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ABOUT THIS MANUAL

This Awards Manual is prepared to help you understand the Awards process. It contains the deadlines to be aware of, the procedures for preparing and submitting Books of Evidence, and the suggested criteria for Awards. The State and District Awards Chairmen and Committee Chairmen stand ready to answer questions and assist in any way they can. Call or email us with your questions. Contact information is provided below:

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The Awards Selection Process

Almost every award, regardless of the level, should be submitted to your District Awards Chairman first. They will review applications to ensure that they are complete and meet submission criteria before forwarding applications to State Awards Chairman.

Award applications are then reviewed at the state level. The Awards Selection Committee meets in November to review all applications and to judge FGCMD Award applications and Youth Contests to decide which State Award winners are suitable to be forwarded for Regional and National Awards.

Applications for National and Regional Awards are made ONLY through the State Awards Chairman. Only one application per award category will be considered by National and Regional Awards Committees. National Awards are published in The National Gardener fall issue in odd numbered years, and are also available at www.gardenclub.org [NGC member sign in: member Password: conserve]. The FGCMD is a member of the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc. and CAR-SGC Award information is available at www.car-sgc.org [CAR-SGC Member Password (in all uppercase): FLOWERR]
The Awards Calendar

The NGC Awards year is January 1st through December 31st of each calendar year. Our internal deadlines have been established to ensure the required selection meetings take place before the busy holiday season. If your project is finished after October 15, submit award application(s) the following year.

The Awards Selection Committee is comprised of the State Awards Chairman, Vice-Chairman, District Awards Chairmen, District Directors and Members of the State Executive Board. This Committee judges all award applications for FGCMD awards and Youth Contests.

Please note that ONLY the State Awards Chairman and Vice-Chairman may submit CAR-SGC and NGC Award Applications. Applications sent in by individuals will not be considered for awards.
Getting Recognition for Your Club

1. Take some time to study the list of awards. FGCMD awards can be found in this manual and in the FGCMD “Green” Directory. Both the National Garden Clubs and the Central Atlantic Region of the State Garden Clubs maintain lists of regularly updated awards on their websites.

   a. National Garden Club (NGC) Awards –
      • A list of NGC Awards appears in The National Gardener Fall issue in odd numbered years and on the NGC website http://www.gardenclub.org [NGC member sign in: member Password: conserve] at the Scholarship and Awards page.
      • The NGC Awards year is January 1st to December 31st.
      • Award applications are due to the club’s District Awards Chairman by October 15th.
      • The District Awards Chairmen must submit award applications to the State Awards Chairman by October 30th.
      • If the club project is not completed by October 15th, we suggest submitting the award application in the following year.

   b. Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc. (CAR-SGC) Awards -
      • The purpose of the CAR-SGC Awards is to recognize excellence above the State level for outstanding club projects or achievements.
      • A current list of awards is available on the CAR-SGC website http://www.car-sgc.org at the Awards and Contests page. [CAR-SGC Member Password (in all uppercase): FLOWERR]
      • Applications for CAR-SGC Awards are made through the Awards Chairman of each State of the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs. See Awards Calendar for timelines.
      • The State Awards Chairman sends all CAR-SGC applications to the appropriate CAR-SGC Awards Chairman, unless otherwise directed.

   c. Federated Garden Club of Maryland Inc. (FGCMD) Awards –
      • A full list of awards is available on the FGCMD website http://www.fgcofmd.org at the Awards page and in the FGCMD “Green” Directory.
      • Additional awards are offered by the Executive Committee and the Councils.

2. Select the appropriate award application.
   • Read the application thoroughly.
   • There are different applications for FGCMD, CAR-SGC and NGC. These are available on each of the websites.
   • Awards have evaluation criteria. Be sure to supply evidence to satisfy award requirements.

3. Do a good job telling the club “story”. Remember that the evaluators do not know the club. Use words and pictures to bring the story to life as succinctly as possible.
   • Why was the project important? What was its impact? How many people were involved?
   • For many projects, it helps to have “before, during, and after” pictures.
   • Use clear and direct language in the narrative.
   • Make sure the application is grammatically correct and legible.
   • Use only 3 (three) single sided pages in total for each application including the award application form. Photos must fit within the 3 page application limit.
   • Note: Data may be entered in the empty space at the bottom the application form. District Awards Chairmen will return applications that exceed the 3 page limit to the clubs for revision.
Application Procedure: How to Prepare an NGC Awards Application

A sample of the National Garden Clubs (NGC) application is below. The CAR-SGC and FGCMC applications are very similar. Follow the directions on the form, using one side of three sheets. Send your completed form to your District Awards Chairman by October 15.

When the same project is eligible for various NGC awards, submitting an exact duplication of application is not acceptable.

Publications: Submit entry for awards in an envelope with one application secured to outside.

Go to http://gardenclub.org/awards/ to print a copy of the application.

It is highly recommended that you also visit the following websites and make use of additional detailed information.

NGC website www.gardenclub.org [NGC member sign in: member Password: conserve]

CAR-SGC website www.car-sgc.org [CAR-SGC Member Password (in all uppercase): FLOWERR]

FGCMD website www.fgcofmd.org

As you prepare your applications, we suggest you consult the appropriate scales of points used to judge applications. The scales of points for evaluating NGC Awards and Yearbooks are listed on the following pages.
NGC SCALE OF POINTS FOR ALL NGC, INC. AWARDS

(exceptions: Publications, Communications, Flower Show Achievement which follow)

Presentation 5 points neat, concise, includes all required information, does not exceed specified size.

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

Participation 15 points size of club; involvement of members, community, residents in facilities, others

Record or Documentation 15 points supporting data as applicable, clear, well-labeled before and after photographs, landscape plan, financial report, letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles, radio or TV script, etc. Photocopies are permitted.

TOTAL POINTS 100

Scales of points for other awards may be found at: http://www.gardenclub.org/awards/awards-applications.aspx
Point Systems for Scoring Yearbooks  2019

FORMAT:  15 points.
A. Book Structure: Practicality, convenient size, durability and neatness .......................... 2 pts
B. Arrangement of Contents:
   1. Cover: 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 pts
   2. Title Page: Name of club, town, state, year, number of members, affiliated organizations
      (District, State, Region, NGC, other). ................................................................. 2 pts
   3. Table of Contents Number the yearbook pages and list topics on Contents page. .............. 1 pt
   4. Subsequent pages (in any order most useful to members): Membership roster - 2 pts
      List of Club officers & Committee Chairmen - 1 pt
      NGC information - 1 pt
      Other Information (Regional Director, State President, State District Director and themes) - 2 pts
      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.
Appendix

I. NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. (NGC) AWARDS

Through the NGC awards program, garden club members receive recognition for outstanding achievement. Receiving a prestigious NGC award is one of the highest honors to be achieved. Recognition creates pride and encourages members to further their efforts. NGC awards are described in the Fall issue of the NATIONAL GARDENER, with descriptions and applications also on the NGC website www.gardenclub.org. There are more than 70 award categories with more being added each year. For the most recent list refer to the national website at [http://www.gardenclub.org/awards/awards-list.aspx](http://www.gardenclub.org/awards/awards-list.aspx) [NGC member sign in: member Password: conserve] where you can download a full list of the awards and criteria.

Applications and Books of Evidence for Flower Show Achievement Awards are due to the FGCMD Flower Show Evaluation Chairman within 4 weeks of the show or by December 31, whichever is earlier.

Unless otherwise noted, applications for all other awards must be received by the District Awards Chairman by October 15. The District Awards Chairman reviews and submits these awards to State Chairman by October 30.

II. CENTRAL ATLANTIC REGION of STATE GARDEN CLUBS, INC. (CAR-SGC) AWARDS

Except as noted, candidates for Central Atlantic Regional of State Garden Club Awards are selected by the FGCMD State Awards Committee from applications submitted for State Awards. The State Awards Chairman sends the selected CAR-SGC applications to the specified CAR-SGC Chairmen. All CAR-SGC Award information is available at [www.car-sgc.org](http://www.car-sgc.org).

- **MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR** -- Awarded to one member in each region 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. Nominee must not be a current member of the NGC Board of Directors. *Book of evidence required.* January 1 application deadline to FGCMD Awards Chairman, February 1 deadline to CAR-SGC Awards Chairman.

- **PERENNIAL BLOOM AWARD** - Serving as officers and chairmen over the years, their love of gardening has planted many a seed for garden club programs and events, while their enthusiastic leadership has inspired members to nurture these seeds into successful bloom. In grateful appreciation for their years of support, a PERENNIAL BLOOM AWARD is to be presented to them and a tree or shrub is to be planted in their honor. Clubs may give more than one Award. Application & Certificate available on CAR-SGC Website. [www.car-sgc.org](http://www.car-sgc.org) or [http://fgcofmd.org/awards.html](http://fgcofmd.org/awards.html). July 1 deadline to District Awards Chairman.

- **JEAN LADSON OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** – Certificate and $100 may be awarded to a member 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 an advantage.

- **NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. #12 EMERALD CERTIFICATE FOR UNIFIED REGIONAL ACTIVITY** may be awarded to a Region for coordinated activity in accordance with the programs and objectives of NGC, Inc. in which all states in the Region have participated. May not be offered every year. Application is made by the Regional Director in the second year of the administration. State Presidents within the region must sign the application to show their endorsement of the activity and the application. A CAR-SGC *CERTIFICATE OF MERIT* will be awarded to each CAR-SGC State federation contributing to the chosen Unified Regional Project for the Regional Director's current term. A summary of each state’s participation (substantiated by publicity, programs, letters, photographs, etc.) will be sent to the CAR-SGC
Unified Regional Project Representative for compilation of the Book of Evidence for consideration by NGC.  
*Deadline to CAR-SGC.: October 1 of second year of administration if applicable.*

**SELECTED OTHER CAR-SGC AWARDS:**

**A. Civic Development, Conservation, Historic Preservation, and Landscape Design Awards**

- **CIVIC DEVELOPMENT OR IMPROVEMENT AWARD** – Certificate and $100 may be awarded to a member club for the best project involving civic development or improvement. One award presented in each of 3 size club categories: 1-25 members, 26-50 members, and over 50 members. NOTE: CAR-SGC has different category membership sizes than FGCMD membership size categories. The project may be 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, beautify, stimulate civic pride or supply added conveniences or opportunities for the community. In many cases, the FGCMD Awards Committee will forward appropriate FGCMD winning award applications for Civic Development or Civic Improvement awards.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN AWARD** – Certificate and $100 may be awarded to a member garden club for the best effort to create awareness of the need to protect and/or conserve our environment.

- **VIOLET S. THORON AWARD** – Certificate and plaque may be awarded annually to a member club, district or State federation 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. The award may be given for a single project or educational program, a project that is completed in one season or a completed section of an ongoing project.

**B. FLOWER SHOW AWARDS** – Contact FGCMD Flower Show Evaluation Chairman with questions;

- **THE AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY REGIONAL PERENNIAL AWARD** – May be 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 held in the calendar year (January 1 – December 31). A minimum of 20 specimens with botanical names is required, with photographs including staging and top awards to be submitted in a *Book of Evidence* not to exceed 5 single pages. Application and Book of Evidence must be received by the FGCMD Flower Show Evaluation Chairman no later than 3 weeks following the show date.

- **FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARD** – Certificate and $50 in each category (see Handbook for Flower Shows 2017, pg. 8-9) may be awarded to a member club, group of member clubs, district, or council for an outstanding schedule. Schedule must score 95 points or more, and shall be for a flower show held during the calendar year. *Flower Show Report (available at http://www.fgcofmd.org)* and 4 copies of show scheduled must be received by FGCMD Flower Show Evaluation chairman no later than 10 days following the show date.

- **OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT** – Awarded to a garden club or garden club Member(s) for an Educational Exhibit which relates to National Garden Clubs, Inc. 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 the 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 required. Application must be received by Flower Show Evaluation Chairman no later than 3 weeks following the show date.
C. YOUTH GARDENER AWARDS

CAR-SGC YOUTH EXCELLENCE AWARD -- May be awarded to the youth garden club (sponsored by a member garden club) receiving the highest evaluation in proportion to size for the accomplishment of NGC 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.

III. FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF MARYLAND, INC. (FGCMD) AWARDS

Award applications are available on the FGCMD website www.fgcofmd.org under the 'Awards' tab. Flower Show Report Forms are available under 'Flower Show' tab. Unless otherwise noted, applications must be received by your District Awards Chairman by October 15.

Awards marked with an asterisk [*] are silver or pewter trophies. Winners may be photographed with the trophies at the Annual Meeting in March. A certificate and photograph of the award trophy is presented to each winner.

A. Awarded by President and/or Executive Board.

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-SGC Award of Honor, and the CAR-SGC 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 State Awards Chairman by January 1. February 1 deadline to CAR-SGC Awards Chairman.

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.

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-SGC and NGC. (excluding ex-officio terms as President of FGCMD).
B. Awarded by the FGCMD Awards Committee, except as noted:

Criteria:
- Any Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc. (FGCMD) member club is eligible to apply
- Club may apply for an Award for each different project; a project is eligible for one FGCMD Award per year.
- Project or activity must have been completed in the current year.
- Project or activity may not be submitted for an Award in two consecutive years.
- Application and two copies must be received by the club’s District Awards Chairman by October 15; In addition, retain an additional copy of completed application for your records.
- Application form is limited to three printed pages, – front of pages only. (No report cover or binders allowed. No plastic sheets allowed).
- When the same project is eligible for various awards, submitting exact duplication of the application is not acceptable.
- Application form will not be returned. (Exceptions: publication (books), CD/DVD). Copy entry for your files.

1) 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 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.

DECORATING HISTORIC HOMES – A certificate may be awarded 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.

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 FGCMD garden club or individual member for any outstanding conservation project.
*GOVERNOR’S BEAUTIFICATION BOWL – The silver bowl may be awarded to the top-scoring FGCMD garden club for any outstanding civic improvement.

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

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

2) 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 FGCMD garden club for sponsoring an outstanding program of garden therapy.

3) Photography - Application required; individuals may submit only one photograph per award. Photographs should be printed on photo quality paper for clarity. Please do not use copy paper.

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

DISTRICT DIRECTORS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD (2009) – A $50 check award may be presented to the winner 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 FGCMD District Directors.

HARRY C. REYNOLDS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD (1986) – Certificate may be awarded for beauty of overall silhouette of trees or shrubs as expressed through photography. Applicant must be the photographer.

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

4) 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) – 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). 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 for the best civic project by a youth gardener club.
5) Publications and Yearbooks

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.

6) Blue Star Awards – Certificates of Merit may be awarded for the most outstanding Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker landscaping projects. The marker and landscaping may be part of a highway rest area which is maintained by the department. The project may have been continuous, but major landscaping must have been completed within two years. The project may be a replacement of a destroyed or long neglected landscape.

C. Flower Show Awards are awarded by the FGCMD Flower Show Evaluation Committee

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT – 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 Clubs’ Flower Show Achievement Award. Submit Standard Flower Show Report (available at www.fgcofmd.org) and 4 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 FGCMD Flower Show Evaluation Chairman.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION (1986) – 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. Submit Standard Flower Show Report (available at fgcofmd.org) and 4 copies of the show schedule no later than 10 days following the show date to the FGCMD Flower Show Evaluation Chairman.

The following may be awarded only at a Standard Flower Show Sponsored by FGCMD, Inc.:  

- **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 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 winner of the Horticulture Excellence Award in a State sponsored Standard Flower Show.

**D. Awards sponsored by the Landscape Design Council** - Application must be received by the Landscape Design Council Chairman by February 1. Retain a copy. **NOTE: You may apply for a FGCMD award AND a Landscape Design Council award with the same project.**

**LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL AWARDS (1995)** – Cash awards may be awarded to FGCMD, Inc. garden club(s) for outstanding landscape work at (1) a public site or (2) a Habitat for Humanity site. Refer to application details.

**THE MAE SCOTT TAPESTRY LANDSCAPE AWARD (2010)** - This award shall be given annually to a FGCMD 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 awarded. 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 submit for this award again within five (5) years.

**E. Awards sponsored by the Gardening Consultants Council** – Applications must be received by the Gardening Consultants Council Chairman by November 1. Retain a copy. **NOTE: You may apply for a FGCMD award AND a Gardening Consultants Council award with the same project.**

**EDIBLE GARDEN AWARD** – A cash award of $150 may be awarded to FGCMD 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.

**CONTAINER GARDEN AWARD** – A cash award of $150 may be awarded to FGCMD 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.

**F. Awarded by the Environmental Consultants Council** - Application must be received by the Environmental Consultants Council Chairman by November 1st; retain a copy.

**JEAN LOWRY SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE AWARD** – An Environmental Consultants Council Award of $500 may be awarded to a FGCMD 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.

**G. Membership - Awarded based on the records of the FGCMD Central Office.** 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 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.
IV. 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 Region of State Garden Clubs and/or National Garden Clubs, Inc. national project or projects.

YOUTH CONTESTS

Each District Awards Chairman shall evaluate District clubs’ submissions and select the top three winners for judging at the state level.

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. http://www.gardenclub.org/youth smokey-bear-poster-contest.aspx Refer to flyer and poster rules. Submit posters to FGCMD District Awards Chairman by January 10.

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-SGC, Inc. Certificate of Recognition to winner at each grade level. Refer to NGC, Inc. website for rules: http://www.gardenclub.org/youth poetry-contest.aspx Submit entries to FGCMD District Awards Chairman by November 15.

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. NGC 2nd place winner will receive $100. CAR-SGC, Inc. 1st place winner receives $100. FGCMD will award $100 and $50 respectively to Maryland 1st and 2nd Place winners. Refer to NGC website for rules: http://www.gardenclub.org/youth high-school-essay-contest.aspx Submit entries to FGCMD District Awards Chairman by November 15.

YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST – 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 Submit entries to FGCMD District Awards Chairman by November 15.

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. Requires NGC completed application form. Submit to your District Awards Chairman by October 15.