

DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Awards



2025

Denise Thorne, Regional Director 2025-2027

Roxanna Champagne, Awards Chairman



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Congratulations to all who planned and executed projects in your community. I realize that it took time, talent and treasures to complete these projects. Your communities are a better place because of your dedication in carrying out the goals of National Garden Clubs. Keep up the good work.

I am grateful for the DSGC Chairmen and other DSGC members who took the time to judge these awards.

Thank you!

Roxanna Champagne
DSGC Awards Chairman, 2025-2027

Award #1 – School Grounds Improvement Award

Class A (12-30 members)

- 1st Flower Garden of Marietta, GA
- 2nd Wesson Garden Club, MS
- 3rd Rolling Fork Garden Club, MS

Class B (31 members or more)

- 1st New Smyrna Beach Garden Club, FL
- 2nd Spalding Garden Club, FL

Overall winner of \$25.00 cash award donated by The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.
New Smyrna Beach Garden Club, New Smyrna, FL

Award #2 - Historic Preservation and/or Restoration Landscape Award

Small Club

- 1st Greensboro Garden Club, AL

Medium Club

- 1st Greensboro Garden Club, GA
- 2nd Optimistic Garden Club, TN
- 3rd Belzoni Garden Club, MS

Large Club

- 1st Garden Club of Savannah, GA
- 2nd Garden Club of Cape Coral, FL

Overall Winner of \$25.00 donated by Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.
Greensboro Garden Club, Greensboro, GA

Award #3 – Public Relations Award

Small (20 members and under)

- 1st Greensboro Garden Club, AL
- 2nd Aldersgate Garden Club, TN

Medium (21-50 members)

- 1st Germantown Garden Club, TN
- 2nd Brandon Garden Club, MS

Large (51 members and over)

- 1st Oxford Garden Club, MS
- 2nd Orange Beach Garden Club, AL

Award #4 – Membership Award

Awarded to the State Garden Club with the greatest percentage increase in membership.
Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Award #5 – Litter Control

Small (20 members and under)

- 1st Winchester Garden Club, GA
- 2nd Goldenrod Garden Club, AL

Medium (21-50 members)

- 1st Starkville Town and Country Garden Club, MS
- 2nd Avon Garden Club, GA
- 3rd Edgewood Garden Club, AL

Large (51 members and over)

- 1st Ball Ground Garden Club, GA
- 2nd Oxford Garden Club, MS
- 3rd Fayette Garden Club, AL

Overall winner of \$25.00 cash award donated by Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Starkville Town and Country Garden Club, MS

Award #6 – Bird Award

Individual

Anna Marie Allen, Harpeth Bend GC, TN

Small (20 members and under)

1st Greensboro Garden Club, AL

2nd Byhalia Garden Club, MS

Medium (21-50 members)

1st Lullwater Garden Club, GA

2nd West Baton Rouge Garden and Civic Club, LA

3rd Garden Lovers Garden Club, TN

HM Starkville Town and Country Garden Club, MS

Large (51 members and over)

1st Fayette Garden Club, AL

2nd Spalding Garden Club, GA

3rd Oxford Garden Club, MS

HM Starkville Town and Country Garden Club, MS

Overall winner of \$100.00 cash award donated by

Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. in Honor of Denise Thorne, DSGC Director 2025-2027

Anna Marie Allen, Harpeth Bend Garden Club, TN

Award #7 – Tree Planting Award

Small (20 members and under)

1st Greensboro Garden Club, AL

Medium (21-50 members)

1st Starkville Town and Country Garden Club, MS

2nd Moringa Garden Circle, FL

3rd West Baton Rouge Garden and Civic Club, LA

HM Nancy Hart Garden Club, GA

Large (51 members and over)

1st Oxford Garden Club, MS

2nd Wellington Garden Club, FL

Overall winner of \$25.00 cash award donated by The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.

Starkville Town and Country Garden Club, Starkville, MS

Award #8 – Special Achievement Award

Small (20 members and under)

1st Greensboro Garden Club, AL

2nd Elison Garden Club, FL

3rd Byhalia Garden Club, MS

Medium (21-50 members)

1st Flower Garden Club of Marietta, GA

2nd Fairhope Garden Club, AL

3rd Garden Lovers Garden Club, TN

4th Tupelo Garden Club, MS

Large (51 members and over)

1st Ama Kanasta Garden Club, GA

2nd Lafayette Garden Club, LA

3rd Fayette Garden Club, AL

4th Oxford Garden Club, MS

Award #9 – Horticulture Award

Medium (21-50 members)

1st Tupelo Garden Club, MS

2nd Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club, TN

3rd Edgewood Garden Club, AL

Large (51 members and over)

1st Leland Deer Creek Garden Club, MS

2nd The Landings Garden Club, AL

Overall winner of \$25.00 cash award donated by Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. in Memory of Carroll Griffin, NGC President 1987-1989

Tupelo Garden Club, MS

Award #10 – Landscape Design Award

Medium (21-50 members)

1st Pine Needle Garden Club, MS

Large (51 members and over)

1st Lake Placid Garden Club, FL

Overall winner receives a \$200.00 cash award donated by Carol M. Bullard, DS Regional Director 2015-2017

Pine Needle Garden Club, MS

Award #13 – Environmental Education Award

Small (20 members and under)

1st Garden Diva Circle, FL

2nd Byhalia Garden Club, MS

3rd Hickory Valley Garden Club, TN

Medium (21-50 members)

1st Germantown Garden Club, TN

2nd Hernando Civic Garden Club, MS

Large (51 members and over)

1st New Smyrna Beach Garden Club, FL

Overall Winner of \$25.00 donated by Roxanna Champagne NGC Environmental Schools Chairman
Garden Diva Circle, FL

Award #14 – Butterfly Conservation

Medium (21-50 members)

1st Flower Garden of Marietta, GA

2nd Hernando Civic Garden Club, MS

3rd Tuscaloosa/Northpoint Garden Club, AL

Large (51 members and over)

1st Fayette Garden Club, AL

2nd Rio Lindo Garden Club, FL

3rd Marietta Daisies Garden Club, GA

HM Shady Oaks Garden Club, LA

Award #15 – Junior Garden Club Overall Winner

Overall winner of \$25.00 cash award donated by Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Magnolia Garden Club at Warrior, AL

Award #16 – Adopt-A-Park Award

Small (20 members and under)

1st Blue Star Garden Club, AL

2nd Azalea Garden Club, LA

Medium (21-50 members)

1st Wesson Garden Club, MS

Large (51 members and over)

1st Oxford Garden Club, MS

2nd Lafayette Garden Club, LA

3rd Fayette Garden Club, AL

Overall winner of \$25.00 cash award donated by Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.

Oxford Garden Club, Oxford, MS

Award #17 – Community Action Award

Small (20 members and under)

1st Camellia Garden Club, GA

2nd Blue Star Garden Club, AL

Medium (21-50 members)

1st Chipley Garden Club, FL

2nd Wesson Garden Club, MS

3rd Optimistic Garden Club, TN

HM Roswell Garden Club, GA

Large (51 members and over)

1st Lafayette Garden Club, LA

2nd Marietta Daisies Garden Club, GA

3rd Oxford Garden Club, MS

HM Orange Beach Garden Club, AL

Award #18 – Wildflower Award

Small (20 members and under)

1st Washington-Wilkes Iris Garden Club, GA

Medium (21-50 members)

1st West Baton Rouge Garden and Civic Club, LA

2nd Belzoni Garden Club, MS

Award #19 – Historic Trails

Monetary Award of \$50.00 donated by Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. in memory of

Mrs. Charles Blanchard

Lafayette Garden Club, LA

Award #21 – Conversation Award

Small (20 members and under)

1st Blue Star Garden Club, AL

Medium (21-50 members)

1st Rhododendron Garden Club, AL

Large (51 members and over)

1st Coral Gables Garden Club, FL

2nd Orange Beach Garden Club, AL

Overall Winner of \$25.00 donated by The Garden Clubs of

Mississippi in Honor of Mrs. Noel T. Cumbaa Former DS Regional Director 1991-1993

Coral Gables Garden Club, FL

Award #22 – Deep South Garden Club of the Year

Winner receives \$100.00 donated by Debby Cooper Deep South Regional Director 2023-2025

McComb Garden Club, MS

Award #23 – Arbor Day

Small (20 members and under)

1st Harpeth Bend Garden Club, TN

2nd Greensboro Garden Club, AL

Medium (21-50 members)

1st Wesson Garden Club, MS

2nd Abbeville Garden Club, LA

3rd Tuckaleechee Garden Club, TN

HM Rose and Dahlia Garden Club, GA

Large (51 members and over)

1st Norcross Garden Club, GA

2nd Orange Beach Garden Club, AL

3rd Lafayette Garden Club, LA

HM Oxford Garden Club, MS

Award #24 – Deep South Garden Clubs Life Membership

Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Award #25 – Roadside Beautification Award

First-place in each category receives a \$25.00 cash award donated by Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.

Small (under 20 members)

1st Ferriday Garden Club, LA

Medium (21-50 members)

1st Bay Waveland Garden Club, MS

Large (51 members and over)

1st Shady Oaks Garden Club, LA

2nd Fayette Garden Club, AL

Award #26 – Deep South Garden Clubs mentor of the Year

Kim Edgerton, Gulf Shores Garden Club, Gulf Shores, AL

Award #27 – Deep South Garden Clubs Flower Show Schedule

A cash award of \$50.00 is given to the winner in each category in Honor of Carol M. Bullard, DSRegional Director 2015-2017, by the Mississippi Design Masters Study Club.

Small Standard Flower Show Schedule - *Delight in Daffodils* - Georgia Daffodil Society

Standard Flower Show Schedule - *Gardening by the Moon* - Azalea/New Iberia Garden Clubs

Award #28 – DSGC Small Standard Flower Show

A cash award of \$50.00 is given to the winner in Honor of Bonnie T. Borne, DS Regional Director
2003-2005, by the Mississippi Flower Show Judges Council

Birds of a Feather - Plant City Garden Club, FL

Award #29 – Publicity Press Book

Small (20 members and under)

1st Gardenettes, LA

2nd Oglethorpe Garden Club, GA

Medium (21-50 members)

1st Starkville Town and Country Garden Club, MS

2nd West Baton Rouge Garden & Civic Club, LA

3rd Hiawassee Garden Club, GA

Large (51 members and over)

1st Lafayette Garden Club, LA

2nd Lakes and Hills Garden Club, FL

Award #30 – Deep South Garden Clubs Member Award of Honor

Susan Rodriguez, Coral Gables Garden Club, Coral Gables, FL

Award #31 A – DSGC Yearbook Award

Club (under 20)

1st Azalea Garden Club, New Iberia, LA

2nd Richland-Florence Garden Club, Richland, MS

3rd Conyers Garden Club, Conyers, GA

HM Rachel Jackson Garden Club, Mt. Juliet, TN

Club (20-29 members)

1st Abbeville Garden Club, Abbeville, LA

2nd Smoke Rise Morning Glory Garden Club, Smoke Rise, GA

3rd Coral Pines Garden Club, Miami, FL

HM Plantation Garden Club, Sumner, Webb, Minter City, Glendora, MS

Club (30-44 members)

1st Lakeview Botany Guild, New Orleans, LA

2nd Winona Garden Club, Winona, MS

3rd Germantown Garden Club, Germantown, TN

HM Spade and Trowel Garden Club, Augusta, GA

Club (45-69 members)

1st Lafayette Garden Club, Lafayette, LA

2nd Grenada Garden Club, Grenada, MS

3rd Spalding Garden Club, Spalding, GA

HM Fayette Garden Club, Fayette, AL

Club (70-99 members)

1st Leland Deer Creek Garden Club, Leland, MS

2nd Alexandria Garden Club, Alexandria, LA

3rd Avondale Estates Garden Club, Avondale, GA

HM Garden Club of Signal Mountain Signal, Mountain, TN

Club (100-299 members)

1st Garden Club of Savannah, Savannah, GA

2nd The Garden Club of Stuart, Inc., Stuart, FL

Award #31 B – DSGC Yearbook Award

Group of Member Clubs, Council, District

1st Bulloch Council Garden Club, Statesboro, GA

2nd T.A.G.S., TN

3rd Tallahassee Garden Club, Tallahassee, FL

HM North End Council of Garden Clubs, AL

YOUTH AWARDS

SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

FIRST GRADE

1st Dallas Epp, Briarcliff Garden Club, Thomasville, GA

2nd Joel Clements, III, Starkville Town & Country Garden Club, Starkville, MS

3rd Ezra Scott, Garden Club of Deland, Deland, FL

SECOND GRADE

1st Rajesh Babu Sukumar, Brandon Garden Club, Brandon, MS

2nd Ava Whitsitt, Suburban Garden Club of Germantown, Germantown, TN

3rd Helen Pimerted, Wellington Garden Club, Wellington, FL

THIRD GRADE

1st Dennis Romero, Beautiful View Garden Club, Buena Vista, GA

2nd Sara Nguyen, Southwind Garden Club, Memphis, TN

3rd Caroline Pearson, Luverne Garden Club, Luverne, AL

FOURTH GRADE

1st Ruth Zhang, Suburban Garden Club of Germantown, Germantown, TN

2nd Amelia Jean, Temple Terrace Garden Club, Temple Terrace, FL

3rd Anna Lofton, Lily Garden Club, Screven, GA

FIFTH GRADE

1st Saja Mohamed Eldermiri, Temple Terrace Garden Club, Temple Terrace, FL

2nd Zhimu Dong, Spade & Trowel Garden Club, Augusta, GA

3rd Lucy Mizener, The Optimistic Garden Club, Murfreesboro, TN

2025-2026 NGC Youth Poetry

“Plant America for The Next 100 Years”

GENERAL EDUCATION

KINDERGARTEN

1st Joshua Lemmons, Germantown GC, Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

2nd Dean Snow, Quitman Garden Club, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

FIRST GRADE

1st Holden Finn, Odum GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.,

2nd Mila Abella, Garden Club of Palm Beach, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

SECOND GRADE

1st Charlotte Jackson, Paris GC, Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

2nd Emma Edenfield, Odum GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

THIRD GRADE

1st Bobby Boddiford, Screven County GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

2nd Andi Wade, Paris GC, Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

FOURTH GRADE

1st Salvador Maldonado, Palm Beach GC, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

2nd Tucker Freeman, Erin GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

3rd Juniper O'Bar, Germantown GC, Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

FIFTH GRADE

1st Wilkes Ricketson, Germantown GC, Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

2nd LG Moore, Camellia GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

SIXTH GRADE

1st Alana Erhenede, Magnolia GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

2nd Emily Jackson, Fort Lauderdale GC, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

3rd Elijah Thompson, Dyersburg GC, Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

SEVENTH GRADE

1st Amelia Tiseth, Camellia GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

2nd Mia Guzi, Fort Lauderdale GC, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

3rd Omari Kershaw, Dyersburg GC, Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

EIGHTH GRADE

1st Leah Myint, Dyersburg GC, Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

2nd Lyric Shaw, Briarcliff GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

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FIRST GRADE

1st Joanna Agundiz-Salinas, Odum GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

SECOND GRADE

1st Jose Gutierrez, Odum GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

THIRD GRADE

1st Evelys Rivera Ortiz, Briarcliff GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

FOURTH GRADE

1st Abby Agundiz-Salinas, Odum GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

FIFTH GRADE

1st Jassmarie Bonilla-Montes, Odum GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

SPECIAL NEEDS

FIRST GRADE

1st Kadence Brigman, Odum GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

SECOND GRADE

1st Waylon Miller, Odum GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

THIRD GRADE

1st Kenzlea Kersey, Odum GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

FOURTH GRADE

1st Abigail Cribbs, Odum GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

FIFTH GRADE

1st Kylea Kersey, Odum GC, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

SIXTH GRADE

1st Jaxsyn Weintraub, Screven County GC, Garden Club of GA, Inc.

NGC YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST 2025

FOURTH GRADE

1st Emanhi Cannon, Downtown Academy, Rose and Dahlia Garden Club, Athens, GA

2nd Calia Lunford, City of Greenacres Cares School, Elison Garden Club of Lake Worth, Fort Worth, FL

3rd Caylee VanHooks, Northpoint Christian School, Hernando Civic Garden Club, Hernando, MS

FIFTH GRADE

1st Payton Lusk, Northpoint Christian School, Hernando Civic Garden Club, Hernando, MS

2nd Ambry Rain, Appling County Elementary School, Pine Forest Garden Club, Baxley, GA

3rd Nyla Green, Dr. W.J. Creel Elementary School, Garden Club by the Sea, Indialantic, FL

SIXTH GRADE

1st Lorien Holloway, Northpoint Christian School, Hernando Civic Garden Club, Hernando, MS

2nd Paisley Crosby, Screven County Middle School, Screven County Garden Club, Sylvania, GA

3rd Emily Jackson, Sunrise Middle School, Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, Fort Lauderdale, FL

SEVENTH GRADE

1st Olivia Madriz, New River Middle School, Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, Fort Lauderdale, FL

2nd Bentley Baxley, Delta Academy, Marks Garden Club, Marks, MS

EIGHTH GRADE

1st Bailey Segó, Taylor County Middle School, Butler Garden Club, Buttler, GA

2nd Bodhi Franklin, New River Middle School, Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, Fort Lauderdale, FL