LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC.
GENERAL RULES (Revised 4/2026)

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.

Applications – unless otherwise noted – will be **emailed in PDF form** to the respective Awards Chairmen listed in the LGCF Awards page on the Website: hhtp://www.lgcfinc.org/awards.html

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 - Book of Evidence (BOE). Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer required or allowed.
- Applications are to be **emailed** 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 or LGCF website Forms Library.
- **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 (BOE) 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:

- 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.
- Email these lists to the state LGCF Awards Chairman (LGCF First Vice-President) 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 emailed to the LGCF Awards Chairman, 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 emailed to the LGCF-Deep South and National Awards Chairman (LGCF Second Vice-President), 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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A note critiquing each application shall be attached to each application submitted for a competitive award. The Scale of Points (page 3) **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. 7 or No. 23
- No. 18 A – Vickie Lacombe Bird Award
- No. 18B - Hummingbird Garden Award
- No. 19 – Public Relations Award
- No. 20 – Peggy Cazes and Jeanette Gatzman Butterfly Protection Project Award
- 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) DS and/or NGC applications must be made and sent with your LGCF Award application to the designated LGCF Chairman.
- **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 which do not have a corresponding LGCF Award are to be **emailed** to the LGCF Deep South/National Awards Chairman (Second Vice President) by December 1.

When 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)

Exception to emailing Deep South and National Applications to the Second Vice President: All **Youth Awards**. The Youth Activities Chairman will process LGCF, DSGC and NGC Youth Awards.

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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.]

Presentation	meets all requirements, neatly presented	**15 pts**
Quality	articles well written; publicity related to projects and/or **activities**	**40 pts.**
Quantity	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.)	**25 pts.**
Diversity	local, council, district, state, national, other	**20 pts.**
		Total 100 pts

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. (See Pages 4-5.)

NON-COMPETITIVEAWARDS: 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.)

Presentation - Neat, concise, includes all required information.	**5 pts**
Achievement - 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.	**65 pts**
Participation - Size of club; involvement of member, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, resident in facilities, others. Not all of these have to be involved**.**	**15pts**
Record or Documentation - 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 reports, letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles (if possible), radio or TV script (if possible), etc**.** Photocopies and computer downloaded articles are permitted.	**15pts**
	TOTAL 100 pts

***Please Note:** Publicity Book Scoresheet. Yearbook Scoresheet, and General Scoring Rubric (Scale of Points for LGCF Competitive Awards) can be found on the Forms Library Page of the LGCF website.
https://www.lgcfinc.org/forms-library.html

LGCF AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

AWARD # 1 - GARDEN CLUB ACHIEVEMENT

EMAIL application to:
LGCF Awards Chairman (LGCF First Vice President)

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 two pages, 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.

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

MAIL or **Hand Deliver** 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 themes.
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.)

Email LGCF, DSGC and NGC applications to:

Youth Activities Chairman
Karen Gremillion
k.gremillion@yahoo.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 or throughout the awards year may be considered in observance of Arbor Day. 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 YW-3.

AWARD #4 - HIGH SCHOOL GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

Contact LGCF Awards Chairman for listing of these awards:
Youth Activities Chairman
Karen Gremillion
k.gremillion@yahoo.com

AWARD #5 (A-D) - HORTICULTURE AWARD

Donor: Carla Gauthier

EMAIL application(s) to:
Horticulture Chairman
Margaret Melancon
Mmela85338@aol.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 an 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. Any paper with information copied directly from sources without using quotes will be disqualified. Follow the Criteria on the 5-A Horticulture Paper Award Specific Scoring Rubric which follows:

5-A Horticulture Paper Award Specific Scoring Rubric
Give each item 1-5 points, with 5 being the highest.

	CRITERIA	Number Points
1	**Horticulture paper attached to an LGCF form. (It is to be emailed to the Horticulture Award 5-A Chairman with the LGCF Award Application as a PDF document.)**	
2.	**Paper must be the work of 1 person. Length no more than 750 words. Number of words written at top of page.**	
3,	**Essay is prepared in black ink, typed, single spaced, font no smaller than 12 points or larger than 14 points.**	
4.	**Paper educational to the reader, and based on historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and neatness. No pictures, drawings, and graphics allowed.**	
5.	**A complete standard bibliography – author, title, publisher, and date of publication. Quotes must be used if information is copied exactly from the source. For website, you need the title of the website, URL, and date of access.**	
	TOTAL POINTS	

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, revised January 2026** (found on Forms Library Page of LGCF website)**.** 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 an 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

EMAIL application to:
Roadside Development Chairman
Janet Moriarty
janetmmoriarty@gmail.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

EMAIL Application(s) to
Inter-Club Relations Chairman
Pam Langley
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 verifications 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.

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).

AWARD #8 - Digital Media Presentation (NEW Award for 2026)
Eligible for NGC Award MAE-3
Donor: Lafayette Garden Club

EMAIL Application to:
Public Relations Chairman
Karen Guillory
Gemlady807@yahoo.com

A certificate and $10.00 may be awarded to a winning Garden Club in each size category, and group of Garden Clubs or a District for the best presentation recorded and submitted on any type of digital media supporting any of the following NGC objectives: History/Archives, private or public Garden Tours, Flower Shows, Projects, Programs, or other. See General Rules.

NGC MAE 3 Specific Scoring Rubric will be used for judging.
Description on NGC Award Guidelines with NGC Award MAE 3 - Specific Scoring Rubric.

AWARD #9 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARD

9A Small Standard Flower Show
9B Standard Flower Show
9C Design Specialty Show
9D Horticulture Specialty Show

MAIL schedule to:
Flower Show Schedule and Consultant Chairman
Versa Dore
5217 Claude Viator Road
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" may be found on the NGC website. Flower Show Schedule Evaluation 29-2 can also be found on LGCF Website Forms Library page.

AWARD #10 LGCF AWARD OF COMMENDATION
Eligible for NGC #SR-1

EMAIL Application to:
LGCF President
Carla S. Gauthier
carla_gauthier@hotmail.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.

#11 (A - C) CONSERVATION AWARD

EMAIL Application(s) to:
Wildflower/Native Plants Chairman
Jan Lemoine
janlemoine109@icloud.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 around wildflower/native plants. This project is to be a concentrated effort in 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 their possession for 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

EMAIL Application to:
Environmental Concerns/Conservation Chairman
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

EMAIL Applications to:
Gardens Chairman (Beauty of Life)
JoAnn Pugh
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 SHOW

Send Application Requirements including Digital Formatting to:
LGCF Second Vice President (DSR/NGC Awards Chairman)
Ammy Taylor
650 N. Wilderness Rd.
Port Barre, LA 70577-5680
leeammy@yahoo.com

A certificate will be awarded to 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). 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

EMAIL Application to:
LGCF Second Vice President (DSR/NGC Awards Chairman)
Ammy Taylor
leeammy@yahoo.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 an 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

EMAIL Application to:
Civic Development & School Grounds Improvement Chairman
Kate Moreau
katemoreau@bellsouth.net

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 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 #16 (A-B) - HORTICULTURE THERAPY AWARDS
Eligible for DS #8 and NGC #G-3

EMAIL Application(s) to:
Gardening Consultant Council President
Susan Wilhelm
Flitzyw1@att.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 Genera

AWARD #17 ARBOR DAY AWARD

EMAIL Application to:
Arbor Day Chairman
Camille Stakes
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 (A-B) BIRD AWARDS

EMAIL Application(s) to:
Birds (Conservation/ Natural Resources) Chairman
Kim Callegan
kfcalle@aol.com

AWARD #18A – VICKIE LACOMBE BIRD AWARD

Eligible for DS #6, NGC #EC-3

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 #18B - HUMMINGBIRD GARDEN AWARD (New Award for 2026)

Eligible for DS #6, NGC #G3, and NGC #G1 Award (if planted in a container).
Donor: Carla Gauthier

A certificate of award and $50.00 may be awarded annually to an individual garden club member for the best designated garden to attract hummingbirds. Planting plans and pictures should show actual locations, including common and botanical names of plants used. Use of plants from the native plant list is encouraged, as well as at least one or more hummingbird feeders. Please include before and after pictures of the completed garden in the award application. See General Rules. LGCF General Scoring Rubric will be used for judging.

AWARD #19 – PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

Eligible for Deep South #3

EMAIL Application to:
Karen Guillory
Gemlady807@yahoo.com

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

EMAIL Application to:
Butterfly Gardening Chairman
Monique McBride
monique.mcbride@home24bank.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

EMAIL Application to:
Historic Preservation Chairman
Cindy Galloway
cindygalloway1955@gmail.com

Awarded annually to an individual, club or group of clubs for a Historic Preservation/Restoration project or Landscape project at a 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 a 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

Mail or **Hand Deliver** 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.

Refer to GENERAL RULES, page 3 for more information on the Publicity Press Book. For format and content, refer to Deep South Garden Clubs Award information, Award #29 Publicity Press Book.

AWARD #23 - SILVER TROWEL AWARD
Donor: Southwest Louisiana Judges Council

MAIL Application to:
Southwest Louisiana Judges Council President
Karen Hoyt
8614 River Road
Abbeville, LA 70510-2245
kohoyt@aol.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

EMAIL Application to:
Litter/Reclamation/Recycling/Waste Management Chairman
Lea Ann Walley
leawalley@gmail.com

A certificate and $25.00 may be awarded to a Federated club, council or 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 the following: 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
Donor: LGCF Flower Show Judges Councils

MAIL Application to:
Diane Bordelon, District VIII Judges Council
2864 Hwy 451
Moreauville, 71355-3233
dianebordelon@gmail.com

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 Design Consultants Council

EMAIL Application to:

Louisiana Design Consultants President
Versa Dore'
versadore@yahoo.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	10
TOTAL	100

AWARD #27 - ZELDA ROSE EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT AWARD

Donor: Covington Garden Club

MAIL Application to:

Snoann Willett
72577 Fitzsimons Road
Covington 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 panel 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 (No Longer Offered)
AWARD # 31A - CLEANEST CITY OVERALL IMPROVEMENT AWARD **(**No Longer Offered)
AWARD #31B – CLEANEST CITY INNOVATIVE CONCEPT AWARD (No Longer Offered)

AWARD #32 – THE ELEANORE TALLEY MEMORIAL SWEEPSTAKES AWARD
Donor: District V
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.

AWARD #33-1 and #33-2, WEBSITE
Donor Kathy Tell

EMAIL Application to:
Kathy Maffei
jkmaffei@yahoo.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 it is 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 (NGC NO longer has a Social Media Award)
Donor: Carla Gauthier

EMAIL Application to:
Kathy Maffei
jkmaffei@yahoo.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. **Scale of Points for Judging follows on page 19.**

SCALE OF POINTS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA USE JUDGING #34

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

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

EMAIL Application to:
Vicky Fannaly, District VI Director
vicky_fannaly@yahoo.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.

Award #37 PATRIOTIC CONTAINER GARDENING AWARD (NEW Award for 2026)

Eligible for NGC Award #G1
Donor: Carla Gauthier

EMAIL Application to:
Patriotic Container Gardening Chairman
Karen Guillory
Gemlady807@yahoo.com

A certificate of award and $25.00 may be awarded annually to a member of a federated garden club for the most outstanding container or multiple containers grown in one location with flowers in red, white, and blue. Accessories may be included. This award promotes NGC's PLANT AMERICA project. A photo and plant list must be included in the award application. Second place will receive a certificate of award and $15.00. Third place will receive a certificate of award and $10.00. See General Rules. NGC G-1 Container Gardening Specific Scoring Rubric will be followed for judging.
NGC Award G-1 can be found in current NGC Awards Handbook and on LGCF website > Forms Library.

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