

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

2019 – 2021 State Garden Club Report Form

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is made available by Andrea Little, NGC Historian, in an effort to assist you in documenting your state's history during your term as State President. Please complete this "fillable" form or use it as a guide, in documenting the programs and achievements during your term of office. Your input will be incorporated within the NGC History and maintained in our permanent records in the NGC Headquarters in St. Louis, MO.

DEADLINE: March 31, 2021

SUBMIT ONLINE TO: Andrea Little, NGC Historian

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State Garden Club Name: Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. **Region:** Central

State Garden Club President: Janet Hickman **Theme:** Plant America: Grow and Share

Number of Clubs: 142 **Number of Districts:** 7 **Number of Members:** 4774

State Conventions: Dates: June 3-5, 2020
June 1-3, 2021

Theme: Michigan Pollinator Thyme -cancelled
Plant It Forward – virtual

List three outstanding State programs held during your administration: (a three-line brief description of each program)

- Tri Refresher June 5, 2020. While we had to cancel our full conference in 2020, we were able to still have our Tri-Refresher, which had been planned at the end of the conference, by converting it from an in person meeting to a virtual zoom meeting. This was the first ever NGC Tri-refresher by zoom.
- "ALL TOGETHER NOW" State-wide Fall District Meeting. In spite of COVID, instead of holding our normal, in person, Fall meetings in each District, we converted to 1 Virtual Meeting, by zoom with typical program elements – Guest Speaker, presentations by the President and 1st VP and 7 breakout sessions for each District. We repeated in the Spring, with "ALL TOGETHER NOW 2".
- We celebrated our 90th year as a State Garden Club by holding our Annual Conference as a virtual event, complete with guest speakers, social time and a virtual marketplace. Holding "PLANT IT FORWARD" virtually, allowed us to have Doug Tallamy as our key-note speaker, something we would never have been able to afford in person.

List two outstanding State Achievements with a three line description of each: (i.e., Civic; NGC Schools held; Blue & Gold Star Memorials; Scholarships; Plant America Grant(s); Youth Project/Programs, etc.)

- Michigan Garden Clubs proudly supports college students majoring NGC/MGC mission-related fields of study. In the 2019-2020 Academic year MGC provided \$23,378 in scholarships to 19 students in 15 state schools and for the 2020-2021 Academic year \$19,370 to 16 students in 15 schools.
- MGC now funds the High School Essay Contest at the District and State Level with \$100 awards for 1st place in each District and \$300 for 1st place overall in the State. Similarly, for the Sculpture Contest and Poster contest: \$25 for each winner in each grade in each district and \$50 for the State winner in each grade.
- Because of COVID, we started two new programs to help our clubs and members stay connected: **Monday Morning Member Meetings** (by zoom) covering a variety of gardening interest related topics and MGC 'Program' topics. We also created several **special interest Facebook Groups** including: Native Plants, Artistic crafts, Photography, Floral Design, Edibles, Container Gardening and Horticulture.

NGC Awards Received (2019-2021):

**NGC Awards Received by Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. May, 2019
(Not Recorded in Previous Report)**

Award #	NGC Award Title	Club	Place
NGC CB-2 (aii)	Community Beautification	Chula Vista Garden Club	1 st in Category
NGC CB-2 (bii)	Community Beautification	Spirit of the Woods Garden Club	2 nd in Category
NGC CS -2 (aiii)	Kellogg Civic Achievement	Brighton Garden Club	3 rd in Category
NGC CS- 4	Community Service - Food Bank Donation	Brighton Garden Club	Overall Winner
NGC CS -4 (aii)	Community Service - Food Bank Donation	Spirit of the Woods Garden Club	Commendation
NGC FS-1	Standard FS "Vintage Treasures"	Tri-Cities Garden Club	Merit
NGC FS-2	Standard FS "In Your Garden"	Holland Garden Club	Merit
NGC FS-3	Club Standard Flower Show "The Wonder of Water"	Charlevoix Area Garden Club	Merit
NGC FS-14	Council Standard FS "What's All the Buzz About"	Kalamazoo Garden Council	Merit
NGC FS-20	Hort. Specialty Show "Wander to Michigan"	Michigan Garden Clubs, Central Region Garden Club Show	Merit
NGC G-2 (ci)	Edible Gardening	Eden's Garden Club	1 st in Category
NGC MP -3C	Social Media/Website	Friendly Garden Club of Traverse Cit	Overall Winner
MP-3B (aiv)	Social Media/Website	Kent Garden Club	1 st in Category
MP-3C	Social Media/Website	Mason County Garden Club, Inc.	Overall Winner
MP-3C (aii)	Social Media/Website	Mason County Garden Club, Inc.	1 st in Category
MP-3C (aiv)	Social Media/Website	Kent Garden Club	1 st in Category
MP-4 (aii) 5	Video/Cd/DVD/Flash Drive	DeWitt Millenium Garden Club	1 st in Category
MP-4b 4	Video/Cd/DVD/Flash Drive	Kalamazoo Garden Council	1 st in Category
PUB 1-2 (aiii)	Tommy Dolan Newsletter	Saline Stone & Thistle Garden Club	Appreciation
PUB 1-2(av)	Tommy Dolan Newsletter	Kent Garden Club	Merit
PUB 1-2 (aiv)	Tommy Dolan Newsletter	Brighton Garden Club	Merit
PUB 2-5 (aii)	Tommy Dolan Membershp Brochure	The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City	Merit
PUB 2-5 (aiii)	Tommy Dolan Membershp Brochure	Garden Club of Dearborn	Appreciation
PUB 2-5 (aiv)	Tommy Dolan Membership Brochure - "The Gardens"	Petoskey Area Garden Club	Appreciation
PUB 2-8 (iav)	Tommy Dolan Other Publication-Bookmark	Kent Garden Club, Inc.	Appreciation
YB1-2	20-29 Members	Meek's Mills Garden Club	1 st
YB6-1	Flower Arrangers Guild	West Michigan Flowere Arrangers Guild	1 st
Youth Contest	Recycled Sculpture Contest 4 th Grade	Ellie Gardner, Garden Club of Michigan	Honorable Mention
Youth Contest	Recycled Sculpture Contest 5th Grade	Rowan Shaffer, Morenci Garden Club	3 rd
Youth Contest	Recycled Sculpture Contest 8 th Grade	Steven Barnett, Morenci Garden Club	1 st
Youth Contest	2018-2019 Youth Essay Contest	Lillian Hessling, Caro Garden Club	2 nd
Youth Contest	SBWO 3 rd Grade	Gabriel Bruck, Swan Creek Garden Club	1 st

Youth Contest	SBWO 1 st Grade	Gabbie Dzedzie, Boyne Valley GC	3 rd
Youth Contest	SBWO 2 nd Grade	Madeline Sanborn, Williamston Red Cedar GC	2 nd
Youth Contest	SBWO 4 th Grade	Isabelle Greensky, Charlevoix Area Garden Club	1 st
Youth Contest	SBWO 5 th Grade	Amanda Avitia, Garden Club of Dearborn	1 st
	Academic Scholarship	Bryant J. Eddy	National

NGC Awards to Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. May, 2020			
Award #	NGC Award Title	Club	Place
FS-15A	The Magic of The Secret Garden"	District IV	Green Ribbon
NGC Award of Honor	Member Award of Honor	Shirley Burns Petoskey Area Garden Club	CR Honoree
NGC CB-1	Roadside Beautification	Tri-Cities Garden Club	Appreciation
NGC CB-2 (Biv)	Community Beautification	Kent Garden Club	Appreciation
NGC CB-2(Biii)	Community	Hillsdale Garden Club	1 st in Category
NGC CB-3	Community Beautification	Eden's Garden Club	Appreciation
NGC CS1 (Aii)	Community Service	Brighton Garden Club	1 st in Category
NGC CS4 (Ai)	Food Bank	Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club	1 st in Category
NGC CS5	Special Achievement	Kent Garden Club	Appreciation
NGC CS-5 (Aiii)	Special Achievement	Mason County Garden Club	Appreciation
NGC EC-1	Lucille Droege Mauntel Conservation Award	Mason County Garden Club	Appreciation
NGC EC-3	Pollinators	Chula Vista Garden Club	Appreciation
NGC EC-4 (Aii)	Bird Welfare	Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club	1 st in Category
NGC EC-5	Pollinators	Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club	Appreciation
NGC FS-1B	"Poetic Expression"	Holland Garden Club	Purple Ribbon
NGC FS-1C	"Lakeshore Beauty"	Tri-Cities Garden Club	Purple Ribbon
NGC FS-1C	"From Mother Goose to Dr. Seuss'	Mason County Garden Club	Purple Ribbon
NGC G-2 (Ci)	Edible Gardening	Eden's Garden Club	Commendation
NGC G-3A	Therapy Gardens	Garden Club of Dearborn	Appreciation
NGC HP1 (Aii)	Historic Preservation	Portage Lake Garden Club	1 st in Category
NGC HP-1(Aiii)	Historic Preservation	Hillsdale Garden Club	Overall Winner
NGC MP1	Membership	Brighton Garden Club	Appreciation
NGC MP-1 (Aii)	Membership	Spirit of the Woods Garden Club, Inc.	Appreciation
NGC MP3	Facebook	Kent Garden Club	Appreciation
NGC MP3	Facebook	The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City	Appreciation
NGC MP-3	Website	Mason County Garden Club	1 st in Category
NGC MP3 A	Website	Kent Garden Club	Appreciation
NGC MP3A	Website	The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City	Appreciation
NGC Pub 1	Tommy Dolan Newsletter	Taylor Garden Club	Appreciation
NGC PUB 1	Tommy Dolan Newsletter	Kent Garden Club	Cert. of Merit
NGC PUB 1-2 (Aiii)	Tommy Dolan Newsletter	The Garden Club of Greater Lansing	Appreciation
NGC PUB 2-1 (Ci)	Tommy Dolan Manual/Handbook	Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. 'District Director's Handbook'	Merit

NGC Pub 2-2 (Aiii)	Educational Publication- (Why Go Native in Michigan?)	Taylor Garden Club	Merit
NGC PUB2-5 (Aii)	Membership Brochures	Edelwiess Garden Club	Merit
NGC WG-3	Jr. Garden Club Wildlife Gardening Education	Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club	Overall Winner
NGC Y-1	Youth Garden Club	Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club	Overall Winner
NGC Y-5	Youth Hort: Helen Hussey Award	Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club	Appreciation
NGC YB 1-4	Yearbook	Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club	Commendation
NGC YP 1-6	Yearbook	Kent Garden Club	Commendation
Youth Contest	Youth Sculpture Contest Grade 5	Adam Weston, sponsored by Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club	2 nd
Youth Contest	Youth Sculpture Contest Grade 4	Emilia FultonSponsored by Caro Garden Club	3 rd
Youth Contest	Youth Sculpture Contest Grade 6	Kyan Hantle Sponsored by Caro Garden Club	Honorable Mention
NGC Scholarship	Academic Scholarship	Haley Kuhnle	

National awards for 2020-2021 have not yet been received.

Region Awards Received (2019-2021):

Central Region Awards Received by Michigan Garden Clubs May, 2019 (Not Recorded in Previous Reports)			
Award #	Award Title	Club	Place
YB1-1	Less than 20 Members	Charlevoix Garden Club	3 rd
YB1-2	20-29 Members	Meek's Mills Garden Club	1 st
YB1-3	30-44 Members	Blue Water Garden Club	2 nd
YB1-4	44-69 Members	Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club	2 nd
YB1-5	70-99 Members	Meridian Garden Club	1 st
YB1-6	100-299 Members	Kent Garden Club	2 nd
YB6-1	Flower Arrangers Guild	West Michigan Flower Arrangers Guild	1 st
Youth Contest	Recycled Sculpture Contest 4 th Grade	Ellie Gardner, Garden Club of Michigan	1 st
Youth Contest	Recycled Sculpture Contest 5 th Grade	Rowan Shaffer, Morenci Garden Club	1 st
Youth Contest	Recycled Sculpture Contest 8 th Grade	Steven Barnett, Morenci Garden Club	1 st
Youth Contest	2018-2019 Youth Essay Contest 1 st Place	Lillian Hessling, Caro Garden Club	1 st
Youth Contest	2018-2019 Youth Essay Contest 2 nd Place	Haily Gauss, Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club	2 nd
	Academic Scholarship	Olivia Stevens, Michigan Technological University	Central Region

Central Region Awards Received by MGC Fall 2019			
Award #	CR Award Title	Club	Place
# 2	Planting Community Gardens	The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City	2 nd
# 3	Sharing Gardens	Muskegon County Garden Club	1 st
# 3	Sharing Gardens	Tri-Cities Garden Club	2 nd
# 3	Sharing Gardens	Periwinkle Garden Club	3 rd
# 4	Healing Gardens	The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City	1 st
# 10a	Sharing CR Talents in Vision of Beauty Calendar	Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc	1 st ,

Central Region Awards Received by MGC Spring 2020			
Award #	NGC Award Title	Club	Place
NGC YB 1-4	Yearbook	Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club	1 st
NGC YB 1-6	Yearbook	Kent Garden Club	1 st
Youth Contest	Youth Sculpture Contest Grade 4	Emilia Fulton Sponsored by Caro Garden Club	1 st
Youth Contest	Youth Sculpture Contest Grade 5	Adam Weston, Sponsored by Williamston Red Cedar GC	1 st
Youth Contest	Youth Sculpture Contest Grade 6	Kyan Hantle Sponsored by Caro Garden Club	1 st

Central Region Awards Received by MGC Fall 2020			
Award #	CR Award Title	Club	Place
# 2	Planting Community Gardens	Spirit of the Woods Garden Club	2 nd
# 3	Sharing Gardens	Brighton Garden Club	1 st

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