

**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](#), [Deep South](#) and [National](#).  
Put this and other important information in a ring binder.
- \*\*\*Then download the [National instructions](#) for compiling a book of evidence.
- \*\*\*Read all of the descriptions for [State Awards](#) first.
- \*\*\*Now use the LGCF webpage ([lgcfinc.org](http://lgcfinc.org)) and locate the “**TIP SHEET.**”

This site will tell you what Deep South and National Awards are similar to the state awards: For instance: If you apply for State Award No. 21 – Historic Preservation and/or Restoration Award, then you may also be eligible to apply for Deep South Award #13 and National Award #50.

Be sure to read the descriptions carefully.

**Prepare a separate book of evidence for each award for which you apply. It is possible that one project will allow you to apply for more than one award.**

- \*\*\*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”**