

**LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC.**  
**GENERAL RULES (Revised 1/2024)**

**AWARDS YEAR:** January 1 to December 31 annually. All awards may be presented annually, if merited. Any exceptions are noted in award descriptions.

**DEADLINE:** All awards must be in the hands of the award chairman by December 1st. Any exceptions are noted in award descriptions.

**APPLICATION FORMS:** LGCF has an application form to use when applying for competitive and non-competitive awards. The application form contains topics to be addressed along with any supporting materials (newspaper articles/pictures, etc.).

There is a three (3) page limit, using only the front of the page. (LGCF Application Form plus 3 additional pages)

Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer required or allowed

Applications are to be **mailed** to respective Awards Chairmen listed in the LGCF Awards

page on the Website: <http://www.lgcfinc.org/awards.html>

Forms are available on the LGCF website: <http://www.lgcfinc.org/awards.html>

**The LGCF Application Form should not** be used when applying for Garden Club Achievement (#1) and Horticulture Honor Roll (#5B); All Flower Show Achievement Awards listed under #14-A and #14-B and also Flower Show Awards # 23, 25 and 27. No application is necessary for Awards #28, 29 and 30.

**Any other exception** will be noted in the Award Descriptions.

**Where to Send Award Applications:** Applications, Books of Evidence and Yearbooks must be sent to the respective LGCF Chairmen designated in the Awards Rules. The names and addresses of LGCF Officers and Chairmen can be found on the home page of the LGCF web site under Awards: <http://www.lgcfinc.org/awards.html>. Each Club President and/or Awards Chairman should carefully study these General Rules and the Rules shown for each of the listed Awards.

**State Chairmen Who Are Judging Awards:** You shall compile a list of Award Applications received AND a list of LGCF Award winners. There will be one first place, one second place, one third place and one honorable mention winner in each category as warranted. These lists shall be sent to the state LGCF Awards Chairman postmarked no later than January 1. Exception to this date is Award #22 Publicity Press Book. A list of applications received and a list of winners of Award #22 shall be sent to the LGCF Awards Chairman, postmarked no later than February 1st or as soon after judging as possible. Award applications deemed eligible by the respective Chairmen and conforming to specific NGC Award requirements shall be sent to the LGCF-Deep South and National Awards Chairman (LGCF Second Vice-President), postmarked no later than January 1st.

**Categories by Size:** Some Awards shall be judged according to size determined by the number of members on whom LGCF state dues are paid, including Active, Associate, Inactive, Honorary, etc.

- (i) Small Club: 20 and under members
- (ii) Medium Club: 21 - 50 members
- (iii) Large Club: 51+ members

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**Publicity Press Book:** Applications are to be in hands of Publicity Chairman by January 15. Complete the necessary information at the top of an LGCF Award Application Form. Do not answer questions 1-6. An original and one copy of the application form is to be included when Publicity Press Book is mailed to Publicity Press Book Chairman Prepare Book of Evidence (A Book of Evidence in this case is the Publicity Press Book). There is no limit to the number of pages.  
LGCF Award Descriptions

**PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK SCALE OF POINTS (3/2020)**

[Scale of points from Deep South. See the DSGC website.]

<b>Presentation</b>	meets all requirements, neatly presented	<b>15 pts</b>
<b>Quality</b>	articles well written; publicity related to projects and/or activities	<b>40 pts.</b>
<b>Quantity</b>	articles for each month (take in consideration dark months), use of varied publications and media (newspaper coverage is difficult, especially in larger cities), magazines, newsletters, notices/flyers, journals, etc.)	<b>25 pts.</b>
<b>Diversity</b>	local, council, district, state, national, other	<b>20 pts.</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>100 pts</b>

**Year Book:** *Yearbooks must be in the hands of the LGCF Yearbook Award Chairman by October 31st.* Complete the necessary information at the top of a LGCF Award Application Form. Do not answer questions 1-6.

**NON-COMPETITIVE AWARDS:** Non-competitive awards are subject to the general rules as outlined above, except as noted in award descriptions.

**SCALE OF POINTS FOR ALL LGCF COMPETITIVE AWARDS** (Exceptions as noted: Promotions, Publications, Yearbook, Flower Show Achievement Award, Publicity Press Book, Website, Award # 26 Sara Gladney Landscape Design Award).

<b><u>Presentation</u></b>	Neat, concise, includes all required information.	<b>5 pts</b>
<b><u>Achievement</u></b>	Scope of project; need and fulfillment; benefit, accomplishment; comprehensiveness of work; activities to attain goals, evaluation of goals reached; educational, prior planning, very brief history if continuing project; financial report other.	<b>65 pts</b>
<b><u>Participation</u></b>	Size of club; involvement of member, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, resident in facilities, others. Not all of these have to be involved.	<b>15pts</b>
<b><u>Record or Documentation</u></b>	Supporting data (as applicable), clear, well-labeled and neatly attached before and after photographs if applicable, landscape plan (does not have to be professionally drawn), financial report, letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles (if possible), radio or TV script (if possible), etc. Photocopies and computer downloaded articles are permitted.	<b>15pts</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100 pts</b>

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**A note critiquing each application shall be attached to each application submitted for a competitive award.**

**The above scale of points shall apply to the following LGCF competitive awards:**

- Nos. 3B, 3C, 3E, 3G, 3H Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club Awards
- Nos. 4B, 4C, 4E, 4G, 4H High School Garden Club Awards
- No. 6 – Jo N. Evans Roadside Improvement Award
- No. 11A - Corine Roberie Wildflower Plant Award
- No. 12 – Conservation Project Award
- No. 13 - Beauty of Life Garden Award
- No. 15 - Valerie Barnum Civic Development Award
- No. 16B – Esther Carriere Garden Therapy Award
- No. 17 - Arbor Day Award – if anticipating to apply for Deep South Awards No. 9 or No. 25
- No. 18 – Vickie Lacombe Bird Award
- No. 19 – Willie A. Hundley Public Relations Award
- No. 20 – Peggy Cazes Butterfly Protection Project Award
- No. 21 – Historic Preservation and/or Restoration Award
- No. 24 – Billie Massa Litter Control Award

**National and Deep South Awards:** Many Deep South and National Awards may be available to your club.

**Please note:** If your club submits an application for an LGCF Award which may also be eligible for a DS or NGC Award separate (duplicate or similar) applications must be made. **Each application must conform to the specific Deep South and/or National award requirements and DS and National Award Rules.** Applications for Deep South and/or National Awards are to be mailed to the LGCF Deep South/National Awards Chairman (Second Vice President).

If sending an NGC Award Application by email to the LGCF Deep South/National Awards Chairman (Second Vice President), please adhere to the following:

- Cover Sheet is first followed by the Book of Evidence
- Send one award per email.
- Awards should be emailed in PDF (Exceptions: Flower Show Schedule, Yearbook, Publicity Pressbook)

An exception to mailing Deep South and National Applications to the Second Vice President is any and all Youth Awards. The Youth Activities Chairman will process LGCF, DSGC and NGC Youth Awards.

## LGCF AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

### AWARD # 1 - GARDEN CLUB ACHIEVEMENT

Send application to:  
**LGCF Awards Chairman**  
**Kyle Martin**  
**73192 Military Rd.**  
**Covington, LA 70435-6053**  
**kylemartin@charter.net**

To be eligible for Award #1, the application must comply with the following rules. More or less material than called for disqualifies the application.

1. Garden Club Achievement Application Form
2. Brief summary, not more than one or one page front and back, describing club's activity or project in any one of LGCF or NGC objectives, such as Birds, Garden Therapy, Civic Development, etc.
3. NO YEARBOOK is to be included.
4. The required pages are to be stapled securely. Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer required or allowed.

300 or more points..... Gold Seal Certificate with Gold Ribbon  
200-299 points ..... Gold Seal Certificate  
100-199 points ..... Blue Seal  
99 points or less..... No Award

### AWARD #2 - YEARBOOK AWARD

Send one copy of yearbook to:  
**Club Yearbook Chairman**  
**Millie Comeaux**  
**1901 Langston Rd.**  
**New Iberia, LA 70560-8833**  
**butterfly539023@bellsouth.net**

**DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31.**

LGCF AWARD #2 Single member garden club determined **by number of all members, including Life Members, on whom NGC dues are paid.**

A certificate and \$10 will be presented to the best club yearbook, in each of the following categories:

1. Club under 20 members
2. Club 20-29
3. Club 30-44
4. Club 45-69
5. Club 70-99
6. Club 100-299
7. Club 300 or more

### SCALE OF POINTS

#### FORMAT

**Book Structure:** Practical, convenient size, durable, neat. Yearbook may be stapled, spiral, or 3-ring binders. Material should be well placed with ample margins and font size suitable for members to read. **2pts**

**Cover:** Include name of club, town, state organization, year and appealing design. If 3-ring binder cover is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information on cover and so note. **2pts**

**Title Page:** Include name of club, town, state organization, year, number of dues paying members, and affiliated organizations (district, state, region, NGC, other). If state and national dues are paid on associate/inactive/honorary members, they are counted in total membership. **2pts**

**Table of Contents:** Number the yearbook pages and list topics on Contents Page. **1pt**

**SUBSEQUENT PAGES:** In any order most useful to members and best fit for page placement. Information in a club yearbook should be in logical order. National and State information does not have to be in front.

**Membership Roster:** Complete mailing addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses (if applicable). Avoid crowding. Suggestion to save space, "All area codes are \_\_\_ and postal zip codes are \_\_\_\_\_ unless otherwise noted. **2pts**

**List of Club Officers and Committee Chairmen** **1pt**

**NGC Information:** Name of the NGC President with home and email address, theme and projects. List address and phone number of NGC Headquarters in St. Louis. List website address. **1pt**

**Other Information:** Name, address, phone number and email of Deep South Garden Clubs Director, State President, State District Director, Council President (if applicable). List themes for Region Director and State President. List website address for state and region. **2pts.**

**Calendar of Events:** List dates and locations for district/state/region/national meetings and events to encourage members to attend and to eliminate the setting of conflicting dates. **2pts**

**PROGRAMS:** Topics should cover a variety of NGC goals and objectives: Birds, Blue Star Memorials, Butterflies, Conservation, Environment, Floral Design, Horticulture Therapy, Horticulture, Design, etc.

1. At least seven meetings a year **3pts**
2. List date, time of meeting, location with address **3pts**
3. List name of speaker/s, qualifications (brief), program title **4pts**
4. Variety of program topics (theme not required) **14pts**
  - (A) Variety of styles of programs (lectures, slides, power point, tours, etc.) **12pts**
  - (B) Variety of speakers (specialists, members, etc.) **14pts**

**PROJECTS:** Projects involve actual membership participation that benefit the community and further NGC Goals and Objectives. Some fund raiser (sale of bulbs, bedding plants, herbs, etc.,) may help to beautify the community, as well as produce revenue for clubs. Some fund raisers may help promote NGC Member Services as well as publicize our organization and goals. Certain social activities may lead to membership increase. State such in descriptions.

1. List Continuing and New Projects (a club is not required to have new projects) **15pts**
  2. Give brief word description of projects: Include location, name of chairman, how members participate, list of donations if applicable, in-kind donation if applicable, plans for maintenance if applicable, etc. – e.g. Establish a Teaching Garden at Atkins Elementary School, afterschool program with planned curriculum, 4 days a week from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Laurie Benson, Chairman **20pts**
- TOTAL** **100pts**

**OPTIONS:** (No points given) could fill available space. Some clubs include bylaws, budget, fund-raising, roll call, former club presidents.

Club theme: If theme is used, it should be evident throughout the book. Themes may be interpreted with monthly program topics and/or titles, graphics, quotes. Projects do not need to be limited to theme.

NGC Mission Statement

NGC Conservation Pledge

NGC Environmental Mission Statement

NGC Water Conservation Platform

List of members who are life members in state, region; NGC Awards received the previous year.

### **AWARD #3 (A-H) - JUNIOR AND/OR INTERMEDIATE GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**

(Juniors, grades 1 - 6, Intermediates, grades 7 - 9.)

Send LGCF, DSGC and NGC applications to:

**Youth Activities Chairman**

**Donna Clark**

**3601 Silver Maple Court**

**New Orleans, LA 70131-8323**

**dclark3601@gmail.com**

### **AWARD #3A - YEARBOOK AWARD**

A certificate and \$10.00 will be presented to the best Junior/Intermediate yearbook. Certificates will be awarded for Second and Third Places and Honorable Mention. Yearbooks are to be mailed with LGCF Award Application form to the Youth Activities Chairman. Do not answer questions 1-6.

### **AWARD #3B - CARMELITE BRECHTEL JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE AWARD**

Eligible for DS #15.

May be awarded to a Junior/Intermediate Garden Club that has most successfully promoted all phases of garden club work. Grade level must be stated. See General Rules.

### **AWARD #3C - HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

May be awarded to a Junior/Intermediate Garden Club for outstanding Horticultural activity. See General Rules.

### **AWARD #3D - HONOR ROLL**

A certificate may be awarded for accomplishments as noted below:

**STANDARD RATING:** Achieved by meeting the first five standard requirements for Juniors, and all seven requirements for Intermediates.

1. At Least 6 student members
2. Minimum of 5 meetings during calendar year
3. At least one program per year on each of the following subjects: Horticulture, Conservation, Nature Study, Floral Design and Flower Show Procedures
4. Participate in a Flower Show
5. Have a Club Project
6. Have at least one workshop on one of the following subjects: Horticulture, Conservation, Nature Study, Floral Design and Flower Show Procedure
7. Have a Club Library

**EXCELLENT RATING:** Achieved by meeting any of the five following for Juniors, and any seven for intermediates:

1. Study of Birds
2. Participation in a Conservation Contest (such as speech, poetry, essay, poster)
3. Each club member able to quote "Conservation Pledge"
4. Garden Therapy project
5. Garden visits or field trips
6. Litterbug program or clean-up projects
7. Observe Arbor Day (plant a tree or shrub)
8. Make a Club Scrapbook
9. Make a Club Yearbook
10. Visit a State Park

**SUPERIOR RATING:** Achieved by Juniors who meet five standard requirements, plus any five excellent requirements and any two of the following requirements:

1. Sponsor a Standard Flower Show
2. Participate in roadside plantings
3. Participate in one or more plantings at public buildings (church, school, municipal)

4. Plant and care for a flower or vegetable garden
5. Plant and care for at least two container plants
6. Apply for at least three LGCF Awards

#### **AWARD #3E - AWARD OF MERIT FOR CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT**

A Certificate and \$10.00 will be awarded to a Junior/Intermediate Garden Club which has successfully carried out a conservation project. Grade level must be stated. See General Rules.

#### **AWARD #3F - AWARD OF MERIT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FLOWER SHOWS**

- a. A certificate will be awarded to a Junior/Intermediate Garden Club whose Flower Show scores 90 or more as judged by the Standard Flower Show Evaluation Form.
- b. A certificate will be awarded to a group of Junior/Intermediate Garden Clubs for a Flower Show that scores 90 or more, as judged by the Standard Flower Show Evaluation Form. All procedures relating to application for a Flower Show Award for a Senior Garden Club are applicable to the Junior/Intermediate Garden Club application. Follow procedures in Rules 9 and 10A in presentation.

#### **AWARD #3G - GARDEN THERAPY AWARD**

A certificate may be awarded to a Junior/Intermediate Garden Club for having sponsored an outstanding program of garden therapy whereby handicapped and/or institutionalized or special needs individuals in one or more institutions have received noteworthy benefit. Grade level must be stated. See General Rules.

#### **AWARD #3H - ARBOR DAY AWARD**

A certificate may be awarded to a Junior/Intermediate Garden Club for conducting a tree/shrub planting ceremony during the month of January. Grade level must be stated. See General Rules. Note: Senior Garden Clubs who contribute outstanding service toward the promotion of gardening among youth may apply for NGC Award #8.

#### **AWARD #4 - HIGH SCHOOL GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**

Contact LGCF Awards Chairman for listing of these awards:

**Youth Activities Chairman**

**Donna Clark**

**3601 Silver Maple Court**

**New Orleans, LA 70131-8323**

**dclark3601@gmail.com**

#### **AWARD #5 (A-D) - HORTICULTURE AWARD**

Send applications to:

**Horticulture Chairman**

**Kathy Tell**

**9696 Simon Lebleu Rd.**

**Lake Charles, LA 70607-0362**

**Kathytell7@gmail.com**

#### **AWARD #5A-HORTICULTURE PAPER AWARD**

A Certificate of Merit and \$10.00 will be awarded to the author and garden club member for a Horticulture Paper. The Horticulture Paper shall be written on a LGCF application form. See General Rules. (Do not answer questions 1-6.) The Paper should be submitted in duplicate. If merited, certificates will be given for Second Place, Third Place and Honorable Mention. Criteria: Length of no more than 750 words; all words count; dates count as one word. Number of words shall be given at top of application form. Essay should be prepared in black ink, typed, single spaced, font no smaller than 12 points or larger than 14 points. Paper must be the author's own work. Essay must have a bibliography listing all references utilized. Internet resources, if used, should be cited in a similar format to that used for printed resources. Add the electronic address

used to access the document and supplementary information. Any paper with information copied directly from sources without using quotes will be disqualified. Judging will be based on historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of material, interest, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and neatness. Pictures, maps, drawings, graphics, and other such additions will not be considered in judging and should not be included.

**AWARD #5 B - HORTICULTURE HONOR ROLL**

A certificate with Blue Seal will be awarded to a club making 100 points or more. A certificate with Gold Seal for Outstanding Achievement in Horticulture will be awarded to a club making 200 or more points. Use Horticulture Honor Roll application form. See General Rules.

**AWARD #5C - CERTIFICATE FOR EXCELLENCE IN HORTICULTURE**

A certificate with Green Rosette for Excellence in Horticulture or Horticulture Education may be awarded to an individual, who may or may not be a Garden Club member, for Excellence in Horticulture interpreted as outstanding service, to development of new hybrids, achievement in research, or disease control and/or education in any of these fields. Authorship of books, pamphlets, magazine articles, etc. will be considered for this award. See General Rules.

**AWARD #5D - CERTIFICATE FOR CREATIVE HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT**

A certificate with orange, blue and green ribbons may be awarded to an individual who is a LGCF Garden Club member for Creative Horticultural Achievement which makes a permanent contribution to Horticulture. In the case of the development of a new variety, it is requested that a statement from the respective Plant Society be submitted with the application. See General Rules.

**AWARD #6 - JO N. EVANS ROADSIDE IMPROVEMENT AWARD**

Eligible for DS Award #25; NGC Award #CE-4

Donor: District V

Send application to:

**Roadside Development Chairman**

**Shirley Key**

**8624 Hwy 2**

**Oak Grove, La. 71263-9346**

**Jskey2@yahoo.com**

A Certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded to a garden club for outstanding Roadside Improvement, \$15.00 for Second Place and \$10.00 for Third Place. Honorable Mention certificates will be awarded, if merited. See General Rules.

**AWARD #7 (A-B) - INTER-CLUB RELATIONS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Send Application to:

**Inter-Club Relations Chairman**

**Pam Langley**

**1750 Bilbo St.**

**Lake Charles, LA 70601-6061**

**pamxyz@bellsouth.net**

**AWARD #7A - CLUB AWARD**

Donor: Mary Sue Colvin

A certificate and \$25.00 to be awarded to an LGCF, INC. member club whose garden club activities, through the years, has contributed most to the community, through cooperation with public officials, service organizations, etc. This award can only be received once in a lifetime. *Award application must include a summary of the club's activities and verification in the form of pictures, press clippings, letters or any other pertinent material. All verification should have attached dates and signed letters, etc.* See General Rules. Do not answer questions 1-4 on LGCF application form. Exception to rules: *Up to three pages (front and back) will be allowed in application. Use a lightweight, solid color, theme type binder, size not to exceed 8.5"x11", sheets may be placed in top loaded sheet protectors.*



## **LCGF AWARD #7B – MEMBER OF HONOR AWARD**

Eligible for DS #30 and NGC #SR-4

Donor: Patricia Ortalano in honor of Billie Massa

A certificate and pin may be awarded to an LGCF individual club member whose efforts during a period of five or more years, has made outstanding contributions to club and community in one or more of the following areas: civic development, horticulture therapy, youth activities, conservation, landscape design, horticulture, floral design, or all-around excellence. The individual must be nominated by a Federated Garden Club and can receive this award only once in a lifetime. Eligibility: any member of a Federated State Garden Club, who has never been a member of NGC Board of Directors, including State Presidents. Do not answer questions 1-6 on LGCF application form. Exception to rules: A Book of Evidence not to exceed 5 pages (front only) is required. This is in addition to the application form. Eligibility and rules are listed on NGC website: "Awards -Member of Honor". (See Award's full details at [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)).

## **AWARD #8 (A-C) - RADIO AND/OR TV AWARD**

Send Application to:

**Public Relations/Radio-Television Chairman**

**Diana "Dee" Nolan**

**107 Lakeside Dr.**

**Lafayette, LA 70508-7011**

**Dianan963@lusfiber.net**

A certificate and \$5.00 may be awarded to a Garden Club, a group of Garden Clubs, or a District for the best oriented programming in the following categories. See General Rules. Do not answer questions 1-6. Applications may be accompanied by tapes, CDs or videos.

### **#8A Radio**

1. A series of 13 programs
2. Public Service Announcements (10, 20, 30, 60 sec.)
3. Guest appearances

### **#8B Television**

1. A series of programs on community access cable TV or public TV station
2. Public Service Announcements (10, 20, 30, 60 sec.)
3. Guest appearances

In A or B, section 1, scripts of programs must be submitted, each under its own title, with date and length, and complete enough to clearly indicate the extent of coverage achieved. Include index of the entire series by date and subject, and one taped recording (radio or video cassette) of any ONE of the programs. In A or B, section, submit series of PSA's, including length and date first aired.

In A or B, section 3, submit tape of aired segment. NOTE: Request tapes of PSA's (unless you furnished tape, programs, or segments from the station to assure best quality video.

### **#8C Best use of Radio and/or TV throughout the year to promote Garden Club Objectives**

Radio

TV

Radio and TV

**AWARD #9 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARD**

**9A Small Standard Flower Show**

**9B Standard Flower Show**

**9C Design Specialty Show**

**9D Horticulture Specialty Show**

Send schedule to:

**Flower Show Schedule and Consultant Chairman**

**Versa Dore**

**5217 Claude Viator Rd**

**New Iberia LA 70560-8774**

**versadore@yahoo.com**

The show must have been staged in the current Award calendar year. Any Flower Show schedule, except a State Show, may apply for Award #9. With more than one club sponsoring a Flower Show, ONLY ONE schedule should be submitted for this Award. However, each club involved in a winning schedule will receive the Award. A Certificate will be given to those schedules scoring 90. All Flower Show Schedules must conform to the rules and requirements of National Garden Clubs Show Handbook 2017. National Garden Clubs "Scale of Points for Evaluating NGC Flower Show Schedules" which may be found on the NGC website: [http://gardenclub.org/resources/fss-forms/FSS\\_29.pdf](http://gardenclub.org/resources/fss-forms/FSS_29.pdf)

**I. REQUIRED FORMAT ..... 14 pts. \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. Cover and/or title page
- B. Table of Contents; all pages must be numbered.
- C. Committee Chairmen with phone numbers listed (names/numbers).
- D. General Rules (those rules that apply to the entire show).
- E. NGC Standard System of Awarding (stated in full per HB pg. 5).
- F. NGC Top Exhibitor Awards, local or special awards being offered (stated in full or with HB page references).
- G. Divisions-order is determined by staging with required Divisions taking priority.
  - 1. Division I: Horticulture or Design (required) (may include an invitational section)
    - a. Specific Division rules (that apply only to this Division)
    - b. Sections and Classes
  - 2. Division II: Horticulture or Design (required) (may include an invitational section)
    - a. Specific Division rules (that apply only to this Division)
    - b. Sections and Classes
  - 3. Division III: Educational Exhibits (optional)
    - a. Specific Division Rules (that apply only to this Division)
    - b. Sections and Classes
  - 4. Division IV: Youth/Sponsored Groups (optional)
    - a. Specific Division Rules (that apply only to this Division)
    - b. Sections and Classes
  - 5. Division IV: Botanical Arts (optional)
    - a. Specific Division Rules (that apply only to this Division)
    - b. Sections and Classes
      - i. Botanical Arts Horticulture
      - ii. Botanical Arts Design
      - iii. Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts
      - iv. Botanical Arts Photography

6. Others: exhibits that do not apply toward an NGC Flower Show Achievement award (such as invitational, commercial, plant exchange/sale)

a. Specific Rules (that apply only to these exhibits)

b. Sections and Classes

**II. TITLE PAGE OR FRONT COVER ..... 6 pts. \_\_\_\_\_**

Title of the flower show (appropriate), State below title: an NGC Standard Flower Show, an NGC Small-Standard Flower Show, an NGC Horticulture Specialty Flower Show, an NGC Design Specialty Flower Show, an NGC Petite Standard Flower Show, an NGC Petite Small-Standard Flower Show, an NGC Petite Horticulture Specialty Show, an NGC Petite Design Specialty Show or an NGC Youth Standard or Small Standard Flower Show.

A. State: name of club/group/organization presenting the show.

B. State: location of show. (complete address with phone number)

C. State: dates (month/day/ year) and times show will be opening and closing.

D. State: open and free to the public, open and parking/admission price, or by invitation.

E. State: member of NGC, regional name, state, district number, name of local affiliation.

**III. GENERAL RULES (THOSE THAT APPLY TO THE ENTIRE SHOW ..... 10 pts. \_\_\_\_\_)**

A. State: "This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). The Handbook for Flower Shows (HB), 2017 edition, with revisions posted on the NGC website, is the authority for all issues not covered by the schedule, which is the Law of the Show."

B. State: The following information:

1. Who may enter an exhibit/s in each Division.

2. Date/s, time, and place for accepting entries.

3. Date, time, and place for removing exhibits.

4. Time judging will begin.

C. State: Complete procedure for making entries (if procedure varies from division to division, then state in division rules).

1. When, where, how and from whom the entry cards are available.

2. Cards filled out in advance (typed, in water-proof ink, with labels or pencil).

3. Registration may be online: State: "All entries with the required entry card information must be sent to the appropriate entries chairman by (date) in order to be computerized." Or: "Exhibitors are required to bring list of all entries with the required entry card information on the day of the show."

D. State: "The Classification Chairmen for each Division checks exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility."

E. State: "The General Chairman and the Classification Chairmen for each Division are available during judging for possible consultation. They, along with the judges and clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging."

F. State: "The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited."

G. State: "There must be an emphasis on fresh plant material; no artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any Division."

H. State: "Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class, except in the Horticulture Division and the Botanical Arts Horticulture Section if each is a different species, variety, cultivar, type or color." HB p. 25

I. State: "The (name of sponsoring group) will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement but, is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits."

J. State: The state's policy concerning use of state's native plants, noxious plants, and those on the state's conservation list. May include website address.

**IV. AWARDS ..... 10 pts. \_\_\_\_\_**

A. State: the NGC standard system of awarding is used in all divisions:

1. Only one first-place (blue) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 90 points or more.
2. Only one second-place (red) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 85 points or more.
3. Only one third-place (yellow) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 80 points or more.
4. One (1) or more honorable mention (white) ribbons as merited; must score 75 points or more.

B. Correctly list all NGC top exhibitor awards offered in the show (with full descriptions, or HB pages referenced).

1. Include: must be highest scoring 95+ blue ribbon winner.
2. Include: minimum number of classes and exhibits required.
3. Identify sections/classes eligible for each award offered and number of awards offered.

C. Correctly list all local/specialized awards offered in the show.

1. List all requirements for the award/s to include minimum number of exhibits and classes required.
2. Identify sections/classes eligible for each award offered.

**V. HORTICULTURE RULES AND CLASSES ..... 10 PTS \_\_\_\_\_**

A. State: "The NGC exhibit policies are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division." (or the policies could be individually listed.)

B. State: "The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimens are listed in the Handbook for Flower Shows or its supplement, Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging." (or the rules could be individually listed for the specific plant.)

C. State: "In order to receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the exhibitor must identify his/her entry by its binomial name or currently accepted scientific designation (consult Handbook for Flower Shows, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division, Chapter 6.

D. State: "Entry cards are to be filled out in advance if possible." Specify if cards are to be typed, written using waterproof ink, labels or pencil. Refer to Chapter 6 for a correctly filled out entry card.

E. State: "Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line, except for gladiolus."

F. State: "If a plant is considered a flowering plant, it should be exhibited as a flowering specimen. Foliage plants may flower but, should be exhibited as foliage plants if they are grown for their leaves."

G. State: "Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the 'Any Other Worthy' class."

H. State: "The Horticulture Classification Committee Chairman and/or General Show Chairman are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics."

I. State: "The Scales of Points for Horticulture are located in Chapter 14 of the Handbook for Flower Shows." The scales of points may also be listed in the schedule.

J. Specify who is to furnish containers and wedging for cut specimens.

1. If exhibitor is to furnish, state: clear, preferably colorless, glass bottles.
2. Include type of wedging allowed and if anchoring is allowed.
3. State whether or not double-potting is allowed.

**VI. HORTICULTURE SECTIONS AND CLASSES ..... 8 pts. \_\_\_\_\_**

A. Systematic formatting of Sections and classes/sub-classes.

1. Division and all Sections and Sub-sections are titled reflecting the theme or title of the flower show.
2. All Sections contain at least three (3) specific classes ('Any Other Worthy Specimen' is last class listed, but not considered a specific class).
3. State: required number of specimens per exhibit, stem length, sets of leaves, size restrictions, staging, etc. as appropriate for each horticulture class/type.

B. Correct botanical spelling and classes are listed alphabetically in each section by genus/binomial.

**VII. DESIGN RULES AND CLASSES. . . . . 8 pts. \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. State: "The NGC exhibit policies are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 7, exhibiting in the design division, NGC policies and guidelines." (Or all policies could be listed in the design rules of the schedule.)
- B. State: "Advance registration with the Design Entries Chairman/Consultant is required by (date)"
- C. State: "Plant material and non-plant material permitted and not permitted in the Design Division are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 7. (Or they may be listed individually in the schedule.)
- D. State: "All plant material used in the design must be identified on a card (schedule determines acceptable card size and who is to provide) and included with the entry card."
- E. State: "The exhibitor is required to conform to the stated descriptions and limitations of the design type if named in the class."
- F. State: "Rules for design types, advanced design types, table designs, and table appointments are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 7."
- G. State: "Designer is on his/her honor that the design being entered has not been previously entered or judged in an NGC Standard Flower Show."
- H. State: "The Scales of Points for Design are located in Chapter 14 of the Handbook for Flower Shows." The Scales of Points may also be listed in the schedule.

**VIII. DESIGN SECTIONS AND CLASSES ..... 10 pts. \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. Systematic formatting of sections and classes with Division, all Sections, and all Classes titled reflecting the theme or title of the flower show.
- B. Dimensions of allocated design space (frame of reference) given for each class. (For shows staged in a home, the furnishings and their placement are described. Schedule must also state an advance viewing date of the show site for exhibitors.)
- C. Description of all staging provided by committee for each Section/class
  - 1. Color and texture of draping, wall or other background.
  - 2. State if, when and where designer may obtain specific staging.
- D. List all staging to be provided by designer within his/her allotted space.
- E. State: "The designer has the freedom to choose traditional or creative style with any design listed unless restricted by the schedule." (There should be a balance of required design types with freedom of choice.)

**IX. EDUCATION RULES AND EXHIBITS ..... 6 pts. \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. State: "Educational exhibits may be the work of more than one individual or organization unless a Student Judge, or an Accredited Judge is seeking exhibiting credit for preparing an educational exhibit."
- B. If an Educational Top Exhibitor Award is being offered, State: "An exhibit must occupy a minimum of eighteen (18) square feet of surface area) For a Petite NGC flower show, state six (6) square feet of surface area instead).
- C. State: "Scale of points for Educational Exhibits is listed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 14" (Alternatively, the Scale of Points may be listed.)
- D. State: Exhibits are competitive or non-competitive
- E. Specify all staging provided by committee.
- F. Listing the exhibits in the schedule:
  - 1. Schedule lists each exhibit individually as exhibit 1, exhibit 2, etc.
  - 2. Exhibits are titled with brief descriptions
  - 3. Names of exhibitors may appear in the schedule only if exhibits are not being judged.

**X. YOUTH EXHIBITS/SPONSORED GROUPS RULES AND CLASSES ..... 5 pts. \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. State: Youth Age categories
- B. State: "The NGC exhibit policies are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 9, exhibiting in the Youth and Sponsored Groups Division. All policies could be listed in the Youth and Sponsored Group rules of the schedule.
- C. State: "Youth exhibits are evaluated using the Horticulture, Design, Education and Botanical Arts Scales of Points."

- D. Describe all staging provided by committee.
- E. Classes appropriate to age categories.

**XI. BOTANICAL ARTS RULES AND SECTIONS/CLASSES..... 12 pts.\_\_\_\_\_**

- A. State: "All Botanical Arts Horticulture, Design and Artistic Craft exhibits must contain some plant material."
- B. State: "No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit."
- C. State: "The Scale of Points for judging Botanical Arts Horticulture, Design, Artistic Crafts and Photography are listed in Chapter 14 of the Handbook for Flower Shows."
- D. State: "The rules for Botanical Arts Horticulture are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 10."
- E. State: "The general guidelines for all Designs as printed in Chapter 7 of the Handbook for Flower Shows, including a card provided by the exhibitor listing plant material used in the design apply to Botanical Arts Design."
- F. State: "The rules for Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 10."
- G. State: "The rules for Botanical Arts Photography are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 10."
- H. List the sections and classes individually.
- I. Sections must have title related to overall show theme; classes must have titles related to overall show theme except for those in Botanical Arts Horticulture sections.
- J. Describe all staging provided by committee and/or exhibitor.

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**XII. OTHER (DO NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE FSAA)..... 1 pt\_\_\_\_\_**

- A. Specific rules (that apply only to these exhibits)
- B. Classes
  - 1. Commercial
  - 2. Invitational
  - 3. Others

**MAXIMUM SCORE 100 pts ..... Total Score\_\_\_\_\_**

**AWARD #10 LGCF AWARD OF COMMENDATION**

Eligible for NGC #SR-1

Send Application to:

**LGCF President**

**Patricia Ortalano**

**1104 Farrington Drive**

**Marrero, LA 70072-3921**

**portalano3@gmail.com**

Awards are approved by the Executive Council. A plaque may be awarded to an individual, organization or institution, not affiliated with the LGCF, for outstanding work in the field of horticulture, conservation, or furtherance of other Garden Club objectives. Not more than two (one to an individual and one to an organization) awards will be given annually. Recommendations for this award may originate from a club, a group of clubs, or responsible citizens. This award may be received only once in a lifetime. See General Rules.

**CONSERVATION AWARDS #11 (A - C)**

Send Application to:

**Wildflower/Native Plants Chairman**

**Beverly Dupont**

**1339 Vick Rd.**

**Effie, LA 71331-1919**

**Beverlydupont1339@outlook.com**

**AWARD #11A CORINE ROBERIE: WILDFLOWER/NATIVE PLANT AWARD**

Eligible for Deep South #18 and #21, NGC #EC-5

Donor: Tricia Ortalano

A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded annually to a member of a federated garden club or a garden club for the most comprehensive activity in the area of wildflower/native plants. This project is to be a concentrated effort in the area of identifying, promotion, planting and protection of wildflowers/native plants in Louisiana. See General Rules.

**AWARD #11B CORA POWELL CONSERVATION AWARD**

Donor: Aurora Plantation Gardeners, Belle Chasse Garden Club, Colonial Garden Club, Country Club Home Gardeners, Fleur de Lis Garden Club, Green Thumb Garden Club, Lake Forest Garden Club, Lakeview Botany Guild, Lake Terrace Garden Club, Metairie Ridge Garden Club, Terrytown Garden Club

A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded annually to a member of a federated club, a member club, or group of clubs for the best Conservation Exhibit staged in a Standard Flower Show. Application shall include one picture, a description and written evaluation by judges for the standpoint of educational value, message impact, design, harmony and simplicity. See General Rules.

**AWARD #11C SPECIAL CONSERVATION AWARD**

A certificate will be given to clubs whose entire membership grows at least one native plant in their gardens. Each garden club must grow at least five different varieties from the Louisiana Native Plant list and each member must have the selected plant in her possession at least three months in order to qualify for the award. See General Rules. Do not answer questions 1-6. This application may not require 3 pages. The updated Louisiana Native Plant list was approved at 2021 Winter Council and can be found on the LGCF website under Projects M-W.

**AWARD #12 - CONSERVATION PROJECT AWARD**

Eligible for DS #8 and NGC #EC-1, EC-2, EC-4

Donor: Donna Bucci

Send Application to:

**Environmental Concerns/Conservation Chairman**

**Donna Bucci**

**1244 Delmar Avenue**

**Morgan City, LA 70380-5904**

**dcbucci@cox.net**

A certificate and \$25.00 will be awarded annually to an individual Federated club or group of clubs for meritorious achievement in any of the following conservation activities: Education, legislative, cleaning of bodies of water and/or wetlands, other field projects or year's overall conservation program. Second place will receive a certificate and \$15.00. Third Place will receive a certificate and \$10.00. See General Rules.

**AWARD #13 - THE BEAUTY OF LIFE GARDEN AWARD**

Sponsored by Mary Hazen and Kathy Bedenbaugh

Send Applications to:

**Gardens Chairman (Beauty of Life)**

**JoAnn Pugh**

**127 Acadian Dr.**

**Lafayette 70503**

**joannpugh@hotmail.com**

A freestanding Louisiana shaped traveling plaque will be awarded annually to a Louisiana Federated State Garden Club for the most outstanding permanent pink flower garden and must have at least one pink rose plant. The garden must be planted in a public place in the community during the month of October in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. The garden is to be planted to create awareness of breast cancer in both men and women; or in recognition/dedication to breast

cancer survivors; or in memory of breast cancer victims, both men and women. A certificate will be presented to each applicant. See General Rules.

#### **AWARD #14 A - AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FLOWER SHOWS**

Send Application to:

**DSR/NGC Awards Chairman**

**Patsy Hebert**

**6604 S LA Highway 82**

**Youngsville, LA 70592-3210**

**Patsyhebert1968@gmail.com**

A certificate will be awarded for clubs whose NGC Flower Show scores 95 or more. A club is not eligible to receive this award two consecutive years. NGC Flower Show Achievement Awards are listed in *The National Gardener* in odd-numbered years with changes noted in even numbered years. Information regarding NGC FSAA and application requirements can be found on the NGC website ([www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)). Eligible for NGC #FS-1 through FS-16

The following NGC Flower Show Awards may be applied for:

- \* Four Purple Rosettes, one in each membership category, for a Club Standard Flower Show
- \* One Red/White/Blue Rosette for Patriotic Standard Flower Show
- \* One Red/Green Rosette for Holiday Standard Flower Show
- \* One small Yellow Rosette for Standard Flower Show of Petite Exhibits. Show must qualify as Petite Show in Horticulture, Design and Special Exhibits
- \* Four Petite Purple Rosettes, one in each membership category, for a Club Small Standard Flower Show
- \* One Petite Red and Green Rosette for Holiday Small Standard Flower Show
- \* One Petite Red/White/Blue Rosette for Patriotic Small Standard Flower Show
- \* One Petite Red/White/Blue Rosette for Petite Small Standard Flower Show
- \* One Blue/White Rosette for Near-Club Standard Flower Show
- \* One Rose Rosette for Council Standard Flower Show
- \* One Rose Rosette for Judges Council/s Standard Flower Show
- \* One Green Rosette for District Flower Show
- \* One Orange and White Rosette for a Plant Society Standard Flower Show
- \* One Chartreuse Green Rosette for Horticulture Specialty Show
- \* One Blue and Yellow Rosette for Design Specialty Show

YOUTH FLOWER SHOW AWARDS (or Youth Section of an Adult Standard Show) non-competitive

- \* One Red Rosette for One NGC Youth Garden Club
- \* One Red Rosette for Two or More NGC Youth Garden Clubs
- \* One Red Rosette for Youth Participation in a Standard Flower Show



#### **AWARD #14B EIGHTH DISTRICT JUDGES COUNCIL AWARD**

Donor: District VIII Judges Council

Send Application to:

**DSR/NGC Chairman**

**Patsy Hebert**

**6604 S LA Highway 82**

**Youngsville, LA 70592-3210**

**Patsyhebert1968@gmail.com**

A certificate and \$25 will be awarded to a member club(s) receiving the highest number of points on the evaluation of its Flower Show. To receive this award, the show must be evaluated by a panel of judges, see *Handbook for Flower Shows (2017), Chapter 5, X*. No book of evidence is needed for this award. This award will not be given to a club (s) in consecutive years. The member club (s) do have the option of also applying for a NGC Achievement Award for Flower Shows. A book of evidence will then be required.

#### **AWARD #15 - VALERIE BARNUM CIVIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD**

Eligible for DS #8,16,17 and NGC #CE-5

Donor: District V

Send Application to:

**Civic Development & School Grounds Improvement Chairman**

**Carol Campbell**

**350 Old Moncla Rd**

**Marksville, LA 71351-4804**

**moncla350@yahoo.com**

A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded annually to a Federated garden club or group of clubs having accomplished distinguished civic work by making permanent beautification improvements for public benefit, in any planned undertaking that results in a change for an improved environment. Second Place will receive \$15.00 and Third Place will receive \$10.00. An organized record of proof of the achievement shall constitute the application. Actual "before and after" photographs of the project, cost sheets and adequate description of the activities involved shall provide the required documentary evidence. See General Rules.

#### **AWARD #16A-B - HORTICULTURE THERAPY AWARDS**

Eligible for DS #8 and NGC #G-3

Send Application to:

**Gardening Consultant Council President**

**Pam Langley**

**1750 Bilbo Street**

**Lake Charles, LA 70601-6061**

**pamxyz@bellsouth.net**

#### **#16A HORTICULTURE THERAPY CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

May be awarded to a member club for having sponsored outstanding, beneficial horticulture project, whereby handicapped or special needs individuals receives noteworthy benefits. See General Rules.

#### **#16B ESTHER CARRIERE HORTICULTURE THERAPY AWARD**

Donor: District V

A certificate and an award of \$25.00 may be awarded annually to First Place, \$15.00 for Second Place, and \$10.00 for Third Place to a club for outstanding work for at least two years in furthering participant cooperation in a Horticulture Therapy Project. A complete record of plans, procedures and achievements shall constitute the application. See General Rules.

### **AWARD #17 ARBOR DAY AWARD**

Send Application to:  
**Arbor Day Chairman**  
**Camille Stakes**  
**3828 Placid Lane**  
**Lake Charles 70605**  
**casstakes@aol.com**

The official Arbor Day in Louisiana is the third Friday in January. A certificate will be awarded to clubs observing Arbor Day by planting trees and/or shrubs. Include an informative and interesting program in your ceremony. Any tree planting ceremony during the month of January or throughout the awards year may be considered in observance of Arbor Day as long as the planting takes place within the awards year and the award is received by the chairman December 1 of the awards year. This award is non-competitive. See General Rules. Deep South Arbor Day Awards #7 and #23 are available. Complete DS award application and send with award to LGCF second Vice-President- specific rules for application.

### **AWARD #18 - VICKIE LaCOMBE BIRD AWARD**

Eligible for Deep South #6, NGC #EC-3

Send Application to:  
**Birds Chairman**  
**Roselie Overby**  
**PO Box 741**  
**Oak Grove 71263-0741**  
**roverbird73@gmail.com**

A certificate will be awarded for First Place and Second Place to the club which contributes most to the study of and protection of birds. Certificates may be awarded to runners-up, if merited. Applications must include verification pictures, dated press clippings, letters of appreciation, or any other pertinent material, such as titles of programs, speakers, and a brief summary of the type of study. Application must follow general rules. If Bird Sanctuary is maintained by law, give number of ordinances.

### **AWARD #19 - PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD**

Eligible for Deep South #3

Send Application to:  
**Diana "Dee" Nolan**  
**107 Lakeside Dr.**  
**Lafayette, LA 70508-7011**

A certificate will be awarded annually to an individual Federated Garden Club, or group of clubs, for accomplishments in garden club related activities with one (or more) non-member group/s or organization/s in promoting, through good public relations, LGCF, Deep South of NGC projects. A certificate will be awarded for Second Place and a certificate for Third Place. Competition to be based on one and only one selected co-sponsored project in a field such as conservation, horticulture, litter control, environmental improvement, youth involvement, historic restoration, or any other meritorious activity promoting garden club goals which will broaden the scope of public relations. See General Rules.

### **AWARD #20 - PEGGY CAZES and JEANETTE GATZMAN BUTTERFLY PROTECTION PROJECT AWARD**

Eligible for Deep South #14

Donor: Baton Rouge Garden Club

Send Application to:  
**Butterfly Gardening Chairman**  
**Julia Gilmore**  
**8509 Hwy 562**  
**Fort Necessity, LA 71243-5151**  
**gcjlgilmore7408@yahoo.com**

A certificate and \$25.00 may be presented to the member club presenting the best butterfly project, which contributes most to the study and protection of butterflies. If merited, Second Place will receive \$15.00; and Third Place will receive \$10.00. If a Butterfly Garden is maintained, please include this in the application. Application to include verification pictures, dated press clippings, and/or other pertinent materials; such as titles of programs, speakers, etc. See General Rules.

#### **AWARD #21 - HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND/OR RESTORATION AWARD**

Eligible for Deep South #2, #17 and NGC CE-9

Send Application to:

**Historic Preservation Chairman**

**Cindy Galloway**

**1013 Alabama St.**

**Vidalia, LA 71373-2612; cindygalloway1955@gmail.com**

Awarded annually to an individual, club or group of clubs for a Historic Preservation/Restoration project or Landscape project at an historic site. If a Landscape project, it must comply with the principles of good landscaping set down in the Handbook of Landscape Design from NGC. Application shall include landscape plans designed to professional standards. Planting plans and pictures should show actual locations. Include botanical and common names, quantity of all plants used and arrangements for maintenance. See General Rules A certificate will be awarded for First Place and Second Place to an individual, club or group of clubs for a Historic Preservation/Restoration project or Landscape project at an historic site. Certificates may be awarded to runner-up, if merited.

#### **AWARD #22 - PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK AWARD**

Eligible for Deep South Publicity Press Book Award #29

Send Book to:

**Publicity Press Book Chairman**

**Roxy W. Blanton**

**303 W. Tampico Street**

**New Iberia, LA 70563-1339**

**roxywblanton6@gmail.com**

**Deadline: January 15.** All garden clubs, districts, councils and garden centers belonging to LGCF may submit a Press Book. Garden Club entries are divided into three categories based on membership: Small Club: 20 and under members; Medium Club: 21 - 50 members; Large Club: 51+ members  
Certificates will be awarded to winners. For format and content refer to Deep South Garden Clubs Award information

#### **AWARD #23 - SILVER TROWEL AWARD**

Donor: Southwest Louisiana Judges Council

Send Application to:

**Southwest Louisiana Judges Council President**

**Cecille Revels**

**111 Acacia Drive**

**Lafayette, LA 70508-4001**

**cecille.revels@gmail.com**

A Silver Trowel pin will be awarded annually to the person with the most outstanding horticulture entry in a Standard Flower Show scoring 95 points or above. Only one entry for each show. Entries must include a 5x7 or larger color photograph, staged with a background; remove ribbons and cards before taking pictures. The photograph may be enclosed in a clear page protector with the botanical name of the exhibit and name of the exhibitor included on the reverse side of the photograph. The application is to be submitted by the Show Awards Chairman or club hosting the flower show with the Title and date of the Flower Show indicated to the current President of the Southwest Louisiana Judges Council for awarding at the Annual Convention. Revised 1-2020

**AWARD #24 - BILLIE MASSA LITTER CONTROL AWARD - Eligible for Deep South #5**

Donor: District II

Send Application to:

**Litter/Reclamation/Recycling/Waste Management Chairman**  
**Lea Ann Walley**  
**PO Box 892**  
**Winnsboro, LA 71295-0892**  
**leawalley@gmail.com**

A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded to a Federated club, council of group of clubs for sponsoring a project in the field of litter control encompassing such activities as waste reduction, recycling, and endeavors for a quality environment. Youth involvement emphasized. Project documentation must include: extent of involvement of individual club members; involvement of other organizations in the community, youth involvement, including youth garden clubs and other youth groups; government involvement; the actual or potential extent of the goals that the project accomplished; and the influence on the public for a quality environment. See General Rules

**AWARD #25 - MAUDE VISKELL DESIGN AWARD**

Send Application to:

**LGCF Awards Chairman**  
**Kyle Martin**  
**73192 Military Rd.**  
**Covington, LA 70435-6053; kylemartin@charter.net**

A pin may be awarded annually to an individual earning a top exhibitor award for design staged in an NGC Flower Show, staged by one or more LGCF member clubs. Only one application can be accepted from each individual; however, no limitation is on the number sent from each show. Application must include: letter signed by the show chairman; 8 x 10 color picture of design only taken from front of design to include the total frame of reference (remove ribbons before taking pictures); list names of all plant materials; name of exhibitor; exhibitors club; name of member club or clubs staging show; district; date of show and Show Schedule. See General Rules.

**AWARD #26 - SARA GLADNEY LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARD**

Eligible for DS #10, #17 and NGC #CE-8

Donor: Landscape Consultants Council

Send Application to:

**Landscape Design Consultants Council President**  
**Jan Lemoine**  
**109 Jacks Drive**  
**Hessmer, LA 71341-4437**  
**Janlemoine109@icloud.com**

A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded annually for the best designed landscape in a church yard or neighborhood park by a Federated Garden Club, group of clubs or council of garden clubs OR an individual garden club member. Application should be submitted in the year the project is considered complete. Requirements are: Simple, workable plan to scale; pictures of the progress of project; narrative account of the project and ultimate goal. See General Rules.

**SCALE OF POINTS FOR JUDGING:**

Design principles	35
Function	20
Suitability to site	10
Selection, placement, condition of plants and materials	15
Ease of maintenance	10
Neatness of presentation	<u>10</u>
TOTAL	100

**AWARD #27 - ZELDA ROSE EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT AWARD**

Donor: Covington Garden Club

Send Application to:

**Snoann Willett, Covington Garden Club**

**72577 Fitzsimons Road**

**Covington, LA 70433-7141**

**snoannw@gmail.com**

A certificate and \$50.00 may be offered annually to a member of a Federated garden club for the most comprehensive activity in the presentation of an educational exhibit presented in a Standard Flower Show. The applications will be judged for educational value, the organization of components within the exhibit and the ability to attract and hold the viewer's attention. Application must include location and the date of the Flower Show, 5x7 photo of exhibit, handouts, and a written evaluation from the judging panes of the exhibit and its staging and lighting. This award may be received only once by an individual. See General Rules.

**AWARD #28 - BETTY BAGERT MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARD**

Donor: Betty Bagert

A certificate and award of \$25.00 will be given annually to the District with the highest percentage of increase in number of members. The award will be based on the LGCF Treasurer's list of paid members as of December 31st, each year and no application is necessary.

**AWARD #29 – MARGO RACCA SWEEPSTAKES AWARD**

A certificate and \$25.00 may be awarded annually to the garden club submitting the largest number of competitive awards at the LGCF, DSGC and NGC levels combined. In case of a tie, the club winning the most first place awards will be named the recipient of the Sweepstake Award. The award will be presented annually at Summer Board.

**Award #30 - CLEANEST CITY CHALLENGE**

In honor of Mrs. Dorothy Anne Norsworthy George

Sponsored by Collinston Garden Club

A trophy will be awarded to the Louisiana village, town, or city that wins the Louisiana Garden Club Federation State Cleanest City Contest three consecutive years. The winner of the award is to be determined by the LGCF Cleanest City Contest State Chairman. In the event of a tie, the highest point scores would determine the winner over the three-year period. The winner shall have possession of the trophy for one year. The display and responsibility of the trophy shall belong to the sponsoring LGCF club. The sponsoring club is responsible for returning the trophy to the State Cleanest City Contest Chairman at the LGCF Annual Convention.

**AWARD # 31A - CLEANEST CITY OVERALL IMPROVEMENT AWARD**

This award shall be given to the entrant that shows the most overall improvement in a year as determined by the LGCF State Cleanest City Chairman. No application is needed for this award.

**AWARD #31B – CLEANEST CITY INNOVATIVE CONCEPT AWARD**

Donor: Jean Gilstrap

Send application to:

**LGCF Cleanest City Contest Chairman**

**Jean Gilstrap**

**161 Donna Drive**

**Farmerville, LA 71241**

**jeangilstrap@gmail.com**

This award shall be given to the entrant that has the most innovative concept (slogan, or creative idea) promoting the LGCF Cleanest City Contest; with a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to be given if merited. Applications should be sent to the LGCF Cleanest City Chairman along with a copy of the slogan or creative idea used. Use LGCF Award Application form. Do not answer questions 1-6. A certificate and \$50 may be presented to the First-place winner. If merited, second place will receive \$25 and Third place will receive \$15.

**AWARD #32 – THE ELEANORE TALLEY MEMORIAL SWEEPSTAKES AWARD**

The Eleanore Talley Memorial Award of a Certificate and \$25 to be awarded annually to the LGCF Garden Club that wins the largest number of competitive awards from LGCF, Deep South and NGC combined. In case of a tie, the club with the most first place wins will be awarded the Sweepstake Award. The award will be presented annually at Summer Board.

Donor: District V

**AWARD #33-1 and #33-2, WEBSITE**

Donor Kathy Tell

Send application to:

**Kathy Tell**

**9696 Simon LeBleu Rd.**

**Lake Charles LA 70607-0362**

**Kathytell7@gmail.com**

A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for the most outstanding website promoting the sponsoring club, LGCF, Deep South, and NGC objectives. On the LGCF Awards Application Form provide your website address, who maintains site, how often updated, and cost. Ease of navigation will be considered while judging from the current site.

**#33-1 Designed and managed by club member/members.** Eligible for NGC #MAE-2A1

A. Single Garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv extra-large. Winning club in each size category will receive \$10.

B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.). Winners receive a certificate.

**#33-2 Professionally designed** - Eligible for NGC #MAE-2C1

A. Single garden club - i small club, ii medium club, iii large club, iv extra large

B. Group of member clubs (councils or districts, etc.)

**SCALE OF POINTS FOR WEBSITE JUDGING #33**

**Presentation:** Design/Appearance: attractive, engaging, easy to view; layout **25 pts.**

**Navigation:** Ease of navigation, navigation system (bar, map, etc.), logical flow of pages, clear page headers, links active **35 pts.**

**Achievement:** Club/group information present/easy to find, educational **20 pts.**

**Promotion:** Promotes LGCF, DS, NGC and sponsoring club objectives **10 pts.**

**Maintenance:** Does it appear to be updated? **10 pts.**

**TOTAL 100 points**

**AWARD #34-Social Media**

Eligible for NGC #MAE B1, C1

Send application to:

**Kathy Tell**

**9696 Simon LeBleu Rd**

**Lake Charles, LA 70607-0362**

**Kathytell7@gmail.com**

A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for the best use of social media (i.e. Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, etc.) promoting the sponsoring club, LGCF, Deep South, and NGC objectives. On the LGCF Awards Application Form provide your social media account type and address/handle. Provide the names/identifiers of club members who participate.

Winning clubs in each category will receive \$10. *Donor: Kathy Tell*

**SCALE OF POINTS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA USE JUDGING #34**

<b>Presentation:</b> Engaging, easy to understand:	<b>25 pts.</b> [SEP]
<b>Participation:</b> Evidence of participation among the majority of club members.	<b>35 pts.</b>
<b>Achievement:</b> Club/group information is shared in a concise, easy to understand manner.	<b>20 pts.</b>
<b>Promotion:</b> Promotes LGCF, DS and NGC objectives	<b>10 pts.</b>
<b>Frequency/timely:</b> Does it appear to be used on a regular basis throughout the club year?	<b>10 pts.</b>
<b>TOTAL 100 points</b>	

**Award #35 (A-B) LGCF Life Memberships**

A \$25 award and a certificate will be given for the highest increase in LGCF Life Memberships as defined in each section. These awards are calculated by the LGCF Life Membership Chairman and verified by the President Elect. No application is necessary. The Award will be paid from the Life Membership fund balance.

- A. Award for the club having the greatest number of new Life Memberships in calendar year.
- B. Award for the District having the greatest number of new Life Memberships in calendar year.

**Award #36 Plant an Oak Award**

Donor: District VI

Send Application to:

**Donna Moran**

**8015 Casey Court**

**Mandeville, LA 70448-7515**

**dkmoran@msn.com**

An award of \$50 and a certificate will be given to a club (one in each size division) for the planting of oak trees listed on the LGCF native plant list. To be considered for the award, the club must plant as many oak trees as they have members. Trees can be planted by individuals or purchased to be planted by someone else. In the case of a tie in the division, preference will be given to the club with the largest percentage of deciduous oaks.

LGCF AWARD APPLICATION FORM MAY BE FOUND AT <http://www.lgcfinc.org/awards.html> under Application Form