email in PDF document format and must be suitable to be published digitally on the FGCMD website. All entries become property of FGCMD, Inc. The FGCMD will award \$100 and \$50 respectively for 1st and 2nd Place winners.

POETRY CONTEST

Submit entries to FGCMD District Awards Chairman by December 31

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 recipients at each grade level; CAR-SGC, Inc. Certificate of Recognition to recipient at each grade level. Refer to NGC, Inc. website for rules and entry guidelines: <http://www.gardenclub.org/youth/poetry-contest.aspx>

YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST

Submit entries to FGCMD District Awards Chairman by December 31

For 4th – 8th grade students sponsored by a single garden club, group of member clubs, councils or districts, or a state garden club. Photographs of winning sculptures created from recycled, reused and reduced materials become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc. Refer to NGC, Inc. website for rules and entry form: <http://www.gardenclub.org/youth/youth-sculpture-contest.aspx>

SMOKEY BEAR / WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

Submit posters to FGCMD District Awards Chairman by December 31

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 recipient will win free round trip airfare and accommodations for 4 to Washington, DC. A \$100 U.S. Savings Bond also will be awarded to the 1st Place National recipients from each grade level. <https://gardenclub.org/contests-and-activities>

FGCMD AWARDS AND CORRESPONDING NGC AND/OR CAR-SGC AWARDS

The purpose of the NGC and CAR-SGC Awards is to recognize excellence above the State level for outstanding club projects or achievements. The following FGCMMD Awards are eligible for one of the identified NGC Awards or one of the CAR-SGC Awards listed below. Select the one that best fits your application.

There are other awards at the National and Regional level that may not align to a state award. A club is also eligible to apply for these additional awards such as the Jean Ladson Outstanding Achievement Award (CAR-SGC) by submitting the NGC or CAR-SGC required application to the State Awards Chairman. Read the NGC and CAR-SGC Awards manuals for further details on all the recognition possibilities.

FGCMD AWARD MANUAL Titles	NGC AWARD WEBSITE Award Numbers	CAR-SGC AWARD MANUAL
GENERAL AWARDS- CONSERVATION, CIVIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY SERVICE, ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, GARDEN THERAPY		
<i>G1 - Civic Development</i>	CE-1, CE-4, CE-5, CE-6, CE-8, G-4	Civic Development and Improvement
<i>G2 - Community Service</i>	CE-6, CE-8	
<i>G3 - Joanna Tilghman Environmental Awareness</i>	CE-4, CE-8, EC-1, EC-4	Environmental Concern The Violet S. Thoron
<i>G4 - Historic Preservation</i>	CE-5, CE-6, CE-9	
<i>G6 - Garden Therapy</i>	G-3	
<i>G7 - Garden Food Bank</i>	CE-3	
MEMBERSHIP AWARDS – N/A		
PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS – N/A		
YOUTH GARDENERS AWARDS		
<i>YG1 - Dessie Moxley Youth Involvement and Development</i>	YW-2, YW-4, YW-5	
<i>YG2 - Stieff Young Gardeners Achievement Bowl</i>	YW-3, YW-2, YW-4, YW-5	
PUBLICATIONS / YEARBOOK AWARDS		
<i>PY1 – Publications</i>	MAE3, MAE 4	
<i>PY2 – Yearbook</i>		Yearbooks
BLUE STAR / GOLD STAR MEMORIAL MARKER AWARDS		
<i>S1 - Blue Star Memorial Markers</i>	CE-7	
<i>S2 - Gold Star Memorial Markers</i>	CE-7	
FGCMD PRESIDENTIAL/EXECUTIVE BOARDS AWARDS		
<i>PE1 - Perennial Bloom</i>		Golden Perennial Bloom
<i>PE2 - Member of Honor</i>	SR-4	
FGCMD SELECTION COMMITTEE AWARDS - N/A		
<i>SE2 – Governor’s Beautification</i>	CE-1, CE-2, CE-5, CE-6, CE-8	
<i>SE3 – Mae Scott Food Bank</i>	CE-3	
<i>SE4 – MD Roadside</i>	CE-4	
<i>SE5 – Rae B. Weeks Preservation</i>	CE-9	

FGCMD AWARD MANUAL Titles	NGC AWARD WEBSITE Award Numbers	CAR-SGC AWARD MANUAL
COUNCIL AWARDS		
Environmental Consultants Council ○ EC1 - Jean Lowry Sustainable Landscape	EC-1, EC-2, EC-5	Environmental Concern
Gardening Consultants Council ○ GC1 - Container Garden ○ GC2 - Edible Garden	G-1 G-2	
○ Landscape Design Council ○ LD1 - Landscape Design ○ LD2 – Habitat for Humanity ○ LD3 - Habitat Proposal ○ LD4 – Mae Scott Tapestry	CE 8, CE 9	The Violet S. Thoron
FGCMD FLOWER SHOW EVALUATION AWARDS		
FS1 – Certificate of Merit	FS 1 through FS 16	Flower Show Schedule
FS2 – Certificate of Recognition		
YOUTH WORK AWARDS AND CONTESTS		
High School Distinguished Service Project	YW-7	
Essay Contest		High School Essay Contest
Poetry Contest	NGC Website- Youth & Scholarships- <i>Youth Contests</i>	Poetry Contest
Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest	NGC Website- Youth & Scholarships- <i>Youth Contests</i>	Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest
Youth Sculpture Contest	NGC Website- Youth & Scholarships- <i>Youth Contests</i>	Youth Sculpture

APPENDIX



Maryland and NGC Award Cover Sheet and Application

<https://www.fgcofmd.org/awards/>



To complete this form online, please download and save a blank copy to your computer. Open the saved copy and fill in each blank. Save again. Save also as a file type PDF. This will be the copy you send as your application.

State Award Number _____ State Award Name _____

NGC Award Number _____ NGC Award Name _____

Name of Group/Club/Individual Applying for Award _____

If club, number of members _____ Award Size Group _____ S _____ M _____ L

If state, number of clubs _____ Award Size Group _____ S _____ M _____ L

Contact Name (Club President) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City

State

Zip

District _____ Region CAR-SGC State MARYLAND

State Awards Chairman Linda Elias

Email selias78@msn.com Phone 410-490-3251

Address 1 Fairway Island

Grasonville

MD

21638-9630

City

State

Zip

Name of Project _____

Is this project _____ New OR _____ Continuing from previous work?

Beginning date _____ Expected completion date _____ OR _____ Ongoing

ATTACH completed application. Unless noted in specific award description, all applications are limited to 3, single-sided pages. (Plus, this cover sheet.) No report covers, notebooks, etc. allowed. Follow descriptors on Scoring Sheet to prepare an accurate, complete report.

All applications are to be **submitted electronically** unless otherwise noted in award description. **Send to your State Awards Chairman by the requested due date.** Only awards submitted through State Chairmen will be accepted.

FGCMD and NGC AWARDS PROGRAM GENERAL SCORING RUBRIC

Presentation **Maximum Points**
5 Total _____

Cover sheet included with all sections completed	2	
Application adheres to 3 single page limit unless other size specified in award description	2	
Application neat and concise	1	

Achievement **65 Total** _____

Meets NGC Mission & Goals	6	
Scope of project defined	4	
Need identified	7	
Benefit to target (members/recipients/community/etc.)	10	
Accomplishment of goals	8	
Comprehensiveness of work	6	
Activities to attain goals explained	8	
Evaluation of goals reached	4	
Educational	3	
Prior Planning	4	
Very brief history if continuing project (give full credit if not a continuing project)	3	
Other	2	

Participation **15 Total** _____

% of member participation from total size possible (may include any type of support given)	12	
Involvement of others (community, government agencies, professionals, youth, facility residents, others)	3	

Documentation (Photocopies permitted) **15 Total** _____

Clear, well-labeled, neatly attached photos when applicable	5	
Landscape plan when applicable (give full credit if not applicable)	5	
Financial report	5	

100 Total _____



Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.

Photography Award Application rev. 2023

<https://www.fgcofmd.org/awards/>

To complete this form online, please download and save a blank copy to your computer. Open the saved copy and fill in the information. Save again. Submit application and photo as JPEG file type electronically.

Criteria:

- Applicant may be a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland and must be the photographer.
- Applicant submits one photograph per Award.
- Specifications: Horizontal or vertical format, no larger than 4"x 6"s; 300 DPI, JPEG format.
- Photography considerations may include but are not limited to *composition, color, unique perspective, lighting, expression (conveyed idea or mood) and/or attention to detail*.
- Previously published photographs are not acceptable.
- Refer to the Photography Rubric Scoring Sheet for application and photograph evaluation criteria on the FGCMMD website.
- Application and photograph must be submitted to the District Awards Chairman by October 15th.
- In applying for this award, the applicant gives the State permission to use pictures and information contained herein on State Communications.

Applicant's Name: Click here to enter text. **Club:** Click here to enter text.

District: Click here to enter text. **Email:** Click here to enter text. **Phone:** Click here to enter text.

SELECT ONE AND COMPLETE:

☐ **P1 - Annette Richter Award** - For beauty of a **native** vine, shrub or flower as expressed through photography; **close-up shot preferred**.

1. Common name of native vine, shrub or flower Click here to enter text.
2. Botanical name Click here to enter text.
3. Describe the location Click here to enter text.
4. Briefly describe growth habits and cultural needs of interest to a future grower
 Click here to enter text.

☐ **P2 - District Director's Award** - For beauty of flower, fruit or leaf formation of an **annual plant**, or tree, shrub, bird or insect; **close-up shot is preferred**.

1. Common name of **annual plant**, tree or shrub, bird, or insect [Click here to enter text](#).
2. Botanical name [Click here to enter text](#).
3. Describe the location_ [Click here to enter text](#).
4. Briefly describe growth habits and cultural needs of interest to a future grower
[Click here to enter text](#).

☐ **P3 - Harry C. Reynolds Award** - For beauty of **overall silhouette** (*dark shape and outline in front of a lighter background*) of trees or shrubs.

1. Common name of subject tree(s) or shrub(s) [Click here to enter text](#).
2. Botanical name [Click here to enter text](#).
3. Describe the location_ [Click here to enter text](#).
4. Briefly describe growth habits and cultural needs of interest to a future grower
[Click here to enter text](#).

☐ **P4 - Mary F. Fitzpatrick Award** – For **artistic excellence** (mastery of skills and techniques) in flower arranging. **Applicant must be both the designer and photographer.**

1. Identify the type of design i.e., Line, Mass etc. [Click here to enter text](#).
2. Identify plant material [Click here to enter text](#).
3. Describe the container [Click here to enter text](#).
4. Describe the setting - flower show, home, hospital etc. [Click here to enter text](#).

FGCMD PHOTOGRAPHY SCORING RUBRIC

Applicant:
District:

Circle one **1st** **2nd** **3rd** **HM**

	SCORE	COMMENTS
Application Cover Sheet - 10 points Name, Email, Phone, District Number, Club Name		
Photograph requirements met – 10 points - Horizontal or Vertical Format - No larger than 4' x 6" 1800 x 1200 pixels 300 DPI - JPEG		
P1 – Annette Richter Award – 20 points Native plant vine, shrub or flower; close-up preferred - Common Name & Botanical Name - Describe the location		
P2 – District Director's Award – 20 points Flower, fruit or leaf formation of an <u>annual</u> plant, tree, shrub, bird or Insect; close-up preferred - Common Name & Botanical Name - Describe the location		
P3 – Harry C. Reynolds Award – 20 points Overall silhouette (dark shape & outline in front of a lighter background) of trees or shrubs - Common Name & Botanical Name - Describe the location		
P1, P2, P3 - Growth Habits and Culture Needs Identified - 10 points		
P4 – Mary F. Fitzpatrick Award – 30 points Artistic Excellence (mastery of skill & techniques) in flower arrangement - Identify type of design - Identify plant material - Describe container - Describe the setting; flower show, home, etc		
Photograph - 50 points Consideration given to one or more of the following: - Composition - Color - Unique Perspective - Lighting - Expression (conveyed idea or mood) - Attention to Detail		
TOTAL 100		

FGCMD / CAR- SGC YEARBOOK SCORING RUBRIC

Point Systems for Scoring Yearbooks

FORMAT: 15 points.

- A. Book Structure: Practicality, convenient size, durability and neatness 2 pts
- B. Arrangement of Contents:
1. Cover: 2 pts
Name of club, town, state, year (design optional). If permanent type of binder is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information on cover, and so note.
 2. Title Page: 2 pts
Name of club, town, state, year, number of members, affiliated organizations (District, State, Region, NGC, other).
 3. Table of Contents 1 pt
Number the yearbook pages and list topics on Contents page.
 4. Subsequent pages (in any order most useful to members): 8 pts
 - Membership roster - 2 pts
 - List of Club officers & Committee Chairmen - 1 pt
 - NGC information - 1 pt
 - Other Information - 2 pts
(Regional Director, State President, State District Director and themes)
 - Calendar of Events - 2 pts

PROGRAMS: 50 points. Topics should cover a variety of NGC goals and objectives such as Birds, Blue Star Memorials, Butterflies, Conservation, Environment, Floral Design, Horticulture Therapy, Horticulture, Design, etc.

1. At least seven meetings a year 3 pts
2. Date, location/address, time of meeting 3 pts
3. Speaker's name, qualifications (brief), program title 4 pts
4. Variety of program topics (theme not required) 14 pts
 - A. Variety of styles of programs (lectures, tours, etc.) 12 pts
 - B. Variety of speakers (specialists, members, etc.) 14 pts

PROJECTS: 35 points.

1. List Continuing and New Participating Projects 15 pts
2. Give brief word description of projects: Include location, name of chairman, how members participate, list of donations, in-kind donations, plans for maintenance, Fundraising (sales of bulbs, bedding plants, which may promote NGC Member Services) is allowed. 20 pts

TOTAL: 100 points

Options: (No points given.)

- Bylaws, budget, fundraising, roll call, former club presidents, members who are life members in state, region, NGC Awards.
- Club theme: If theme is used, it should be evident throughout the book. Themes may be interpreted with monthly program topics and/or titles, graphics, quotes. Projects do not need to be limited to theme.
- NGC Mission Statement, NGC Conservation Pledge. NGC Environmental Mission Statement, NGC Water Conservation Platform.

AWARD DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

District Annual Meeting Awards

- Anniversaries - all significant milestones
- CAR-SGC Awards
- Civic Development
- Community Service
- Joanna Tilghman Environmental Awareness
- Historic Preservation
- Decorating Historic Homes
- Garden Therapy
- Garden Food Bank Award
- Publications
- Yearbooks
- Photography
- Blue Star/Gold Star Memorial Marker
- Perennial Bloom
- Flower Show Evaluation
- Council
- Youth

State Annual Meeting Awards

Morning Presentations

- Anniversaries 100 Years or Older
- Membership Awards
 - Clemson Bowl
 - District Bowl
- FGCMMD Selection Committee Awards
 - Evelyn M. Cotton Maryland Conservation
 - Governor's Beautification Bowl
 - Mae Scott Food Bank
 - Maryland Roadside
 - Rae B. Weeks Historic Preservation
- Youth Gardener's Awards
 - Dessie Moxley Youth Involvement
 - Stieff Young Gardener's Achievement
- State Perennial Bloom Award
- Presidential Award(s)

State Annual Meeting Awards

Afternoon Presentations

- Member Award of Honor
- Award of Achievement
- Award of Citation
- Award of Appreciation
- Special Recognition
- Marie Coulter Bowl