**HAPPINESS IS RECEIVING**

**STATE, DEEP SOUTH, and NATIONAL AWARDS**

**WHY SHOULD YOUR CLUB APPLY FOR AN AWARD?**

\*\*\*Recognition for Accomplishments creates pride. Each of us likes to be a winner

\*\*\*Receiving an award encourages members to further their efforts.

\*\*\*Noteworthy projects exemplify a club as an asset to the community.

\*\*\*An active award-winning club attracts new members.

**PLANNING POINTERS**

\*\*\*Appoint a club Award Chairman or an Awards Committee

\*\*\*Go to the internet and download the description of all awards listed for [State,](http://www.lgcfinc.org/lists--forms.html) [Deep South](http://www.dsregion.org/awards.html) and [National.](http://www.gardenclub.org/awards/)

Put this and other important information in a ring binder. The LGCF Rules and Guidelines which contain the description of all of the LGCF awards will also tell you which DS and NGC Awards you may be able to apply for.

\*\*\*Then download the [National instructions](http://www.gardenclub.org/awards/application-forms.aspx) for compiling a book of evidence.

\*\*\*Read all of the descriptions for [State Awards](http://www.lgcfinc.org/lists--forms.html) first.

**Prepare a separate book of evidence for each award for which you apply.**

**\*\*\*Use the information you obtained from digesting the State, Deep South and National Award Descriptions to help in making plans for your next garden club year.**

\*\*\*Decide which awards for which you want to apply.

\*\*\*Keep a file folder for each Award for which you expect to apply.

\*\*\*Take photographs – before, during and after; from the same angle is best.

\*\*\*Obtain publicity for projects. Keep copy of publicity in folder for each award you are applying. Be sure to include date and paper name with each article.

\*\*\*Keep a record of income and expenses for each project.

\*\*\*Secure letters of appreciation if not sent voluntarily.

\*\*\*Prepare a book of evidence.

**“THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO HAVE FUN”**