



DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

63rd Annual Convention

Awards

March 16-21, 2026

Hosted by

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.



#1 School Grounds Improvement Award

Class A

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

Class B

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

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

New Smyrna Beach Garden Club, FL

#3 Public Relations Award

Small Club

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

Medium Club

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

Large Club

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

#4 Membership Award

Awarded to the State Garden Club with the greatest percentage increase in membership.

Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

#5 Litter Control

Small Club

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

Medium Club

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

Large Club

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

Overall Winner of \$25.00 donated by Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Starkville Town & Country Garden Club, MS

#6 Bird Award

Small Club

- 1st Greensboro Garden Club, AL
- 2nd Byhalia Garden Club, MS

Medium Club

- 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 Club

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

Individual

Anna Marie Allen, Harpeth Bend Garden Club, TN

Overall Winner of \$100.00 donated by Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Anna Marie Allen, Harpeth Bend Garden Club, TN

#7 Tree Planting Award

Small Club

- 1st Greensboro Garden Club, AL

Medium Club

- 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 Club

- 1st Oxford Garden Club, MS
- 2nd Wellington Garden Club, FL

Overall Winner of \$25.00 donated by Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.

in honor of Mrs. Thomas Lacey

Starkville Town and Country Garden Club, MS

#8 Special Achievement Award

Small Club

- 1st Greensboro Garden Club, AL
- 2nd Elison Garden Club, FL
- 3rd Byhalia Garden Club, MS
- 4th Harpeth Bend Garden Club, TN

Medium Club

- 1st Flower Garden Club of Marietta, GA
- 2nd Fairhope Garden Club, AL
- 3rd Garden Lovers Garden Club, TN
- 4th Tupelo Garden Club, MS

Large Club

- 1st Ama Kanasta Garden Club, GA
- 2nd Lafayette Garden Club, LA
- 3rd Fayette Garden Club, AL
- 4th Oxford Garden Club, MS

#9 Horticulture Award

Medium Club

- 1st Tupelo Garden Club, MS
- 2nd Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club, TN
- 3rd Edgewood Garden Club, AL

Large Club

- 1st Leland Deer Creek Garden Club, MS
- 2nd The Landings Garden Club, GA

Overall Winner of \$25.00 donated by Florida Federation of Garden Clubs in memory of Mrs. Carroll Griffin, NGC President 1987-1989

Tupelo Garden Club, MS

#10 Landscape Design Award

Medium Club

- 1st Pine Needle Garden Club, MS

Large Club

- 1st Lake Placid Garden Club, FL

Overall Winner of \$200.00 donated by Carol M. Bullard, DSGC Director 2015-2017

Pine Needle Garden Club, MS

#13 Environmental Education Award

Small Club

- 1st Garden Diva Circle, FL
- 2nd Byhalia Garden Club, MS
- 3rd Hickory Valley Garden Club, TN

Medium Club

- 1st Germantown Garden Club, TN
- 2nd Hernando Civic Garden Club, MS

Large Club

- 1st New Smyrna Beach Garden Club, FL

Overall Winner of \$25.00 donated by Roxanna Champagne, NGC Environmental Schools Chairman

Garden Diva Circle, FL

#14 Butterfly Conservation

Medium Club

- 1st Flower Garden of Marietta, GA
- 2nd Hernando Civic Garden Club, MS
- 3rd Tuscaloosa/Northpoint Garden Club, AL

Large Club

- 1st Fayette Garden Club, AL
- 2nd Rio Lindo Garden Club, FL
- 3rd Marietta Daisies Garden Club, GA
- HM Shady Oaks Garden Club, LA

#15 Junior Garden Club Award Overall Winner \$25.00 donated by Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Magnolia Garden Club at Warrior, AL

#16 Adopt-A-Park

Small Club

1st Blue Star Garden Club, AL

2nd Azalea Garden Club, LA

Medium Club

1st Wesson Garden Club, MS

Large Club

1st Oxford Garden Club, MS

2nd Lafayette Garden Club, LA

3rd Fayette Garden Club, AL

Overall Winner and recipient of \$25.00 donated by Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.

Oxford Garden Club, MS

#17 Community Action Award

Small Club

1st Camellia Garden Club, GA

2nd Blue Star Garden Club, AL

Medium Club

1st Chipley Garden Club, FL

2nd Wesson Garden Club, MS

3rd Optimistic Garden Club, TN

HM Roswell Garden Club, GA

Large Club

1st Lafayette Garden Club, LA

2nd Marietta Daisies Garden Club, GA

3rd Oxford Garden Club, MS

HM Orange Beach Garden Club, AL

#18 Wildflower Award

Small Club

1st Washington-Wilkes Iris Garden Club, GA

Medium Club

1st West Baton Rouge Garden and Civic Club, LA

2nd Belzoni Garden Club, MS

#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

#21 Conservation Award

Small Club

1st Blue Star Garden Club, AL

Medium Club

1st Rhododendron Garden Club, AL

Large Club

1st Coral Gables Garden Club, FL

2nd Orange Beach Garden Club, AL

Overall Winner and recipient of \$25 donated by Garden Clubs of MS, Inc.
Coral Gables Garden Club, FL

#22 Deep South Garden Club of the Year

Monetary award of \$100.00 donated by Debby Cooper, DSGC Director, 2023-2025
McComb Garden Club, MS

#23 Arbor Day Award

Small Club

1st Harpeth Bend Garden Club, TN
2nd Greensboro Garden Club, AL

Medium Club

1st Wesson Garden Club, MS
2nd Abbeville Garden Club, LA
3rd Tuckaleechee Garden Club, TN
HM Rose and Dahlia Garden Club, GA

Large Club

1st Norcross Garden Club, GA
2nd Orange Beach Garden Club, AL
3rd Lafayette Garden Club, LA
HM Oxford Garden Club, MS

#24 Deep South Garden Clubs Life Membership Award

Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

#25 Roadside Beautification Award – Monetary Awards donated by Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.

Small Club - \$25

1st Ferriday Garden Club, LA

Medium Club - \$25

1st Bay Waveland Garden Club, MS

Large Club- \$25

1st Shady Oaks Garden Club, LA
2nd Fayette Garden Club, AL

#26 Deep South Garden Club Mentor of the Year

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

#27 Flower Show Schedule Award

A – Small Standard Flower Show Schedule – Monetary award of \$50.00 donated by MS Design Masters Study Club

Delight in Daffodils - Georgia Daffodil Society

B – Standard Flower Show Schedule – Monetary award of \$50.00 donated by MS Design Masters Study Club

Gardening by the Moon - Azalea/New Iberia Garden Clubs

#28 DSGC Small Standard Flower Show Overall Winner \$50.00 donated by MS Flower Show Judges' Council

Birds of a Feather - Plant City Garden Club, FL

#29 Publicity Press Book

Small Club

1st Gardenettes, LA

2nd Oglethorpe Garden Club, GA

Medium Club

1st Starkville Town and Country Garden Club, MS

2nd West Baton Rouge Garden and Civic Club, LA

3rd Hiawasse Garden Club, GA

Large Club

1st Lafayette Garden Club, LA

2nd Lakes and Hills Garden Club, FL

#30 Member Award of Honor (Plaque)

Susan Rodriguez, Coral Gables Garden Club, Florida

#31 DSGC Yearbook Award

1. **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

2. **Club** (20-29)

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

3. **Club** (30-44)

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

4. **Club** (45-69)

1st Lafayette Garden Club, Lafayette, LA

2nd Grenada Garden Club, Grenada, MS

3rd Spalding Garden Club, Spalding, GA

HM Fayette Garden Club, Fayette, AL

5. **Club** (70-99)

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

6. **Club** (100-299)

1st Garden Club of Savannah, Savannah, GA
2nd The Garden Club of Stuart, Inc., Stuart, FL

Yearbook (Group of Member Clubs, Councils, Districts)

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

**2026 Deep South Garden Club
Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Winners**

FIRST GRADE

- 1st Dallas Epp, Briarcliff Garden Club, Thomasville, GA
- 2nd Joel Clements, III, Starkville Town and 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 and 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 Fenn, 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 Georgia, Inc.

NGC YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST 2025
Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. Winners

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