

NGC, MGC & Central Region Awards Descriptions and Requirements

For all MGC awards follow the guidelines for NGC awards. Prepare Books of Evidence for only those awards which are required by NGC to have one. For most NGC and All MGC awards an Award Summary is all that is required. NOTE: ALL awards are due to MGC State Awards Chair no later than Oct. 1 except NGC award #44 Publicity Press Book, which is due no later than Jan.10.

Send Books of Evidence and Award Summary's to the MGC Awards Chairman: Carol Beckius, 5727 Briarhill Drive, Portage, MI 49024-9536; phone: 269-372-6950 or cbeckius@chartermi.net

APPLICATION FORMS: NGC has an application form and procedure for applying for awards. The application form contains topics to be addressed along with any supporting photographs.

- There is a three (3) page limit, using only the front of the page (unless otherwise stated).
- Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer required or allowed.
- Applications will not be returned. Exceptions noted.
- Only 3 page summaries may be submitted electronically to the State Awards Chairman Forms are available on the MGC website, www.michigangardencclubs.org and from State Awards Chair cbeckius@chartermi.net , IA Awards Chairman, Flower Show Achievement Awards Chairman, or Award of Excellence Chairman.
- This application form should not be used for Awards of Excellence or Flower Show Achievement Awards.

When the same project is eligible for various awards: Submitting exact duplication of Books of Evidence or Awards Summary is **not acceptable**. The text should be written to address the award requirements. Ex: Landscaping the public library could be entered as #1 Civic Achievement and text would address the benefit to community, low maintenance for city, and interaction with other civic groups. The same project could also be entered for #49 Community Landscape Design with emphasis on the landscape plan, work of members with designer, choice of plants, execution of design, etc.

Important information for submitting Central Region Awards

This year's award projects are from June 1, to September 15, 2015, due October 1st and awarded at CR meeting in Iowa. The second year the award projects are from Jan. 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016 due September 15, 2016 and given at the CR Meeting in Illinois. Unless otherwise noted, applications for Central Region may be in the form of a "brief". Note: all Central Region Award applications unless otherwise noted in the award description will be send directly to Central Region Awards Chairman: Sherry Wilson, 214 Lakeridge Rd., Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 (573) 785-1032.

YEARBOOK AWARDS

Four copies of your Program/Yearbook are needed for the entire award application process.

First: Send two copies of the Program/Yearbook to your **District Director by October 1st for judging.** When submitting, include **TWO** copies of the application form as required by NGC and MGC. It is only necessary to fill out the top portion of the application form.

Second: Send one copy (no application form) of the Program/Yearbook by October 1st to the current MGC President and one copy to the 1st Vice-President:

Marilyn McIntosh, President, 5222 Greenview Drive, Gaylord, MI 49735-9238, phone: 231-546-3152, email: mgc.statepresident@yahoo.com

Carol Brodbeck, 1st Vice President, 6410 Crane Rd., Ypsilanti, MI 48197-8850, phone: 734-434-3795, mgc.carol.brodbeck@aol.com

NGC-CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT

#1 Civic Achievement - The Kellogg Civic Achievement Award and a silver tray donation by Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. may be awarded for distinguished civic or conservation work making permanent improvement for public benefit, e.g. establishing sanctuaries, experimental forests, municipal gardens, landscaping public buildings, etc. No commercial project is eligible.

#2 Garden Center - The Fisher Garden Center Award and silver tray in honor of Mrs. Frederick T. Fisher may be awarded for a garden center, maintained by members, which in proportion to size has performed the greatest service to the community, e.g. library, lectures furthering NGC objectives, courses, exhibits, trial garden, youth involvement, networking with other civic organizations. Text to include days/hours center is open to public and activities held at center.

#7 Special Achievement - A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for outstanding civic work furthering NGC objectives and projects throughout club year or special project not provided for in another NGC Award.

MGC-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.

MGC-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.

CENTRAL REGION CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT/BEAUTIFICATION

Central Region Award 9– Cultivating Community Plantings Certificate and \$25.00 award to a Garden Club that make a difference in their community with plantings. Eligible clubs: 29 members or under.

Central Region Award 10 – Sharing National Garden Week Certificate and \$25.00 to Member clubs documenting activities with “brief” and pictures on how you celebrated National Garden Week.

NGC-CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT

#6 Conservation -The Lucile Droege Mauntel Conservation Award in honor of Shirley Nicolai, \$50 donation by National Capital Area of Garden Clubs, Inc., may be awarded for conservation activities, e. g. education or legislative activity; conservation field project; natural resource development, such as a watershed, erosion control, reforestation, wildlife refuge; overall excellence and well-balanced year's conservation activities.

#20 Roadside Beautification - The Natural Lands Trust Roadside Beautification Award and \$100 donation by California Garden Clubs, Inc. in memory of Hilda Fox may be awarded for outstanding, permanent roadside beautification within the state. The program may be continuous, but must have advanced degree of completion prior to making application. This award may be given only once for the same program.

#39 Litter/Recycling/Reclamation -The Harriet Thomas Award and a \$100 donation by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. may be awarded for the most outstanding community project on litter prevention, reclamation and/or recycling, ex. Yearlong program, organizing recycling program, establishing community composting site.

#41 Conservation Education - The Hazel Johnson Award and a silver tray donation by Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc. may be awarded for the most comprehensive work and/or study in conservation education.

#42 Bird Protection -The Nanine C. Wallis Award and a \$25 donation by The Garden Club of Kentucky, may be awarded for conducting the most comprehensive and effective project for bird protection and welfare, e.g. tuaries, providing food, houses, and promoting law enforcement relative to bird welfare.

#43 Butterfly - A Certificate of Merit in honor of Deen Day Sanders and a \$500 donation by Alice and LeRoy Overton may be awarded for conducting the most comprehensive and effective project on butterflies, eg habitat protection, protection of migratory routes, public education, establishment of butterfly garden at school or community site, other.

CENTRAL REGION CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT

Central Region Award 7 – Protecting our Future Certificate and \$25.00 for outstanding work in the field of conservation, natural resource development or wildlife refuge. May be with youth and/or adults.

Central Region Award 11 – Sharing the Future Certificate and \$50.00 to a Member Club or Council for establishing or maintaining a “special garden” such as a learning garden, a healing garden, children's garden, and/or butterfly garden. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation

MGC-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.

NGC-HISTORIC PRESERVATION/HISTORIC OR MEMORIAL GARDENS

#50 Historic Preservation - The May Duff Walters Achievement Award for Preservation of Beauty donated by The Garden Club of New Jersey may be awarded for historic preservation project such as the restoration of a park, a building and/or garden of importance to local, state or national heritage.

#51 Decoration of Historic Building - A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for tastefully decorating a 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.

CENTRAL REGION HISTORIC OR MEMORIAL GARDENS

Central Region Award 12 - Caring by "Planting Pink" Certificate and \$25 for each category promoting the awareness of the fight against breast cancer a National Project. Award to a club or an individual club member planting gardens or containers at hospitals, cancer centers, or memorial gardens etc. using pink flowers. Sponsored by Wisconsin Federation of Garden Clubs.

NGC-HORTICULTURE

#4 Horticultural Achievement - The Evelyn Mooney Award for Creative Horticulture Achievement. A Purple Rosette and a Certificate of Merit may be awarded for the successful hybridizing of a new plant cultivar or for horticultural achievement of permanent importance. A statement from the respective plant society (if one exists) must be submitted to verify development of new plant cultivar.

CENTRAL REGION HORTICULTURE

Central Region Award 2 - Sharing Our Gardens Certificate and \$25.00 to a Member Club (s) or Council(s) for holding a garden walk open to the public, a garden tea and/or tour, or a garden therapy outing with a "unique" twist. Sponsored by Federated GC of Minnesota.

Central Region Award 13 - Sharing Native Plants Certificate and \$25.00 to a club or individual club member for a project working with the Girl Scouts to earn their native plants patch from NGC or establishing a wildflower garden, or memorial garden utilizing native plants.

MGC-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:

1. Growing plants under artificial light.
2. Pest control avoiding hard pesticides.
3. Placing permanent labels on plant material in areas used by the public.
4. 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:

1. An outstanding educational activity to promote good horticultural practice.
2. 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.

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.

Application form is limited to three printed pages – front and back with no report cover or binders allowed. No plastic sheets allowed. Pictures are required of the gardens from the beginning of the planting to harvesting the produce. Participants are encouraged to be viewed in the pictures. A planting diagram, list of seeds and plants, budget, number of participants, a list of places where the produce was distributed , and the educational component is encouraged to show the effectiveness of the project.

NGC-HORTICULTURE THERAPY/GARDEN THERAPY

#19 Horticulture Therapy -A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for an outstanding program working with the physically or learning challenged in nursing homes, schools, prisons, etc.

#46 World Gardening - The Dean World Gardening Award in honor of Mrs. Charles O. Dean, silver tray donated by The Garden Club of New Jersey, in honor of Helen Hull may be awarded for the most outstanding program or activity in other countries, e. g. continued support of international

organizations that provide health, food, housing, fresh water, etc.; disaster relief; donations of seeds and animals; support of children in school or orphanage; conservation, reforestation, habitat restoration; support for student/s in study of conservation or horticulture related field; other.

#48 Horticulture Therapy Garden Project - A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for establishment of a garden/s to benefit the physically or learning challenged, residents in nursing home, school, prisons, low income housing, Habitat for Humanity, etc. Includes barrier free garden, accessible gardening, community garden, meditation garden at hospital, etc.

CENTRAL REGION-HORTICULTURE THERAPY/GARDEN THERAPY

Central Region Award 6 –Caring through Garden Therapy Certificate and \$25.00 to a member club with the best single program or project of services for an activity with nursing homes, senior centers, developmentally and/or physically challenged.

NGC-LANDSCAPING AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN

#26 Landscape Design Education -The Lorena M. Spillers Award and silver tray donation by The Garden club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc., may be awarded to a state garden club for the most comprehensive and effective state program of education in landscape design, informing the public of proper landscape design practices, and benefits derived from developing plants for proper homes, schools, parks, roadsides, communities, cities, regions, etc.

#28 Landscape Design for Church Gardens - The May Duff Walters Achievement Award and silver tray donation by Nancy Voyles, may be awarded for planning and/or planting of a church or synagogue garden that meets the needs of the congregation.

#29-1, #29-2, or #29-3 - Blue Star Memorial Landscaping 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 department rest area maintained by the department. The project may have been continuous, but major landscaping must be completed within two years. The project may be a replacement of a destroyed or long neglected landscape.

29-1. Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker

29-2. Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker

29-3. Blue Star Memorial Marker

#40 Landscape Design Consultants - The Hubert Bond Owens Silver Trophy donated by Robert H. Rucker may be awarded to a Council of Landscape Design Consultants for the most outstanding program of continuing landscape design education. The trophy may be displayed at the State Garden Club's headquarters, if any, or placed in custody of the Council's president.

#49 Community Landscape Design - The Dr. William C. Welch Award may be awarded for the most significant contribution in providing planning and planting for: commercial property, church or synagogue, hospital, library, civic center, park, waterfront, etc. Copy of landscape plan must be included with application.

#62 Landscape Design -A Certificate of Merit and silver tray donated by The Delaware Federation of Garden clubs, may be awarded for an outstanding project in the field of landscape design.

CENTRAL REGION LANDSCAPING AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Central Region Award 5– Sharing with Habitat for Humanity - Certificate and \$25.00 for the best landscaping of a Habitat for Humanity Home with hardy trees, shrubs and plants that attract pollinators, involving the community and/or projects(i.e. sponsoring plant share, educational workshop(s)). Sponsored by.

NGC-OPERATION WILDFLOWER AWARDS

Awards of up to \$1,000, may be awarded to winners. Entries must include supporting information as applicable: Before and after photos; safety must be considered in all plantings; educational value as well as aesthetic beauty should be shown; unique aspects and/or unusual features; financial statement; other. No project may receive an award for two consecutive years.

#71 Roadside Award may be awarded for notable environmental preservation and enhancement of roadsides and rest areas using wildflowers and native plants to your region. Project may be sited on rural byways, urban highways, roadside rest areas, entrances to towns, medians, etc.

#73 Civic Projects with Native Plants Award may be awarded for establishing wildflower gardens, memorial gardens, or the restoration of historic gardens with emphasis on native plant material to your region.

#74 Outdoor Classrooms, Nature Trails may be awarded for establishing outdoor classrooms, nature trails, wildflower walks, etc. with the emphasis on wildflowers and native plants to your region.

MGC-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)

NGC-PROMOTION

#27 Radio and/or TV - A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for the best garden-oriented programming. Submit date/s aired, length of programs and typewritten script/s of series or guest appearance. Submit date/s aired, length of program and typewritten scripts of public service announcements. Submit audio or video tape of any one program or public service announcements.

1. Radio: a series of programs, a series of Public Service Announcements (10, 20, 30, 60

- seconds), guest appearance/s, or other.
2. Television: series of programs on local or community access cable stations, series of Public Service Announcements (10, 20, 30, 60 seconds), guest appearance/s, or other.

#44 Publicity Press Book - Certificates may be awarded to winning books of evidence exhibiting quality, quantity and diversity of coverage in the print media promoting garden clubs and NGC goals and objectives. Deadline: to State Chairman by your state's deadline;

Requirements for Preparing Publicity Press Book

1. Label on outside cover: number and name of NGC award, category, name of club/s, city and state.
2. Submit in report cover or folder; 8 ½ x 11' or 9 x 12". No heavy scrapbooks or oversized portfolios. There is no limit on the number of pages. Plastic page protectors may be used.
3. Material must consist of any of the following: Newspaper, magazine, newsletter, notices or flyers for one-time event, or any printed publication clippings (Ex: Your state or regional official publication, The National Gardener, etc.), with the name and date of publication over each article. Clear photocopies are permitted; reduced photocopies of large or lengthy articles are permitted. Downloading of published newspaper articles from the Internet is permitted. *Judges take into consideration the difficulty in securing newspaper publicity.*
4. No page numbering or Table of Contents needed. Affix contents in chronological order January 1 through December 31.
5. Clippings evenly cut. No loose clippings permitted.
6. Each published item must contain the name of organization and/or individual/s identified as a member of the organization. Underline first use of name of organization and/or member in each article.
7. Articles should include who, what, when, where, etc. where applicable; publicity should relate to organization's or individual's projects and/or activities; promotion of NGC objectives and goals.

#53 National Garden Week - A Certificate of Merit and a \$100 donation by The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. may be awarded for best overall promotion of National Garden Week; entry to show community awareness throughout the entire week and include local and/or state proclamations.

#63A and B. Website - A Certificate of Merit and a \$100 donation (divided) by The Garden Club of Georgia may be awarded for the most outstanding website promoting the sponsoring organization and NGC objectives. Provide on the NGC Awards Application Form your website address, who maintains site, how often updated, and cost. Ease of navigation will be considered while judging from the current site.

#63A, Designed and managed by club member/members

#63B, Professionally designed

#68 Video/CD/DVD/Flash Drive - A Certificate of Merit and a \$100 donation by The Garden Club of Georgia may be awarded for the best video/CD/DVD/flash drive production on any NGC objective as listed below.

- 1) History/Archives
- 2) Garden Tours (private)
- 3) Garden Tours (public)
- 4) Flower Shows
- 5) Projects
- 6) Programs
- 7) Other

NGC-PUBLICATION AWARDS

#3 Literary Horticultural Interest - The Helen Hull Award may be awarded for a literary production of horticultural interest, written within last three years. Eligible publications include: book, booklet, brochure, study course, or other similar publications.

C. Individual garden club member
NGC)

E. National Affiliate (dues paid directly to

F. Individual National Affiliate member (member of NGC Affiliate)
member

H. Individual IA

#12 Publications - A Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit may be awarded in each category 1-4 for publications that are published at least three times per year under one-editorship or management. Notices and flyers for one-time events do not apply. Newsletters: submit only three sample issues and state number issues per year. Printed publications or those prepared for electronic distribution are acceptable entries. Categories:

- 1) Newsletter - one 8 ½ x 11" or one 8 ½ x 14" sheet of paper
- 2) Newsletter or Magazine of 3-12 pages
- 3) Newsletter, Magazine or Bulletin of 13-24 pages
- 4) Newsletter, Magazine or Bulletin over 24

pages Eligibility for Categories 1-4:

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)

#13 Publications - A Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit may be awarded to the entry judged best in each category 1-7. Notices and flyers for one-time events are not eligible. Printed publications or those prepared for electronic distribution are acceptable entries. Categories:

- 1) manuals, handbooks (examples: procedural, duties of officers, awards)
- 2) educational (examples: environmental, landscape, gardening, horticulture therapy)
- 3) horticulture, design (examples: judging, guide to exhibiting, floral design, mechanics)
- 4) history
- 5) membership (examples: brochure, leaflet)
- 6) calendars
- 7) cookbooks
- 8) other

Eligibility for Categories 1-8:

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv ex-large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state, iv ex-large state
- E. National Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)
- F. G. International Affiliate**
- I. Region

MGC-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*.

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

1. 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 description of those decorations.
2. 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.
3. Create a DVD from a (make-and-take) workshop for making environmentally-friendly holiday tree decorations using naturally-occurring materials

NGC-SERVICE & RECOGNITION AWARDS

Award of Distinguished Service may be presented by local garden clubs to businesses, industrial establishments, schools, youth clubs, civic organizations, etc., who are not affiliated with a garden club, for on-going or completed projects. Award Certificates #5234 may be purchased from NGC Member Services in St. Louis.

#9 Citation for Distinguished Service will be awarded to a National Garden Clubs, Inc. President. NGC owes much of its program and development to wise leadership. In grateful appreciation of notable achievement and guidance by the NGC President, a citation for distinguished service and token of appreciation will be awarded upon completion of the President's term of office.

Member Award of Honor may be awarded to one member in each region whose volunteer efforts during a period of five or more years, has 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. Eligibility: any

member of a State Garden Club, who has never been a member of NGC Board of Directors. Eligibility and Rules listed on NGC Website, ‘Awards’ – Member Award of Honor. A book of evidence should be submitted not to exceed 3 pages. Obtain information from State or Regional Awards Chairman. Entries are submitted to State Awards Chairman by state’s deadline date. State Awards Chairman forwards one entry to Regional Awards Chairman by February

1. Region forwards one winner to National Awards Committee member, **Debbie Hinchey, 1474 Virginia Court, Anchorage, AK, 99501 dhinchey@alaska.com 907-278-2814 or 907-529-4811(cell)** by February

20. The eight Regional Winners will receive a NGC Certificate and a pin at the NGC convention. They will be recognized in *The National Gardener*.

#37 Presidential Citations will be given by the NGC President to persons who have performed outstanding service to NGC.

#56 NGC Award for Major Non-Standard Flower Shows - A medal depicting the NGC Seal hung on a green ribbon may be presented at a major non-standard flower shows, e.g. The New England Spring Flower Show (Massachusetts), The Southeastern Flower Show (Atlanta), etc., if the committee for the shows agrees to the presentation. Two medals will be available, one for the exhibit judged to be the finest in the Horticulture Division and one for the exhibit judged to be the finest in the Design Division. Winning exhibits must be blue ribbon winners scoring 95 or more and selection made by three NGC Accredited Flower Show Judges. Presentation to winners shall be by the President of the State Garden Club or an NGC Officer when possible. **Make application in writing to NGC Headquarters six months in advance of the Flower Show date.**

MGC-TRIBUTE TO A GARDEN CLUB MEMBER

Award of Honor to recognize outstanding contributions by an Individual. Send to MGC Awards Chairman, Carol Beckius, 5727 Briarhill Drive, Portage, MI 49024-9536; phone: 269-372-6950 or cell: 269-823-8557 , Email: cbeckius@chartermi.net **by October 1.**

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: **1.** A short typed description of nominee’s accomplishments. **2.** 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. **3.** 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.

CENTRAL REGION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR REGIONS- CENTRAL REGION PROJECT

Central Region# 25 Award of Excellence for Regions-Central Region Project

- The Central Region theme “Cultivating Connections” will focus on individual member clubs and State Federations working together on projects, especially those sponsored by NGC incorporating

the NGC and State Logos into all signage and publicity. This includes: flyers, website announcements, programs, business cards, event signage etc..

- Plan an event that is open to the public promoting the Bee Gap Program, Pollinators, Monarch Watch, The Frightened Frog book activities, Bee a Wildlife Action Hero and Leap into Leadership. (Visit nationalgardenclub.org for more information on the NGC President's Projects.) A project related to a local concern, involving one or more natural resources is especially important. All will qualify towards a Regional Project, especially by sharing our knowledge, caring for community and environment, and abiding by the conservation pledge provided the NGC and State Logos are included on all signage and publicity.
- Information will be used by the State Unified Project Chairman to complete a Book of Evidence that includes club and district entries. State Presidents, please send your Book of Evidence to our Regional Project Chairman: Liz Murken, 1323 Maricopa Drive, Oshkosh WI, 54904-8150, lizmurken@gmail.com.
- Project information must be received on or before Sept. 15, 2016. Liz will prepare a Book of Evidence and submit it to the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Awards Chairman for judging. Award to be given at 2016 CR Convention.
- Award of Excellence for Regions. Application for this award will include Member, Club, District and State participation in Region's Theme, "Cultivating Connections". Final deadline to submit evidence November 15, 2016 to Liz Murken, CR Unified Project Chairman.

Central Region Award 1 – "Cultivating Connections" CR Project: A Certificate and \$50.00 to the State Garden Club that has the most clubs program participation in the Central Region's Project #25. This award will be judged on the Book of Evidence above, submitted to Liz Murken. Sponsored by Judy Newman.

NGC-YEARBOOKS (budgets no longer needed)

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A. Single member garden club

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| 1. Club under 20 members | 2. Club 20-29 | 3. Club 30-44 |
| 4. Club 45-69 | 5. Club 70-99 | 6. Club 100-299 |
| 7. Club 300 or more | | |

#16 B – Yearbook (Group of Member Clubs, Council, District,)

#16 D Yearbooks for State Garden Club

#16 E Yearbooks for Clubs/Councils of Judges or Consultants

NGC-YOUTH AWARDS

A. Grades 1-3 B. Grades 4-6 C. Grades 7-9 D. Other
Entry Award Rules 1-5, 7-9 apply for Youth Awards - J. Youth Garden Club; K. Individual Youth

1. **AWARDS YEAR:** January 1 to December 31 annually. This applies to all projects submitted with application form. All awards may be presented annually, if merited. Any exceptions will be noted.

2. **NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS:**

Garden Clubs: One application for each size category (based upon membership) for each award may be submitted for evaluation to the NGC Awards Committee.

TROPHIES, MONETARY AWARDS, CERTIFICATES OF MERIT: Trophies and/or monetary awards shall be awarded to highest scoring entry among all applicable categories. The winner of a trophy or monetary award is determined from first place entries in each category. (Must score 90 or more to be awarded first place recognition). Certificates of Merit shall be presented to overall winners, Runners-up receive Certificates of Commendation (by category/size/type), and other award submissions receive Certificates of Appreciation. Awards and Certificates shall be presented at the NGC Convention

#10-J. Garden Club - Augusta H. Brewer Certificate/s of Merit may be awarded to the Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club sponsored by a member garden club, which through its own efforts has been most successful in promoting all phases of garden club work. Indicate grade/s, sponsor, list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved. Do not duplicate with other junior/intermediate awards.

#14-J. Horticulture Achievement by a Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club - The Hessie Thomson Morrah Award and a \$50 donation by Alaska Garden Clubs may be awarded for outstanding horticulture activity by a Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club sponsored by a member garden club. Indicate grade/s, sponsor, list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved. Do not duplicate with other junior/intermediate awards.

#32-J. Conservation Award for Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club - A Certificate of Merit and a \$10 donation by Judi Davis, may be awarded to the Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club sponsored by a member garden club, which has successfully carried out the most outstanding conservation project. Include list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved.

#33-J. High School Gardeners Accomplishment - The Carrie Buhman Nettleton Award and a \$100 donation by June Ashworth may be awarded to a High School Gardeners club sponsored by a member garden club that has carried out the best all-around gardening project. Indicate grade/s, sponsor, and include list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved.

#55-J. Youth Environmental Concern Award - The Winifred F. Fink Award and a \$25 donation by The Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. may be awarded to a youth garden club sponsored by a member garden club for the most outstanding project in the field of environmental concern, e. g.

horticulture, landscaping, anti-litter, restoration, others.

#65-J. Junior Garden Club Horticulture Award - A Certificate of Merit and \$50 (divided), donated by Wisconsin Garden Club Federation, may be awarded to a Junior Garden Club sponsored by a member garden club for the most significant effort in planting and growing horticulture in an outdoor area. Participants may seek advice from any source, but must do the actual gardening themselves.

A. Pre-school - 3rd grade 4th grade – 6th grade C. Other

#76-K. High School Distinguished Service Project - The High School Distinguished Service Project Award and \$100 for first place, donated by The Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc. and \$50 for second place, donated by Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. may be awarded to a high school student, grades 9-12, for an outstanding civic project making a significant improvement for public benefit, e.g. environment, conservation, landscape, horticulture, recycling, horticulture therapy, others. A single member garden club, group of member clubs, districts, or a state garden club must sponsor the contest

NGC-YOUTH RELATED – ADULT WORK WITH YOUTH

#54 Environmental Education - The Jesse M. Connor Award and a \$100 donation by Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. may be awarded for the most outstanding project in the field of environmental education involving youth.

#8 Youth Horticulture Education - The Helen Hussey Champlin Award and a \$50 donation by the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs may be awarded for the best promotion of gardening among youth; based on belief that youth should be educated to become future horticulturists.

#60 Junior Leadership Award - The Mary Louise Michie Award and a \$100 donation by Former Presidents of Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. may be awarded to an individual who has given outstanding service to youth as a leader of a Junior Garden Club.

MGC-WORKING WITH YOUTH AWARDS

Refer to *The National Gardener*, Fall Issue for NGC Awards and **send to MGC Youth Activities Chairman** Chair: Peggy House, 10101 Lakeside Drive, Perrinton, MI 48871-9647, phone: 989-682-4433, peggyannhouse@yahoo.com. rules for entries and selection of each school's winner may be obtained from the MGC Youth Activities Chairman. NGC Flower Show Award #47 is for junior gardeners and is to be sent to the MGC Flower Show Advice and Awards Chairman.

YA #1 Ecoteer (Junior) Gardening Yearbook – *Michigan Award of Merit* to the registered junior or intermediate garden club which prepares and submits a yearbook to be judged in the following membership categories: Small Size Club (under 29 members) Medium Size Club (30-59 members) Large Size Club (60-99 members), Ex-Large Club (100 members+). Judith Schroeder, 12153 Townline Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48439-1659, phone: 810-694-3284, email: jars123@gmail.com. **Due December 1.**

YA #2 Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest – Open to all youth. Chair: Peggy House, 10101 Lakeside Drive, Perrinton, MI 48871-9647, phone: 989-682-4433, peggyannhouse@yahoo.com **Due January 20.**

YA #3 High School Speech/Essay Contest MGC: Chair: Peggy House, 10101 Lakeside Drive, Perrinton, MI 48871-9647, phone: 989-682-4433, peggyannhouse@yahoo.com. **Due December 1.**

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.

CENTRAL REGION WORKING WITH YOUTH AWARDS

Central Region Award 4– YOUTH: The Greatest Gardening Future Certificate and \$25.00 to the State Garden Club with outstanding participation in NGC Youth Award Programs for 2013 and 2014 Poetry, Essay and Sculptor contests. State youth activities chairman need to report to CR Awards chairman the number of entries they had in their state for the youth contests. Sponsored by Jim Pavelka.

FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Send to *Flower Show Advice & Awards Chairman, Sherry Sanelli, 78966 Harvest Lane, Bruce Township, MI 48065-1821, phone: 586-752-3734, ssanelli@att.net*

Flower Show Achievement Awards: See *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2007 edition and revised requirement for NGC and MGC Flower Show Achievement Awards found in the 2015-2017 NGC award requirement document.

If there is a corresponding NGC Award, it is listed: (NGC #) after the award title. Only one book of evidence from the MGC, Inc. entries will be sent to NGC for each National Flower Show Award (*ONLY ONE BOOK OF EVIDENCE IS REQUIRED FROM YOUR FLOWER SHOW—MGC Awards Chair will prepare your book for NGC consideration.*)

Before the Show: 2 months before show: Send a letter or email to **Flower Show Advice & Awards Chairman** naming the award desired.

6 weeks before: Email a working schedule **before** the final printing. It will be returned by email with suggested changes. Need only be draft of schedule and need not include committees, point scoring, etc.

30 days prior to show: Send list of the judges. The evaluating judges' panel will be chosen by the Flower Show Chairman and forms sent directly to the panel.

After the Show: The evaluating panel will tell the flower show chairman if the show qualifies for an award. A state award must receive 90 points; if 95 or better it may be eligible for a NGC award and will automatically be forwarded by the Flower Show Awards Chairman.

CR Award 3– Sharing Central Region Talents in...“Visions of Beauty” - Certificate and \$25.00 to the Central Region State with the largest number of entries featured in the Vision of Beauty Calendar. Sponsored by Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. No application required.

3a. Vision of Beauty Calendar 2015 Given at CR Meeting in Iowa

3b. Vision of Beauty Calendar 2016 Given at CR Meeting in Illinois.

CR Award 8 – Sharing Creativity Club, Council, and District Flower Shows eligible:

8a Certificate and \$25.00 for best overall Standard Flower Show schedule. Submit application form and one copy of schedule.

8b. Certificate and \$25.00 for best Standard Flower Show Horticulture Division. Given to a schedule with correct scientifically named horticulture classes and with number of horticulture entries in proportion to size of sponsoring club. Submit one copy of schedule and application.

8c. Certificate and \$25 for highest scoring Flower Show Educational Exhibit. Submit one copy of schedule, application form and brief including pictures. Sponsored by Gerry Ford, Illinois.

Buttercup Award: A small standard show given by one garden club. Award sponsored by MAAJ: First Place in each category will receive \$50: Small Size Club (under 29 members) Medium Size Club (30-99 members) Large Size Club (over 100 members).

Daffodil Award (NGC #25): A Petite Standard Flower Show of Miniature and/or Small Exhibits.

Eden Award: A standard show given by one or more garden clubs for the first time or applying after a 7-year hiatus.

Holly and Ivy (NGC #22): Standard show given by one club or group of clubs; show must feature the spirit of the holidays using a minimum of artificial decorative materials and NO artificial flowers or foliage. Three or more educational and/or youth exhibits are required.

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- a. Fewer than 21 (one or more educational and/or youth exhibits)
- b. 21-49 (two or more educational and/or youth exhibits)
- c. 59-99 (three or more educational and/or youth exhibits)
- d. 100 or more (four or more exhibit)

Nancy R. Passfield Schedule Award \$25.00. All entries considered for the best standard show schedule.

Apple Blossom (NGC #17A): Standard show given by one or more garden clubs held in a home or homes with a tour of two or more gardens. Three or more educational and/or youth exhibits are required.

Pink Placement (NGC #17B): Standard show given by one garden club, held in a home or homes. Garden tour NOT required. One or more educational and/or youth exhibits are required.

Blue and Gold (NGC #18A): Standard show given by a council (association, circle) of MGC clubs. Five or more clubs must exhibit the show. Not awarded to same council in two consecutive years. Three or more educational and/or youth exhibits are required.

Green and White (NGC #35): Standard show sponsored by two or more MGC clubs located geographically near each other. Three or more educational and/or youth exhibits are required.

Robin Award: A standard show emphasizing better staging and new varieties

Cherry Blossom Award: The best educational exhibit in a standard show.

Bronze Award for Social Situations: Standard show staged in a nursing home, school for special education, veteran's hospital, etc.

Copper Award: Youth division in a standard show (junior, intermediate or high school).

Red, White and Blue (NGC #21): Standard show given by one or more MGC clubs located geographically near each other. Theme of the show must have been patriotic in terms of advancement of Americanism. The flag of the United States of America shall have been correctly and prominently displayed as a feature of the show. Exhibitors shall not be limited to the use of so called patriotic colors (red, white and blue) in the entries. All colors and values shall be permitted. The show must have been given and staged by the clubs that apply for the award. The show must feature the spirit of patriotic traditions, using a minimum of artificial decorative materials and NO artificial flowers or foliage. Three or more educational and/or youth exhibits are required.

Lavender Lace (NGC #57): Standard show given by one of more MGC club held in a public building, such as: historically preserved home, museum, church, business district, shopping center, mall, housing development, world, state or county fairs, furniture stores or other suitable commercial public buildings. Garden tour(s) may be included. Shows may have a patriotic or Christmas theme. Three or more educational and/or youth exhibits are required.

Red Rosette (NGC #30): Standard flower show given by a district of a state garden club, all of whose clubs are members of NGC. 75% of the clubs in the District must exhibit in the show. Only one application may be made by each state. A district is defined as an area within a radius of close proximity, established by a state garden club for organizational purposes and including an indefinite number of clubs. Four educational and/or youth exhibits are required.

FLOWER SHOW BOOKS OF EVIDENCE Only one Book of Evidence is needed. The deadline for the Book of Evidence is **October 1**. Send to the Michigan Flower Advice & Awards Chair:
Requirements as published in *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2007 edition.

