

Civic Beautification

MGC#1 Civic Beautification – Michigan Award of Merit may be awarded to a garden club or clubs for the planting of annuals and/or perennials that beautify a public area.

MGC#2 Civic Beautification with Wildflowers and Native Plants – Michigan Award of Merit may be awarded to a garden club for planting wildflowers and/or native plants that beautify a public area.

Community Gardening

MGC#15 “Share the Harvest” Community Gardening Award of Merit, sponsored by Nancy D. Stark, MGC, Inc. State President. Each first place (15A, 15B, 15C) will receive \$50.00 to be used towards seeds and plants for next year’s garden events mentioned above as a continuing project.

#15 A -This award will recognize community vegetable/herb gardens where a club works with educating, planting, and harvesting vegetables and herbs with local residents. The residents are required to participate in the garden with club members.

#15 B – In established flower gardens, vegetable and herb plants are incorporated into the gardens to educate the public and then harvest the produce for local food kitchens and community food organizations.

#15 C – Container and/or raised bed gardening of vegetable and herb plants where participants can grow and harvest the food. Special consideration should be given to educating children in growing vegetables in containers or raised beds.

Decorative Design / Horticulture Displays

MGC #12 Marge McGoff Decorative Design – Michigan Award of Merit for decorative design in a building/homes open to the public sponsored by one or more clubs, a district or an individual member. A worthy floral display or arrangements using plant material with accessories permitted as a community project for special occasions (ie: Holiday home tour or celebration etc.) Include description of display, photography, length of time for viewing, number participating, publicity. The first place club will receive \$50.

MGC #13 Horticulture/Design Display – Award of Merit for a display of Horticulture and or Design in a public building such as a library, art center, museum, city hall, etc. (Formerly Holland Garden Club)

A. New display on a weekly basis throughout the year. First Place in each size group \$25.00.

B. A new display on a monthly basis throughout the year. First Place in each size group \$25.00.

MGC#16–Holiday Trees

Best Decorated Holiday Tree by a Club/or Club Member with a theme that furthers NGC/MGC goals and objectives and is displayed in public for community awareness. Attach photos—one showing the whole decorated tree and close ups of the decorations and give a brief descriptions of those decorations.

Best Decorated Holiday Tree by Youth or Junior Garden Club with a theme that furthers NGC/MGC goals and objectives and is displayed in public for community awareness. Attach photos—one showing the whole decorated tree and close up of the decorations with a short note about their tree

Create a DVD from a (make-and-take) workshop for making environmentally-friendly holiday tree decorations using naturally-occurring materials

Environmental

MGC #14 Environmental Award – Michigan Award of Merit may be awarded for: The Best Project promoting conservation, recycling, other environmental concerns. The Best Educational Environmental Program for club meeting, District Meeting, or other type of meeting.

Horticulture

MGC#3 Horticulture – Michigan Award of Merit to a club/individual which is outstanding in promoting and stressing horticulture by participating in two or more of the following horticultural practices:

- Growing plants under artificial light.
- Pest control avoiding hard pesticides.
- Placing permanent labels on plant material in areas used by the public.
- Other-field trip, memorial garden, public workshops.

MGC#4 Horticulture – Certificate of Appreciation to a district, club or individual member of a garden club for outstanding achievement in either of the following:

- An outstanding educational activity to promote good horticultural practice.
- Overall excellence and a well-balanced program for the year in horticultural activities. Include program yearbook.

MGC#5 Liberty Hyde Bailey Award to the club which has contributed the most comprehensive offering in any phase of horticulture. May be given to the club applying for one of the above Horticulture awards.

MGC#8–Native Tree Awards—An award to MI garden clubs that excel in any one of the following:

1. Promotion of the planting and care of Native Trees. Tree must be named and type of care described.
2. Development of a Native Tree Educational program for garden club meetings.
3. Involvement of youth (school children, teens, 4-H Clubs, Scouts etc.) to encourage the planting and maintenance of Native Trees.

Landscape Design

MGC#6 Elsie Cook Award for Landscape Design – Michigan Award of Merit to a small, medium and large, and ex-large member garden club which has made the most significant contribution in providing, planning, for one of the following completed projects: commercial property, church, hospital, library, civic center, park, waterfront, other.

Photography

MGC#7 Photography – Michigan Award of Merit to the club or individual member which presents the best set of 5 vertical or horizontal 5”x7” color prints suitable for use by Michigan Gardens Clubs, Inc. on MGC’s Website or other promotional uses, photographer will be credited. Entry should be accompanied by a typewritten commentary keyed to pictures. Plant material in artistic designs as well as prominent trees or plants should be identified using common and botanical names. Photos will be retained by Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Submit entries in an envelope, put one copy of the application inside with the photos and the commentary describing photos and plant identification, glue the second copy of the Application on the outside of the envelope. (No Book of Evidence or Summary needed)

Publications

MGC #10 Educational Articles – Michigan Award of Merit to a club, or group of clubs having the most outstanding 13 consecutive weeks of high-caliber educational articles on various aspects of gardening published by a newspaper. Must use the MGC by-line; must have 5 or more members participating in writing articles. Dated copies of articles must accompany presentation.

MGC #11 Feature Article – Michigan Award of Merit for the best feature article of approximately 1000 words by an individual member of a Michigan Garden Club published in a newspaper or periodical other than MGC Newsletter.

Youth

MGC#9 The Caroline Gray Award of Merit

Sponsored by the Kalamazoo Garden Council. A \$50.00 award is given to one small, one medium and one large garden club participating in an outstanding project with school-age children in the area of horticulture, nature study, conservation, flower arranging, beautification or civic concern.

Tribute to a Garden Club Member

This award is to honor our members whose volunteer efforts, during a period of five or more years have made outstanding contributions to club and community in one or more of the following areas: Civic Development, Conservation, Design, Garden Therapy, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Youth Activities, All-around Excellence.

Book of Evidence is not to exceed 6 pages, typed and secured in a folder. Include:

A short typed description of nominee's accomplishments.

Title page to include:

- a. Name of State Federation and Central Region;
- b. Area/s of nominee's contribution;
- c. Name, complete address and phone number of nominee and nominee's garden club/s;
- d. sponsoring club including club President's name, mailing address and signature.

Supporting information to include:

a. Maximum 2-page outline listing accomplishments of nominee including offices and chairmanships held;

b. A picture of nominee (minimum 3"x5", preferable 5"x7") of good quality for reproduction. To prevent damage to the picture, place data on an adhesive white label adhered to surface. Place picture in self-addressed envelope and enclose in left pocket of folder. Do not seal.