

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION
RECOGNITION PROGRAM 2009-2011
BOOK 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** and a "**RMR Award Form**" must support each award application. The form is available from the RMR Awards Chairman and/or your State Awards Chairman. Applications should first be submitted to the State Awards Chairman by **August 10**; that Chairman will forward all applications to the RMR Awards Chairman by **September 1 of each year**.

The Rocky Mountain Region Awards Chairman must receive all Books of Evidence by September 1 or earlier, depending upon the dates of the Annual Regional Meeting.

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 descriptions
4. Written description of the project

You may submit as few pages as needed to support the project; however, please do not exceed 5 pages (front and back making 10 pages). Or, you may submit a full Book of Evidence as required by National Garden Clubs; see the fall issue of *The National Gardener* in odd-numbered year.

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 Chairmen after display at the Rocky Mountain Region Annual Meeting.

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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:

- a. Includes gardeners with different abilities or senior citizens
- b. Teaches gardeners with different abilities or senior citizens,
- c. Provides a service to a group of people, or
- d. 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

- a. Educational activity or program,
- b. Legislative activity,
- c. Conservation project (wildlife refuge, watershed protection, etc.)
- d. Work by an individual (may or may not be a garden club member),
- e. Comprehensive program in environmental education
- f. 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:

- a. Garden Club Yearbook
- b. Garden Club Scrapbook
- c. Garden Club Newsletter
- d. State publication
- e. Articles for publication by a magazine or newspaper
- f. Books relating to horticulture or gardening
- g. A non-garden club member who has published a book on horticulture or gardening
- h. 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:

- a. Contributions to horticulture through research
- b. Contributions to horticulture through education
- c. 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:

- a. Collection of 10 slides with written or recorded dialogue
- b. Video
- c. 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:

- a. Comprehensive and effective program of protection,
- b. Educational programs
- c. Design, installation, and maintenance of public or private gardens.

Award 7 Wyoming Award — Trees

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

- a. Planting the greatest number of trees
- b. Educational program regarding the importance of trees
- c. Design, installation of a public arboretum
- d. 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 project such as

- a. Open to the public
- b. Partnered with another group
- c. Open to garden club members only
- d. Garden that has been on public display
- e. Tour of garden club members' gardens

Award 9 Junne Johnsrud Membership Award

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

- A. To the State Garden Club showing the greatest increase in paid memberships during the past fiscal year, or
- b. To the State Garden Clubs 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 project.

- a. Project must make permanent improvement to a community
- b. Project that makes short-term improvement to a community
- c. Project which makes permanent improvement to a historical site
- d. Project that makes permanent improvement to a public building such as a church, courthouse, or school
- e. Project that has been ongoing for a number of years
- f. Outstanding community outreach program

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:

- a. Educational or legislative activity
- b. Educational program by a club or group of clubs
- c. Outstanding work by an individual member of garden club
- d. Most recycling efforts,
- e. Garden club project that promotes conservation
- f. Garden club project that promotes an environmental concern
- g. Project that incorporates wildflowers or native plant materials.

Award 12 Butterfly Gardening

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

- a. Small area — less than 1,000 square feet
- b. Open to the public
- c. A private garden
- d. A garden funded by a non-garden club entity
- e. A garden funded by a garden club or group of garden clubs
- f. Designed by a garden club or group of garden clubs

Award 13 Standard Flower Show Awards

This award may be given to a garden club member, garden club, group of garden clubs, or other deserving individuals or groups for sponsoring a NGC Standard Flower Show or Small Standard Flower Show.

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 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 may present a Citation of Distinguished Service to any member who has provided notable achievement and guidance.