



MONTANA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

State Award Directory 2011– 2013

State, Regional and National awards are presented to garden clubs, groups of clubs, states and individuals for outstanding achievements that further garden club goals and objectives.

Why are awards presented?

- Competition brings excellence: when we compete against others, we try harder.
- Projects inspire team spirit; it encourages members to do more.
- Winners receive recognition from others and recognition creates pride.
- Awards inspire others to pursue worthwhile projects.
- Awards bring awareness of the club as an asset to the community.
- An active award-winning club attracts new members.

(from the National Garden Clubs Directory)

<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Type of Award/Contest and Chairman</u>	<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Type of Award/Contest and Chairman</u>
January 1	All National Awards (except NGC Flower Show Awards), send to Denise Fink	December 1	NGC Youth Poetry <u>Contest</u> , 2011 theme “Colorful Fruits” or “Tasty Vegetables”;
January 1	NGC Standard Flower Show Awards (call for exception for December Flower Shows), send to Vicky Barbieri		2012 theme “Protecting Our Aquatic Friends”, send to Luana Maxwell; state entries will be published
January 1	NGC Member Award of Honor (see NGC Award #9), send to Denise Fink	December 1	NGC Youth Sculpture <u>Contest</u> , send to Annie Mollock
January 1	NGC Youth High School Distinguished Service Award #76-K, send to Denise Fink	December 1	MFGC High School Essay <u>Contest</u> , A-14
January 7	Smokey Bear Woodsy Owl Poster <u>Contest</u> , send to Jennifer Strezelczyk		2011 topic “The Benefits of Community Gardens”; 2012 topic “Ways We Can Protect Aquatic Ecosystems”, send to Denise Fink
January 25	NGC Publicity Press Book Award #44, send to Denise Fink		
April 1	Participation Application for NGC “Plantings For Public and Special Places”		MFGC Award Chairman: Denise Fink
Go to NGC website gardenclub.org for interactive form			121 Hillcrest Ave., Glendive MT 59330
May 1	MFGC State Awards, Sections A, B, C, D Send to Denise Fink		finkdaf@midrivers.com 406-939-0957
May 1	MFGC State Awards, B-10 Cathy Atkinson Creative Design Award, and all Section E Awards, send to Vicky Barbieri		<i>See the MFGC mailing section at the end of this directory for other chairman addresses</i>
August 15	Rocky Mountain Region Awards, send to Denise Fink		<u>Eligibility</u>
September 10	NGC Vision of Beauty Calendar Photos, send to Jan Warshauer		Montana Federation of Garden Club, Inc. dues-paying members are eligible to apply for MFGC, RMR, and/or NGC awards and contests unless otherwise stated. Members, garden clubs, study groups or groups of clubs must be in good standing in MFGC to apply. Junior, intermediate, high school clubs and individual youth must be sponsored by a member of a federated garden club to be eligible for specific awards or contests. Member clubs or individuals may make application for each award and category, if qualified.
October 1, 2012	Rocky Mountain Region Project Award of Excellence reports about “We		
Make Our Live”, send to	World a Better Place to Edith Davenport		<u>Applications</u>
November 1	Club Yearbooks, send to Helen Shewman		A blank application form is attached. One that may be filled in on your computer is on the MFGC website, www.mtfgc.org
November 1	NGC Award of Excellence #23 and #24, Send to Denise Fink		<u>Deadlines</u>

Membership Basis

For all state awards except C-10, the following membership classes are established:

- A. up to 29 members
- B. 30—59 members
- C. 60 and over members

Awards if Merited

First in each membership category will be awarded, unless otherwise stated.

Awards Year

A. National: January 1 to December 31 annually. This applies to all projects submitted with application form except where otherwise indicated in the NGC awards description.

- B. Regional: September 1 to August 1 annually
- C. State: May 1 to April 30 annually

Presentation

A concise story in booklet form with publicity, pictures, etc. must accompany the application as proof of the project. All material presented for a National Award must comply with the Award Rules as stated in the Fall, 2011 National Gardener issue.

Judging Procedures

- Flower Show Applications and Flower Show Schedules will be judged by a committee of at least three members, including one accredited Flower Show Judge.
- The Yearbook Chairman will appoint a committee of two to assist in judging.

Traveling Trophies

The Garden Club Member of the Year Tiara is to be returned to the State Awards Chairman by May 1st.

Books of Evidence

Books of Evidence are not hard to make, however, with three levels of awards to apply for—State, Regional and National—the requirements for each level vary to some degree, so please review these guidelines carefully. If you are applying for an award that is also available on the National level, prepare a Book of Evidence as identified in the National Awards Guidelines. The guidelines have been modified this term and are very easy to follow with some steps eliminated. Therefore, it is recommended you use those guidelines when preparing a Book of Evidence for the State Awards.

When the same project is eligible for various awards, submitting exact duplication is NOT acceptable. Supporting data for each award being applied for must be focused on that particular award.

The object is to convey clearly what you accomplished and want the judges to know. Review the Scale of Points in the National Award Guidelines of the fall issue of National Gardener for tips on what the judges are looking for.

Answers to frequently asked questions are below:

1. Use the application form provided here or on the MFGC website, www.mfgc.org, and answer as many of the questions as are pertinent. Make sure the heading is completely filled in. DO NOT use a binder, durable cover or vinyl sheet covers. National, Regional and MFGC are going “green” by using less material and reducing postage costs.
2. There is a **three page limit using the front of the page only**.
3. NO label, NO title page, NO table of contents, NO summary are needed or required.
4. A concise financial report is suggested; tell how much the project cost and how it was financed. What outside help was contributed? Did you partner with another group? If everything was donated, state that.
5. Glue sticks and/or double faced scotch tape have replaced rubber cement.
6. You may add digital pictures if you are using the application form on the computer. Use notes where photos are missing. Pictures should be clear and in focus. Glossy or matte finish photos are acceptable and, in most instances, up to a 4x6 size will work. Photograph the project in various stages of development. For flower show awards, do not include people and/or trophies and ribbons in the photos. Winning horticulture exhibits may be grouped together, and one picture should show theme staging.
7. Scrapbooks and Press books are the two exceptions to the three page, one side rule. Newspaper articles must include name and date of paper clipped from actual newspaper. Use care so edges are cut straight.

Now is the time to start planning for Books of Evidence and identifying the awards you wish to apply for. Use zip lock bags for photos. Attach a page to the front with the name of the award you are working toward and the information you need to collect during the year, receipts, photos, thank you notes, press information, etc. Assembly is quick and easy if you plan ahead.

We look forward to reading about inspiring club projects and recognizing your efforts at the next state meeting. Good Luck!

2011—2013 MFGC STATE AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

The Awards are divided into five categories—Commemorative, Individual, State, Youth and Flower Show

- A. **Commemorative:** These awards are given by MFGC previous presidents. All applications shall be sent to the state Awards Chairman.

A-1 Past Presidents' Award in Honor of Grace Blend, Geneva Collins, Evelyn Mooney, Betty Shyrock, Mabel Steele and Hilma White. Certificate and \$10 award to a club or individual for planning and building a mini-park which is environmentally compatible with the area and includes ease of maintenance. Must include before and after pictures.

A-2 Bessie Sterling Award. Certificate for roadside beautification on any highway, secondary road or approach to town. Emphasis on wildflowers, annuals, perennials, or shrubs permissible.

A-3 Vivian Stuart Award. Certificate for litter control and/or recycling by either youth or adult group.

A-4 Florence Baker Award. Certificate to club having highest percent of judges and/or student judges. (No application required.)

A-5 Charlotte Straub Award. Certificate and \$10 for city beautification. Award sponsored by the Great Falls Flower Growers.

A-6 Alice Hamilton Award. Certificate and \$5 for any article written by MFGC member which is published in a newspaper, periodical, etc. on horticulture or related topics of value to gardeners.

A-7 Esther Hamel and Blanche Burns Garden Therapy Award. Certificate and \$15 to the club who produces the best evidence of Sunshine Therapy, which is horticultural work in hospitals, rest homes or similar facility. Include pictures, letters of appreciation, news clippings, etc. from this award year. Award sponsored by Phyllis White.

A-8 Junne Johnsrud Membership Award. Certificate and \$10 to the club showing the largest PERCENTAGE increase in membership. Winner is determined by State Treasury records based on dues year. (No application required.)

A-9 Lillian Westin Wildflower Award. Certificate and \$25 to an individual member for distinguished accomplishment growing at least six wildflowers in their own garden. This must be verified by including before and after pictures; include botanical and common names for the wildflowers grown. Award sponsored by Linda Westin Haugen.

A-10 Ceri Breen Wildflower Conservation Award. Certificate for a small wildflower sanctuary in a private garden, public garden or park with special emphasis on care and protection. Photos throughout the gardening season required showing the progress of the garden.

A-11 Ruby Benjamin Wildflower Photograph Award. Certificate and \$5 for photos of at least five Montana wildflowers. Photos must be labeled with both common and scientific names, date of photo, location in Montana where photo was taken, and able to be removed from folder for judging. Photos must not be over two years old.

A-12 Lillian Swan Historical Preservation Award. Certificate and \$10 to member club, near club, district or state garden club for preservation and/or restoration of a historical site. Before and after pictures must accompany the application.

A-13 Florence Baldwin Environmental Education Award. Certificate and \$5 to the club having best environmental education program for the year. It may be a single program, project or several programs for club meetings or for some other organization. Man's need to use the resources of the earth and still maintain our basic heritage is to be the emphasis. Award sponsored by Jane Ereaux.

A-14 Margaret Yaw Award. Certificate and \$25 to the club which sponsors the winning student chosen to represent Montana in the NGC High School Essay Contest (See Fall 2011 National Gardener) 2011 theme "The Benefits of Community Gardens"; 2012 theme "Ways We Can Protect Aquatic Ecosystems". **Application deadline 11/1.**

A-15 Mae Brennan Habets Publicity Press Book Award. Certificate and \$5 to winning book of evidence exhibiting quality, quantity and diversity of coverage in the print media promoting garden clubs and NGC goals and objectives. (See NGC award #44) Award sponsored by Joyce Backa.

A-16 Dorothy Lechner Youth Activities Award. Certificate and \$5 to the club organizing a new junior, intermediate or high school garden club which is brought in to the Montana State Federation of Garden Clubs.

A-17 Rose Kopp Special Children Award. Certificate and \$5 to the club showing the most involvement with special needs children using garden therapy.

A-18 Alpha Mitchell Living Legacy Award.

Certificate and \$5 to a club which plants a tree at least four feet tall in a public park or near a public building where it will be visible and potentially add to the overall beauty of any existing landscaping. Before and after pictures and a bill of sale must be included in the Book of Evidence.

Plants commonly designated as shrubs will not be eligible.

A-19 Barbara Hanic Beautify with Flowers Award.

Certificate and \$5 to a club which “Plants Flowers Where Once There Were None” in a public area. Before and after pictures as well as receipted expenses must be included in the Book of Evidence. Use of perennials in an on-going project is encouraged.

A-20 Marie Jones Container Gardening Award.

- a. A certificate and \$5 to a club or member of a garden club for planting a container of flowers and or vegetables outside.
- b. A certificate and \$5 to a member or a club for planting a container of flowers on a street, or in a park, nursing home, church yard, etc.

A-21 Elizabeth Kehmeier Club Scrapbook Award.

A certificate and \$10 awarded the first place winner. Possible projects to include: beautification projects, flower beds, Garden Week activities, club meetings, and special (Christmas or District) meetings, flower shows, Symposium and/or Convention. Make it fun – this is your history.

- a. Accumulate up to two (2) years.
- b. Judged on: neatness of contents, club projects shown by photos, Newspaper articles, personal letters, thank-you, at least one group photo (with club member’s names and high percent of membership shown). Cover – plain (not ornate), must have club name, dates covered, and location (town) of club. No extra points for highly decorated cover. Acid free paper is recommended. Must be more than a photo album.

A-22 Esther Hamel Butterfly Garden Award.

In memory and honor of her entomologist son, Dennis Hamel.

- a. A certificate to an individual who has planted and maintained a Butterfly Garden.
- b. A certificate to a club that planted and maintained a Butterfly Garden.

A-23 Mike Riley Award for Best Newsletter from a District Director.

Certificate and \$10. Note: This award will not be broken down by membership size.

Judging Criteria for Newsletter:

Content:		40 points
	Federation/National News	5
	District/Club news	10
	Director Editorials	10
	Horticulture	15
Format:		40 points
	Presentation	20
	Neatness	5
	Clarity	5
	Recycled Paper	10
Presentation:		20 points
	Originality	10
	Ease of Reading	5
	Graphics	5
	Total points	100 points

A-24 Mary J. Olsen TREES, a Renewable Resources Award.

Certificate and \$5 to a garden club member or garden club for:

- a. Planting the greatest number of trees. Identify number planted, species, location, use. Planting trees as shelter belts, windbreaks, for soil conservation and environment enhancement.
- b. Educational program regarding the importance of trees, Book of Evidence showing activity.

A-25 Mary Davis McLane Patriotic Garden Award.

Certificate and \$25 to a garden club or a garden club member for planting a red, white and blue garden. Include several pictures with descriptions, a sketch of the design plan and a financial report with the Book of Evidence.

A-26 Darlene Skari Public Workshop Award.

Certificate and \$20 to one garden club (any size) for a workshop on horticulture or design to which the public is invited. Include pictures, description of the workshop, information on publicity and numbers of members and non-members attending.

B. Individuals: These awards are given by a person or garden club. All applications shall be sent to the state Awards Chairman.

B-1 Mae Burke Magill Award.

- a. A certificate and \$10 to a club for organizing a home/garden tour.
- b. A certificate and \$10 to a club whose members toured home /gardens as a club program.

Sponsored by the Gallatin Empire Garden Club

B-2 Rainbow Garden Club Civic Beautification Award.

A certificate and \$50 to a MFGC member club of 29 members or less for a Civic Beautification Project. Application must include before and after pictures. The donor reserves the right to investigate the project before giving the award.

B-3 Dearborn Garden Club Award. Certificate and \$5 to a club or individual who prepares a scrapbook of photos and articles on wildflowers.

- a. Must contain a minimum of 6, maximum of 24 wild flower photos with corresponding articles.
- b. Scrapbook may cover a period of one to three years.
- c. Six photos must have been taken in the current year.
- d. Photos must have been taken by a club member.
- e. Photos must have been taken in Montana.
- f. Flowers must be identified by both common and scientific name.
- g. Date and location of photo must be stated.
- h. Photos must be still pictures. May be taken with a digital camera.
- i. Articles accompanying each photo may be from newspaper, magazine or book. They may be copies and source must be identified. Dates of articles are not necessary.

B-4 Kerin McCarver Membership Award. Certificate and \$5 to the club who adds the most new members during the year. No application required.

B-5 Kerin McCarver Special Award. Certificate and \$5 to the club for outstanding work that is not covered in any other award.

B-6 Laura Works Memorial Award. Certificate and a \$25 State Life Membership given by her daughter, Carol Works, to the club showing the largest percent increase of Life Members in their club, year over year. Winner to be determined from the membership list sent to the State Treasurer and based on the dues year. Life Members are to be identified on that list. The club receiving the award will designate a deserving club member to receive the State Life Membership. No application required.

B-7. MFGC State Chairman Leadership Award.

Certificate and \$25 to the state chairman demonstrating initiative and inspiring the membership by providing resources, outstanding support and educational programming.

Nominations to be submitted by any Federation member and to include description of chairman's achievement and service to MFGC. Sponsored by Phyllis White.

B-8 Circle of Green Thumbs Award. Certificate to a member from each MFGC Club who has demonstrated outstanding gardening work within their club/community. Each garden club may choose a member of their club to be honored at the State Convention in June. Submit the name and a brief statement identifying why the club member was chosen. No Book of Evidence is required.

B-9 Gardener of the Year Award. Certificate and \$100 to a Montana gardener. Sponsored by Norman DeNeal. Nominees to be submitted by any club or club member, but the gardener need not be a Federation member. Submit the following:

- At least 3 photographs of the garden in any medium (digital, slide, disc); before and after photos are especially helpful;
- A short narrative of the garden and gardener, noting any obstacles that had to be overcome in making the garden. Mention any items that make the garden special and unique.

Judging criteria:

- Esthetic appeal of the garden 70 points
- Story about the garden/gardener 30 points

B-10 Cathy Atkinson Creative Design Award.

Certificate and \$25 for the best judged creative design exhibited after April 1 each year at a Flower Show. Application is to include a color photograph (4" by 6" minimum but not larger than 8" by 10"). Entry must include: title of design, flower show location, and date of flower show. A list of all plant material and other components must be included in Book of Evidence. Award sponsored by Judges Council.

B-11 Shirley Spildie Award. Certificate to club or individual having most advanced the work of Flower Show Schools in Montana. A Book of Evidence listing the achievements of the club or individual is required.

C. State Awards by Montana Federation of Garden Clubs: The awards in this category follow the same rules and requirements as identified in the National Garden Club Guidelines (listed in the Fall 2011 National Gardener). Where it applies, the NGC Award rule or requirement is noted in the award description. These awards are funded by Montana Federation of Garden Clubs and all applications shall be sent to the state Awards Chairman.

C-1 Award of Appreciation. Certificate and \$15 for outstanding work on behalf of the MFGC to further their objectives and projects throughout the club year or for a project not provided for in another award. (See National Award #7)

C-2 Horticulture Award. Certificate and \$15 to a club for contribution to the advancement of gardening and horticulture in Montana:

- a. For outstanding horticulture publicity and writing a periodical, newspaper, or publication of book on horticulture-related subjects, or for regular contribution to a garden magazine; or
- b. For promotion of gardening/horticulture through radio or TV; or
- c. For the best horticulture report. (See NGC awards #3, #4, #7, and #27 for particular award scale of points)

- C-3 Floral Design Award.** Certificate and \$15 to:
- a. A club or individual for outstanding achievement in the education of floral design in Montana.
 - b. A club for outstanding programs on floral design during club meetings.

C-4 Garden Club Member of the Year.

A tiara or appropriate substitution to become a traveling trophy.

- a. Is an active club member at the local and state levels
30 points
- b. Demonstrates interest in floral arts 25 points
- c. Demonstrates interest in horticulture 25 points
- d. Promotes garden club projects for community betterment 20 points

Special Note: Applicant's name must not appear on application or anywhere in letter of evidence. The name is to be in a sealed envelope attached to the letter of evidence with a paper clip. This envelope is to be opened only at the time of presentation.

This award is to be presented during the opening ceremonies of the annual State Convention so the recipient is recognized throughout the Convention. Previous year's winner is to crown incoming winner when possible.

Final Note: Incumbent state officers are not eligible for this award. No person may receive the award more than once.

- C-5 Bird Report Award.** Certificate and \$15 awarded to a member who has best written report on birds and who presents it to a club.

- C-6 Bird Protection Award.** Certificate and \$15 to a member, club, or clubs for conducting the most comprehensive and effective program for bird protection such as establishing sanctuaries, furnishing food and homes.

- C-7 Bird Scrapbook Award.** Certificate and \$15 to a club for the best Bird Scrapbook:

Scale of points:

Cover-practical, durable, artistic	5
Size of book, not more than 13x15	5
Index-orderly arrangement of contents	5
Title page-name of club, location, number of members, dates to and from	15
Articles or essays by members	10
Clippings no older than 5 years must contain date, month, year, and name of publication	20
Pictures or drawing correctly labeled	20
Educational value: List birds seen and/or bird calendar include programs	20
Total	100

- C-8 Landscape Design Award.** Certificate and \$15 awarded for landscaping at a public place. (See NGC Award #49)

- C-9 Radio and Television Award.** Certificate and \$15 (See NGC Award #27).

- C-10 Blue and Red Award for Best Yearbook.** Certificate and \$15 awarded on these membership categories:

- a. less than 19 club members
- b. 20-29 club members
- c. 30-44 club members
- d. 45-69 club members
- e. 70-99 club members

Send yearbook to Yearbook Chairman for judging. The application is due November 1 (See scale of points in 2011 Fall National Gardener, Award #16).

- C-11 White Award for Special Achievement Award.**

Certificate and \$15 for outstanding garden club work under no other award. (See NGC Award #7)

- C-12 Photography Contest Award.** Certificate and \$15 awarded for up to ten photos sent for any of the following: yard and garden beautification, entrance gates and doorways, projects to beautify your community, hanging baskets and stands, trees and shrubs, vegetable gardens and drying flowers. Include description of photos. Photos may be matte or glossy no larger than 5'x5'. Digital photos are admissible.

D. Youth Awards : All applications shall be sent to the state Awards Chairman.

D-1 Youth Sponsorship Award. Certificate and \$5 to the adult Garden Club which contributes the most outstanding service toward promoting gardening among youth. (See National Award #32) Award sponsored by Jane Ereaux.

D-2 Youth Gardening Award.

A. Certificate and \$5 for an outstanding new garden planted by a Youth Garden Club. This can be in a public area or a private home. Award sponsored by Jane Ereaux. Book of Evidence must include:

- a. Before, during and after pictures
- b. List of plants and seeds used
- c. Number of youth participating
- d. Ages of youth involved

B. Certificate and \$20 for a new or continuing community project planted and maintained by a youth garden club. One award will be given in the state. The Book of Evidence must contain pictures of the project, number of youth participating and information on the involvement of the adult leaders. Award sponsored by the Chester Garden Club

D-3 Youth Bird Award. Certificate and \$5 awarded to the Youth Club which has an outstanding bird project, including the criteria below. Award sponsored by Jane Ereaux.

- a. A written report on birds presented to the club.
- b. Conducting an effective program for bird protection.
- c. A project to build bird houses, bird feeders or other project for birds.

D-4 Flower Show Achievement Award. Certificate and \$5 to the Youth Club that presents a Youth Standard Flower Show or the youth section of an adult Standard Flower Show. All requirements as stated in the *Handbook for Flower Shows* must be met. Use evaluation in the appendix of *Handbook*. (See NGC Award #47-A and #47-B) Senior club is an advisory capacity only. Award sponsored by Jane Ereaux.

D-5 Youth Participation Award. Certificate and \$5 to a Youth club/clubs participating in a Standard Flower Show sponsored by an adult club. Note categories for the Youth Awards are:

- a. Grades 1-3 (primary)
- b. Grades 4-6 (junior)
- c. Grades 7-9 (intermediate)
- d. Grades 10-12 (high school)
- e. Special children

State the grade on all applications. Award sponsored by Luanna Maxwell.

E. Flower Show Awards : All applications shall be sent to Vicky Barbieri.

MFGC will award, if merited, a Certificate and \$10 for 1st place, and a Certificate for 2nd place in each of the NGC Achievement Awards listed below in each membership category. (See the Fall 2011 National Gardener publication awards section) First place winners for these categories are forwarded on to national competition. Awards E-1 through E-11 are sponsored by Jane Ereaux.

E-1 #5, A, B, C, D Standard Flower Show.	Information	28 points
E-2 #17 A, B, C, D Standard Flower Show	a. at least 5 horticulture classes	10
E-3 #18 A, B Council Standard Flower Show	b. at least 5 design classes	10
E-4 #21 A, B Patriotic Standard Flower Show	c. special exhibits	8
E-5 #22 A, B Holiday Standard Flower Show	Balance of show as shown by class requirements	25 points
E-6 #25 A, B, C Standard Flower Show of Petite Exhibits	a. ability of designers	5
E-7 #30 A, B District Standard Flower Show	b. experience of horticulturists	5
E-8 #34-3 Plant Society Standard Flower Show Achievement	c. seasonal flowering material	5
E-9 #35 Near-Club Standard Flower Show	d. correct naming of horticulture	5
E-10 #57 Standard Flower Show Staged in Public Building	e. interest and appeal to public	5
E-11 Schedule Award Certificate and \$10 for the best schedule as determined by Schedules Chairman and Committee, judged according to the following Scale of Points:	Other points for consideration	15 points
Theme	a. rules clear in meaning	5
Name of Club	b. rules cover design	5
Date and location of show	c. rules cover horticulture	5
Precise, clear printing	Rules and Regulations	17 points
Names, addresses, phone numbers of chairmen	a. size of schedule	7
	b. printing and legibility	3
	c. attractiveness	7
	Total	100 points

2011– 2013 Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Award Application

Award #: _____ Award Name: _____

Submitted by: _____

Number of members in club: _____

[Enter name above exactly as it should appear on any award received] Date: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

State Awards Chairman: Denise Fink

Phone: 406-365-4520

E-mail: finkdaf@midrivers.com

Application form limited to 3 printed pages, front of pages only. (**NO** report cover, binders or plastic sheets allowed.)

Please complete each topic, if applicable. Use numbering as below when completing form.

1. New project: Yes____ No____ Beginning date: _____ Completion date: _____
2. Brief summary and objectives of project:
3. Involvement of club members, other organizations, etc.:
4. Project expenses and means of funding:
5. Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance:
6. Attach or insert photos, digital photos, and/or landscape plan (does not need to be professionally drawn).

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION
RECOGNITION PROGRAM 2011—2013
BOOKS OF EVIDENCE

The Awards Committee of the Rocky Mountain Region believes that each of our garden clubs needs to be recognized and supported for the outstanding work they provide for their communities. This awards program is intended to do this. Each of our garden clubs provides a tremendous amount of service for many worthwhile projects.

A Book of Evidence shall include the “RMR Award Form” as support for each award application. The form is available in this Directory and from the RMR Awards Chairman and/or Denise Fink, the MFGC Awards Chairman. Applications should first be submitted (by mail or electronically) to Denise Fink and she will forward all application to the RMR Awards Chairman.

No project may be submitted two years in a row.

The Book of Evidence must contain the following information:

1. The name/number of award being applied for
2. Name/address of group or individual applying for the award
3. Several photos (preferably color) with brief description
4. Written description of the project.

You may submit as few pages as needed to support the project; however, **please do not exceed 3 pages (fronts only). No report covers or binders are allowed. No plastic sheets are allowed.** These guidelines have changed in accordance with changes to the National Garden Clubs’ application form approved at the 2011 NGC Convention in Washington, DC. See the fall issue of the National Gardener in odd-numbered years or go to www.gardenclub.org for details.

The Rocky Mountain Region award year shall be September 1 through August 31. Any project started and completed in this time frame is eligible.

It is possible for more than one club in a member state to submit a Book of Evidence for the same award. For example, both the Colorado Petunia Garden Club and the Colorado Zinnia Garden Club have civic development projects that qualify for Award 10; they both may enter their project for the award.

Members of the public may be eligible for an award; however, **a Garden Club member or a group of Garden Clubs must submit the Book of Evidence.**

All Books of Evidence will be returned to the State Awards Chairman after display at the Rocky Mountain Region Annual Meeting.

Award 1 Colorado Award — Garden Therapy

This may be a single garden club or group of garden clubs that have sponsored a project such as any of the following:

- Includes gardeners with different abilities or senior citizens; Teaches gardeners with different abilities or senior citizens;
- Provides a service to a group of people; or Programs and activities for barrier-free gardening

Award 2 Kansas Award — Conservation

This may be a single garden club or group of garden clubs that have sponsored a project such as any of the following:

- Educational activity or program; Legislative activity
- Conservation project (wildlife refuge, watershed protection, etc.);
- Work by an individual (may or may not be a garden club member);
- Comprehensive program in environmental education;
- Bird (such as establishing sanctuaries, promoting law enforcement, etc.)

Award 3 Montana Award — Writing

This award is open to a garden club member, garden club, group of garden clubs, or a member state for publications, such as:

- Garden Club Yearbook; Garden Club Scrapbook; Garden Club Newsletter;
- State Publication ; Articles for publication by a magazine or newspaper;
- Books relating to horticulture or gardening;
- A non-garden club member who has published a book on horticulture or gardening;
- Any design publication, (NGC calendar or other) by garden club member (e.g. Vision of Beauty calendar)

Award 4 Nebraska Award — Horticulture Excellence

This award is open to a garden club member, garden club, group of garden clubs, or other individuals for projects, such as:

- Contributions to horticulture through research; Contributions to horticulture through education;
- Contributed to horticulture through a project

Award 5 North Dakota Award — Photography

This award is open to a garden club member, garden club, group of garden clubs, or other individuals. The subject matter should reflect garden club work, and/or State and National objectives. Examples are:

- Collection of 10 slides with written or recorded dialogue; Video;
- Power point presentation or other digital presentation

Award 6 South Dakota Award — Birds

This may be awarded to a garden club member, garden club, group of garden clubs, or other deserving individuals or groups for projects such as:

- Comprehensive and effective program of protection; Educational Programs;
- Design, installation, and maintenance of public or private gardens

Award 7 Wyoming Award — Trees

This award may be given to a garden club members, garden club, group of garden clubs, or other deserving individual or groups for projects such as:

- Planting the greatest number of trees; Educational program regarding the importance of trees;
- Design, installation of a public arboretum; Volunteering in a public arboretum

Award 8 Utah Award - Garden Tours

This award may be given to a garden club member, garden club, group of garden clubs, or other deserving individuals or groups for projects such as:

- Open to the public Garden that has been on public display
- Partnered with another group Tour of garden club members' gardens
- Open to garden club members only

Award 9 Junne Johnsrud Membership Award

Application is not required. State Membership Chairman will submit information to the RMR Awards Chairman.

To the state garden club showing the greatest increase in paid memberships during the past fiscal year, or

To the state garden club showing the greatest per capita increase in paid memberships

Award 10 Civic Development

This award may be given to a garden club member, garden club, group of garden clubs, or other deserving individuals or groups for projects such as:

- Project must make permanent improvement to a community
- Project that makes short-term improvement to a community
- Project which makes permanent improvement to a historical site
- Project that makes permanent improvement to a public building such as a charge, courthouse, or school
- Project that has been ongoing for a number of years
- Outstanding community outreach program
- Project that incorporates wildflowers or native plant materials

Award 11 Conservation and Environmental Concerns

This award may be given to a garden club member, garden club, group of garden clubs, or other deserving individuals or groups for projects such as:

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| Garden Club Project that promotes an environmental concern | Garden club project that promotes conservation |
| Educational program by a club or group of clubs | Most recycling efforts |
| Outstanding work by an individual member of a garden club | Educational or legislative activity |

Award 12 Butterfly Gardening

May be awarded to an individual, club, or group of clubs for a butterfly garden for projects such as:

- Small area - less than 1,000 square feet
- Open to the public; a private garden; a garden funded by others
- A garden funded by a non-garden club entity
- A garden funded by a garden club or group of garden clubs
- Designed by a garden club or group of garden clubs

Award 13 Standard Flower Show Awards

A Certificate of Merit shall be awarded to a garden club member, garden club, and group of garden clubs, or RMR State Garden Club for projects such as:

- An educational program that is open to the public
- A single program that promotes the objectives of the Garden Study Council

Award 14 Landscape Design

A Certificate of Merit shall be awarded to a garden club member, garden club, group of garden clubs, or a RMR State Garden Club for projects such as:

- Projects that make a significant contribution in providing planning and/or planting in a public facility such as church, park, library, hospital, etc.
- Outstanding program of continuing landscape design education

Award 15 Garden Study

A Certificate of Merit shall be awarded to a garden club member, garden club, and group of garden clubs, or RMR State Garden Club for projects such as:

- An educational program that is open to the public
- A single program that promotes the objectives of the Garden Study Council

Award 16 Youth Awards

All Books of Evidence shall be sent to the RMR Awards Chairman; copies will be forwarded to the RMR Youth Chairman. A certificate shall be presented to:

- A. Each junior, intermediate, or high school club
- B. A leader who has given outstanding service to a youth club
- C. Youth club project that promotes planning and growing in outside area; or
- D. Youth garden club for the most comprehensive program in the field of environmental concern, landscaping, anti-litter, etc.

Award 17 Fund-raising

A Certificate of Merit will be presented to the club, group of clubs, or a RMR State Garden Club for creative and unique fund-raising ideas.

Award 18 Blue Star Highway Memorials

A Certificate of Appreciation will be presented to those clubs or groups of clubs that have installed a byway marker or highway marker.

Award 19 Press books

This award is given to the Garden Clubs that have submitted a Publicity Press book to the National Chairman for NGC Award 44.

Award 20 Special Achievement Awards

This award is for outstanding garden club work by: (1) an individual; (2) a garden club; (3) a group of garden clubs; or (4) non-garden club individual group.

Award 21 Award of Excellence

A certificate shall be awarded to the nominees of each member State Garden Club for the National Award of Excellence. Each nominee shall be recognized at the Awards Banquet at the RMR Annual Meeting.

Award 22 Citation of Distinguished Service

The Rocky Mountain Region Director shall present a Citation of Distinguished Service to any member who has provided notable achievement and guidance.

Award 23 Club Programs

A certificate may be awarded for a garden club program(s) on growing, studying and the culture of plants or a plant family.

Award 24 Youth Gardening

A certificate may be awarded to a club for a project that involves either horticulture or design activities for Youth. The award application should clearly state the ages involved.

Award 25 National Garden Clubs Project

A certificate may be awarded to a garden club that does an exceptional project to promote and participate in NGC goals with special activities.

2011– 2013 Rocky Mountain Region Award Application
National Garden Clubs

Award #: _____ **Award Name:** _____

Submitted by: _____

[Enter name above exactly as it should appear on any award received] **Number of members in club:** _____
Date: _____
Name of State Garden Club: **Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.** **Number in state garden club:** _____
State Awards Chairman: **Denise Fink** **Phone: 406-365-4520** **E-mail: finkdaf@midrivers.com**

Application form limited to 3 printed pages, front of pages only. (NO report cover, binders or plastic sheets allowed.)

Please complete each topic, if applicable. Use numbering as below when completing form.

1. New project: Yes____ No____ Beginning date: _____ Completion date: _____
2. Brief summary and objectives of project: _____ 3. Involvement of club members, other organizations, etc.: _____
4. Project expenses and means of funding: _____ 5. Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance: _____
6. Attach or insert photos, digital photos, and/or landscape plan (does not need to be professionally drawn).
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2011-2013 National Garden Club, Inc. Award Rules

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. ELIGIBILITY: Only National Garden Clubs members are eligible to apply for NGC awards unless otherwise stated in the award description. Members are: member garden clubs, groups of member clubs, State Garden Clubs, NGC Regions, and individual members of garden clubs.

Junior, Intermediate, High School Garden Clubs, Individual Youth must be sponsored by a member garden club to be eligible for specific NGC awards.

National Affiliates, Affiliate Members, and International Affiliates are eligible to apply for Awards as noted.

3. APPLICATION FORMS: NGC has a **NEW** 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.

Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer required or allowed.

Applications will not be returned. Exceptions noted.

Applications may be submitted electronically to the State Awards Chairman and National Awards Chairman where applicable.

Forms are available on the NGC website, www.gardenclub.org, and from State Awards Chairmen, IA Awards Chairman, Flower Show Achievement Awards Chairman, or Award of Excellence Chairman.

This NEW application form should not be used for Awards of Excellence or Flower Show Achievement Awards.

4. PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING AND DEADLINES:

APPLICANTS:

Complete the application form. Submit the original form (3 pages, only) to your State Awards Chairman by the deadline set by your state. If submitting by mail, include original and one copy.

Keep one copy for your records.

YEARBOOKS – complete the necessary information on the NGC Application Form. Do not answer the questions. Firmly clip two copies of the completed application form to the inside front cover (send only 1 yearbook). No envelope necessary.

PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS – complete the necessary information on the NGC Application Form. Do not answer the questions. Prepare a Book of Evidence. No limit on number of pages. Submit to your State Awards Chairman by deadline set by your state.

PUBLICATIONS: Submit entry for #3, #12, or #13 in an envelope with one Application Form secured to outside and one enclosed inside envelope if sending by mail. Electronic submissions permitted. Submit entries to your State Awards Chairman by deadline set by your state.

5. 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.

State Garden Clubs: One application for any award category may be submitted for evaluation to the NGC Awards Committee.

Note entry limitations on Awards: #20, #71-74, and Flower Show Achievement Award #5, and #25.

6. CATEGORIES BY SIZE:

Garden Club applications shall be judged according to size determined by number of members on whom NGC and state dues are paid, including Active, Associate, Inactive, Honorary, etc.

- i Small Club: 29 members and under
- ii Medium Club: 30-99 members
- iii Large Club: 100 members and over

State Garden Clubs applications shall be judged according to size determined by number of members on whom NGC dues are paid, including garden club members, Affiliates, State Life Members, etc.

- i Small State: 1,999 members and under
- ii Medium State: 2,000-5,999 members
- iii Large State: 6,000 members and over

7. **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.

8. **A BOOK OF EVIDENCE should be prepared for the following only:**

Flower Show Achievement Awards (10 pages (20 surfaces front & back))

Publicity Press Book (no limit on number of pages)

Information for preparing a Book of Evidence for the above may be found in guidelines that follow.

9. **SCALE OF POINTS FOR ALL NGC AWARDS:** (exceptions: Promotions, Publications, Yearbooks, Flower Show Achievement Awards, Publicity Press Books, Website, as noted).

Presentation 5 pts. - neat, concise, includes all required information on the NGC Awards Application Form (3 sheets allowed), or the Book of Evidence, if required.

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

Participation 15 pts. - size of club; involvement of members, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, residents in facilities, others. Not all of these have to be involved.

Record or Documentation 15 pts. - supporting data (as applicable), clear, well-labeled and neatly attached before & after photographs if applicable, landscape plan (does not have to be professionally drawn), financial report, letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles (if possible), radio or TV script (if possible), etc. Photocopies are permitted.

TOTAL 100 points

NGC AWARDS 2011-13

~ AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE ~

AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

NGC Award of Excellence Application Form – found on NGC website, www.gardenclub.org

One-page summary of Applicant's qualifications for #23 or Summary of Project for #24 & #25

Maximum of 4 pages (front of page only) of text and photos/photocopies to cover all requirements in award description and Scale of Points for achievement, participation and record; no binders, vinyl sheet protectors, or staples

#23 Award of Excellence is the highest award of National Garden Clubs presented to a non-member of NGC and sponsored by a State Federation. It may be awarded to an individual, organization, or institution that has made a significant contribution toward the advancement of goals and purposes of National Garden Clubs. The application for a NGC Award of Excellence may be obtained from the NGC website or the Award of Excellence Chairman. This application form must be accompanied by a one-page summary of the applicant's qualifications, which also lists the applicant's name, address and phone number. Text and photos/photocopies to substantiate the applicant's qualifications for this award is limited to four (4) pages, front of page only.

SCALE OF POINTS FOR #23

Presentation	5		
Achievement and Scope of Accomplishment		50	
Advancement of NGC, Inc.'s Goals		35	
Supporting Data	10	Total	100

#24 Award of Excellence for State Garden Clubs - A State Garden Club may apply for the Award of Excellence for a winner from each membership division. A maximum of four (4) NGC Awards of Excellence may be awarded per year. States will be divided into four (4) groups, according to membership numbers.

- a. Membership under 1,000.
- b. Membership from 1,001 to 3,999.
- c. Membership from 4,000 to 7,999.
- d. Membership over 8,000.

SCALE OF POINTS FOR #24 and #25

Presentation	5		
Outstanding, Unusual or Distinctive Project		50	
Advancement of NGC, Inc.'s Goals		35	
Supporting Data	<u>10</u>	TOTAL	100

#25 Award of Excellence for Regions - One Certificate of Merit and \$500 may be awarded for distinguished work in a Region for coordinated activity in accordance with the programs and objectives of NGC in which all states in the Region have participated. Application is made in the second year of an Administration.

CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT

#1 Civic Achievement The Kellogg Civic Achievement Award donated by Mrs. Frederick R. Kellogg 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.

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

#2 Garden Center The Fisher Garden Center Award 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.

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

#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.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- C. Individual garden club member
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state
- E. Affiliates (dues paid directly to NGC)

CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT

#6 Conservation A Certificate of Merit in honor of Lucile Droege Mauntel 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.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- C. Individual garden club member
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state

#20 Roadside Beautification The Natural Lands Trust Roadside Beautification Award and \$100 donation in memory of Hilda Fox by The Natural Lands Trust 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.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
 - B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
 - D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state
- Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)

#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. year long program, organizing recycling program, establishing community composting site.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state

#41 Conservation Education The Hazel Johnson Award may be awarded for the most comprehensive work and/or study in conservation education.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club- i small state, ii medium state, iii large state
- I. Region

#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. sanctuaries, providing food, houses, and promoting law enforcement relative to bird welfare.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state

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

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state

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.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state

#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.

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

HORTICULTURE

#4 Horticultural Achievement The Evelyn Mooney Award for Creative Horticulture Achievement. A Purple Rosette and a Certificate of Merit may be awarded 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.

- A. Individual garden club member
- B. Individual affiliate member
- C. Individual International affiliate member

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.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- C. Individual garden club member
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state

#46 World Gardening The Dean World Gardening Award in honor of Mrs. Charles O. Dean, donated by The Garden Club of New Jersey in honor of Helen Hull may be awarded for the most outstanding program of 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.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state

#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.

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

State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state

LANDSCAPING AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN

#26 Landscape Design Education The Lorena M. Spillers Award 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.

- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state

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

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

#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

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state

29-2. Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state

29-3. Blue Star Memorial Marker

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state

#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 in book of evidence.

- A. Single member club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club

#62 Landscape Design A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for an outstanding project in the field of landscape design.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state

NON-COMPETITIVE AWARDS

No Application Necessary ~ Determined by information at NGC Headquarters

#52 Life Membership Award A Certificate will be presented to:

- A. State Garden Club with the greatest increase in NGC Life Memberships from May 1 through April 30.
- B. State Garden Club with the greatest per capita increase in NGC Life Memberships from May 1 through April 30.

#15 Membership The Violet N. Gose Silver Trophies may be awarded to:

- A. A State Garden Club showing the greatest increase in paid membership, as of October 31.
- B. A State Garden Club showing the greatest per capita increase in paid membership, percentage-wise, as of October 31.

#31 The National Gardener Award The Hazel O'Hern *The National Gardener* Trophy may be awarded to the State Garden Club having the greatest number of subscriptions to *TNG* as of December 31, figured on a state membership percentage basis and officially recorded number of paid subscriptions. The state must have a minimum of 150 paid subscriptions and a 10% increase for the year. No state may win the award for a third consecutive year. (Winner in 2009 and 2010, Kentucky).

OPERATION WILDFLOWER AWARDS

Awards of up to \$1000 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.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large state

#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.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state

#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.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state

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

- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state
- E. Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)
- F. Individual Affiliate Member (member of NGC Affiliate)

#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 January 25;

Application: NGC Application Form with required information attached to inside front cover; second form clipped to outside. These books of evidence should be returned to states at Regional meetings.

- Categories:
- A. Single member garden club: i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
 - B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
 - E. Affiliated Garden Center

Requirements for Preparing Publicity Press Book

Label on outside cover: number and name of NGC award, category, name of club/s, city and state.

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.

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.*

No page numbering or Table of Contents needed. Affix contents in chronological order January 1 through December 31. Clippings evenly cut. No loose clippings permitted.

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.

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.

SCALE OF POINTS for #44

Presentation 15 pts. - meets all Requirements, neatly presented

Quality 40 pts. - articles well written; publicity related to projects and/or activities

Quantity 25 pts. - articles for each month (take in consideration dark months), use of varied publications and media (newspaper coverage is difficult, especially in larger cities), magazines, newsletters, notices/flyers, journals, etc.)

Diversity 20 pts. - local, council, district, state, national, other Total 100 pts.

#53 National Garden Week A Certificate of Merit 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.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state

#63 Website A Certificate of Merit and a \$100 donation 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.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state
- E. Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)

SCALE OF POINTS FOR WEBSITE JUDGING

Presentation: Design/Appearance: attractive, engaging, easy to view; layout	25 pts.
Navigation: Ease of navigation, navigation system (bar, map, etc.), logical flow of pages, clear page headers, links active	35 pts.
Achievement: Club/group information present/ease to find, educational	20 pts.
Promotion: Promotes NGC objectives	10 pts.
Maintenance: Does it appear to be updated?	10 pts.
	TOTAL 100 points

#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, e.g. Flower Shows, Flower Arranging, Horticulture, Landscaping and Gardens, Environmental Protection, Christmas Decorations, etc. Winning video will become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc. Member Services for use by member clubs.

- A. Single member garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club
- B. Group of member clubs (councils, districts, etc.)
- D. State Garden Club - i small state, ii medium state, iii large state
- I. Region

PUBLICATION AWARDS

Rules 1-7 apply except no limit on number of pages

SCALE OF POINTS for #3, #12 & 13

Presentation (as applicable) 5 pts. Application includes brief description of publication, club membership. No limit on number of pages in publication.

Submit entry for #3, #12 and #13 in an envelope; attach one application to outside of envelope and place one inside envelope. Electronic entries are acceptable.

Achievement (as applicable) 65 pts. - educational, informative, accuracy, clarity of subject; quality of printing, photography, and/or graphics; coverage received; general appeal

Promotes NGC Objective/s 15 pts .

Record or Documentation (as applicable) 15 pts. - number of copies distributed/sold, how distributed, financial information: cost of publishing, price if sold, market seen.

Total 100 points

#3 Literary Horticultural Interest - The Helen Hull Award, donated by Helen S. Hull, 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
- E. Affiliate (dues paid directly to NGC)
Individual Affiliate member (member of NGC Affiliate)
- H. Individual IA member

#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. 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) Magazine or Bulletin of 13-24 pages
- 4) Magazine or Bulletin over 24 pages

Eligibility for Categories 1-4:

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NGC Awards Application 2011-2013

Award #:

Award Name:

Submitted by:

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

Number of members in club:

Date:

Name of State Garden Club: Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Number in state garden club:

State Awards Chairman: Denise Fink Phone: 406-365-4520

E-mail: finkdaf@midrivers.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: _____ Completion date: _____
2. Brief summary and objectives of project:
3. Involvement of club members, other organizations, etc.:
4. Project expenses and means of funding:
5. Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance:
6. Attach or insert photos, digital photos, and/or landscape plan (does not need to be professionally drawn).