

**NGC Awards Application 201\_-201\_**

Award #: Sample 1

Award Name: Sample Garden Project Award

**Submitted by: Happy Diggers Garden Club**

[Enter name exactly as it should appear on any award received]

**Number of members in club: ###****Date:****Name of State Garden Club: Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs****Number in state garden club: 5480****State Awards Chairman: Kathy Ward****Phone: (804) 378-7481****E-mail: klward@gmail.com**

- Application form is limited to three printed pages, – front of pages only.. (No report cover or binders allowed. No plastic sheets allowed).
- Application form will not be returned. (Exceptions: publication (books), CD/DVD ). Copy entry for your files.
- **State Awards Chairman** must send entries (mail or electronically) to NGC Awards Chairman to arrive no later than January 15.

**Please complete each topic, if applicable. Use numbering as below when completing form.****1. New project:** Yes  No **Beginning date:** 3/20/2011**Completion date:**

8/22/2011

**2. Brief summary and objectives of project:**

A Healing Garden was designed and planted in the local park. This project was phase 3 of an on-going project. Objectives included using plants traditionally used for medicine and healing in a pleasing formal arrangement and to create a place for spiritual healing through contemplation, meditation and reflection. By locating the garden in a local park with appropriate signage, this project also brings visibility to community projects done by garden clubs working with youth.

**3. Involvement of club members, other organizations, etc.:**

This project was planned by a committee of 4 garden club members, one city planning official, a local landscaper, and a nursery owner. The site preparation was done by the county with help from a local Boy Scout troop. Planting was done by our garden club as well as two local Girl Scout troops. A total of 37 garden club members and 23 youth were involved in the project.

**4. Project expenses and means of funding:**

We received one VFGC youth projects grant of \$1000. Donations from club and community members resulted in an additional \$5,000. We also held a fund raising design luncheon which raised an additional \$2,500 for a total of \$8,500.

Expenses totaling \$8500 were as follows:

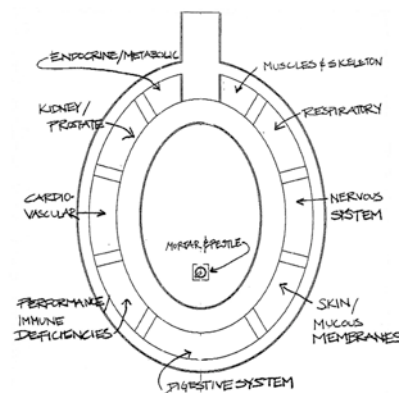
- \$1800 Soil Amendments (compost, peat moss, etc.)
- \$1000 Mulch
- \$1500 Pavers
- \$ 850 Bench
- \$1000 Shrubs - Yew (*Taxus baccata*) - 10 @ \$100 each
- \$ 350 Shrubs – Butterfly bush (*Buddleia spp.*) - 10 @ \$35 each
- \$2000 Herbs (200 @ \$10 each) such as rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*), lavenders (*Lavendula spp.*) coneflowers (*Echinacea purpurea*), butterfly flower (*Aesclepias tuberosa*) salvias (*Salvia spp.*)

**5. Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance:**

The Happy Diggers Garden Club provides 3 volunteers each month to dead-head and weed. The county is responsible for watering and site maintenance such as leaf removal, raking, etc. This was the final phase of this project.

Attach or insert photos, digital photos, and/or landscape plan (does not need to be professionally drawn).

Landscape plan showing the areas to be planted in medicinal herbs related to each system of the body



Landscape Plan for entire project. Phase 3 completed the yew hedge on the right side as well as 2 sections of the outer circle.



The garden at the start of Phase 3 of the project in March 2011. The pavers have been placed, soil preparation completed and herbs and shrubs planted.



In early summer 2011, the herbs are beginning to fill in around the bench. The pavers weave their way through the garden and signage is placed to identify the plants and their medicinal use.



Late summer 2011, the yew hedge separates the healing garden from the rest of the park. The lavender and purple coneflowers surrounding the bench create a tranquil and fragrant spot for park visitors to sit and reflect.