

**SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL AWARDS
2015 - 2017**

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RULES FOR AWARDS

1. **AWARDS YEAR: January 1 – December 31**
2. **DEADLINE: January 25** is the deadline for all SAR Award entries to reach the REGIONAL Awards Chairman. All entries are judged by respective states at the STATE level. **The State Awards Chairman should MAIL all in one package the state winner of each award to the Regional Awards Chairman for Regional competition, if applicable. A list of state winners being submitted to Regional Awards Chairman must be included in the package. Applications MUST INCLUDE REGIONAL Award Name.**
3. **APPLICATION FORM:** Contains questions / topics to be addressed along with any supporting photographs. Forms are available on the NGC website, www.gardenclub.org , or from the State Awards Chairman.
 - *There is a three (3) page limit; use ONLY ONE SIDE of the page.
 - *Type using “TIMES NEW ROMAN” FONT, NO SMALLER THAN size “10”.
 - *Applications will be accepted in HARD COPY form only.
 - *Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer needed nor allowed. Note some exceptions.
 - *Applications will NOT be returned after SAR Convention.
4. **MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR, YEARBOOKS and PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS are exceptions, with specific rules, etc. Consult NGC Awards list for these details.**
5. **CATEGORIES BY CLUB SIZE:** Some awards specify awards according to size. Those are:
 - i Small Club: 29 members and under
 - ii Medium Club: 30 – 59 members
 - iii Large Club: 60 – 99 members
 - iv Extra-large Club: 100 members +

SCALE OF POINTS FOR JUDGING SAR & NGC AWARDS

- 5 pts. Presentation:** neat, concise, includes all required information, does not exceed 3- page limit.
- 65 pts. Achievement:** Scope of project, need and fulfillment; benefit; accomplishment; comprehensive work; activities to attain goals; evaluation of goals reached; educational; prior planning; very brief history of continuing project; financial report; other.
- 15 pts. Participation:** Size of club; involvement of members, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, residents in facilities, others. (Involvement of all these is not required.)
- 15 pts. Supporting documents:** Supporting data (as applicable), clear, well-labeled and neatly attached. ‘Before’ and ‘After’ photos, landscape plan (Does not have to be professionally –drawn) financial report, letters of appreciation, community awards, recognition, newspaper / magazine articles, radio or TV script, (if possible), etc. Photocopies are permitted, but need to be ‘readable’.
- 100 pts. TOTAL**

SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION AWARDS, 2015 - 2017

1. **ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING / ACTIVITIES Donor: Geneva Hunt**
\$25 may be awarded to a club with the most outstanding tree planting activity and/or promotion of conservation and preservation of trees and/or Arbor Day Activities.
 - i. Small Club
 - ii Medium Club
 - iii Large Club
 - iv Ex-large Club

2. **BIRD PROTECTION Donor: Betty Gorrie**
\$25 award to a club conducting the most comprehensive and effective project for bird protection and welfare, such as sanctuaries, providing food, houses and promoting law enforcement relative to bird welfare. (NGC # 42)
 - i Small Club
 - ii Medium Club
 - iii Large Club
 - iv Ex-Large Club

3. **PROTECTING OUR POLLINATORS AWARD Donor: Joanna Kirby**
\$25 may be awarded to a club, group of clubs or council for the most comprehensive and effective project on our POLLINATORS, e.g. habitat protection, protection of migratory routes, public education, establishment of a butterfly garden at a school or community site. (NGC # 43)

4. **COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION / LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARD Donor:**
\$25 may be awarded for the most distinguished civic improvement for public benefit, e.g. establishing sanctuaries, municipal gardens, landscaping public buildings, etc. Copy of landscape plan must be included. Commercial projects not eligible. i. Small Club; ii. Medium Club; iii. Large Club; iv. Ex-large Club (NGC# 49)

5. **ENVIRONMENTAL/ CONSERVATION AWARD Donor: Karen Prewitt**
\$25 may be awarded to a club, group of clubs or council for the most concentrated activity / study / project to improve our environment (such as soil, water, energy, air and / or natural resources). NGC #41.

6. **GARDEN THERAPY / HEALING GARDEN AWARD Donor:**
A \$25 cash award to a club, council or group of clubs having the most outstanding garden Therapy program in which a Healing Garden is an integral part. Evidence must show handicapped or elderly persons' involvement in the Garden.

7. **GARDEN THERAPY HORTICULTURE PROJECT AWARD**
Donor:
A \$25 cash award to a club reporting the most outstanding program establishing a garden(s) to benefit the physically or learning-challenged in nursing homes, schools, prisons, low income housing, Habitat for Humanity, etc. Includes barrier-free gardens, accessible gardens, meditation garden at a hospital, etc. (NGC # 48)
 - i. Small Club
 - ii. Medium Club
 - iii. Large Club
 - iv. Ex-large Club

8. HISTORIC PRESERVATION Donors:

A \$25 award to a club, group of clubs or council for the most outstanding project continuing or completing work on a historic preservation project, such as a trail, park, cemetery, garden or grounds around a historic building and/or garden of importance to local, state or national heritage. (NGC # 50).

- A. Single member garden club, by size
- B. Group of member clubs/council

9. PUBLICATION: CLUB NEWSLETTER AWARD Donor: Mary Sue Floyd

\$25 may be awarded for the best overall club newsletter; certificates for category winners. Newsletter published 3 or more times / year under one editorship. Notices and flyers for one-time events do not apply. Submit only 3 sample issues and state the number of issues per year. Printed or electronic distribution newsletters are eligible; however, printed copies must be submitted for SAR judging. Categories: 1. Newsletter of one 8 ½ " x 11" or 8 ½ " x 14" paper.

2. Newsletter of 3 – 12 pages.

Eligibility for categories: A. Single member garden club: i. Small Club; ii. Medium Club; iii. Large Club; iv. Ex-large Club. (NGC # 12)

10. NATIVE FLOWERING TREES LANDSCAPE AWARD

Donor:

A \$25 award to a club, council, or group of clubs for the most outstanding project in landscaping the grounds of a school or other public building USING NATIVE FLOWERING TREES / SHRUBS. Application must include a detailed report of landscape plans, history, costs and publicity.

11. NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK Donor: Mary Dixon

\$25 may be awarded for the best overall promotion of National Garden Week; entry to show National Garden Week awareness throughout the ENTIRE week, and MUST include local and or state National Garden Week proclamation. Winner in each category will receive a Certificate of Award. (NGC # 53)

- A. Single Member Garden Club – i. Small; ii Medium; iii Large; iv Ex-large
- B. Group of member clubs (Councils or Districts, etc.)

12. PROGRAMS

A. BEST SLIDE, VIDEO OR POWER POINT PROGRAM

Donor:

A \$25 award to an individual member, group of members or club submitting the most Outstanding program via slides, video or power point that has been presented at a meeting of a Club, group of clubs or council.

B. BEST PROGRAM (without slides, video or power point)

Donor:

A \$25 award to an individual member, group of members or club submitting the most Outstanding program without slides, video or power point that has been presented at a meeting of a club, Council or group of clubs.

13. PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD Donor:

A \$25 award to a club, group of clubs or council for the most thorough involvement of other Civic organizations, businesses and agencies, etc. in garden club projects, activities and Programming for the year.

14. ROADSIDE IMPROVEMENT AWARD Donor:

\$25 may be awarded to a club, group of clubs or council for notable enhancement of roadsides and rest areas using wildflowers and/ or native plants. Project may be sited on rural byways, urban highways, roadside rest areas, entrances to towns, medians, etc. (NGC # 71)

15. **STANDARD FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARDS**
A. SINGLE CLUB Donor:
A \$25 award for the best Standard Flower Show SCHEDULE.
- B. TWO OR MORE CLUBS OR COUNCIL AWARD**
Donor:
A \$25 award for the best Standard Flower Show SCHEDULE.
16. **LANDSCAPE DESIGN FOR CHURCH GARDENS AWARD**
Donor: Emily Floyd Stephens
\$25 may be awarded for planning and planting of a church or synagogue garden that meets the needs of the congregation. Overall best in each category to be awarded:
A. Single garden club
B. Individual garden club member (NGC# 28)
17. **“PLANT IT PINK” AWARD Donor: Patricia Arndt**
\$25 will be awarded for the most outstanding and innovative NEW project by a club or council emphasizing the planting of PINK gardens using pink flowers and/or foliage to make the public aware of the fight against breast cancer.
18. **“VISION OF BEAUTY” CALENDAR SALES**
Donor: Elaine Thornton
A \$25 cash award to the club selling the largest number of *VISION OF BEAUTY* Calendars. The winner to be determined on a percentage basis. Club need only supply number of members and number of calendars sold as ‘evidence’. Send this information to your State Awards Chairman.
19. **BLUE STAR MEMORIAL LANDSCAPING Donor: Romanza Johnson**
\$25 award for the most outstanding Blue Star Memorial landscaping project by a club, council or group of clubs. Project must include a Blue Star Memorial Marker, a Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker, or a Blue Star Memorial Marker at a National Cemetery or Veterans Administration Medical Center. The marker and landscaping may be part of a highway department rest area maintained by the department. The project may have been continuous, but major landscaping must be completed within two years. The project may be a replacement for a destroyed or long-neglected landscape. (NGC # 29-1, #29-2, #29-3)
20. **NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD**
Donor: Sue Lawley
\$25 will be awarded to the state gaining the most new National Life Members during the award year. The percentage of state membership determines the winner. The NGC Life Membership Chairman will provide the number of new members.
21. **WATER CONSERVATION AWARD Donor: Carolyn B. Augustine**
\$25 may be awarded to the club providing the most thorough programming on Water Conservation. May include legislation, erosion control, watershed protection, clean waterways activities, etc., all stressing importance of WATER. (NGC # 6)
22. **WEBSITE AWARD**
Donor:
\$25 may be awarded to a club for the most outstanding website promoting club, state, SAR and NGC objectives. Provide on the NGC (SAR) Awards Application Form the website address, who maintains the site, how often updated and cost. Ease of navigation will be considered while judging from the current site. (NGC # 63-1)

SCALE OF POINTS FOR WEBSITE JUDGING

Presentation: Design/ Appearance: attractive, engaging, easy to view; layout25 pts.
Navigation: Ease of navigation, navigation system (bar, map, etc.), logical flow of pages,
Clear page headers, links active35 pts.
Achievement: Club / group information present/ ease to find, educational.....20 pts
Promotion: Promotes club, state, NGC and SAR objectives10 pts.
Maintenance: Does it appear to be updated?10 pts.

TOTAL..... 100 pts.

23. SAR LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD Donor: Jenene Smith

\$25 is awarded to the state having the most NEW regional life memberships since the previous SAR Convention. Cut-off time will be evening meal on the first full day of convention, 2016 and 2017.

24. SAR CONVENTION REGISTRATION AWARD Donor (2016): Ginny Parker

\$25award to the NON-HOST STATE with the most SAR Convention Registrations RECEIVED by MARCH 1. Convention Registrar to provide this information for SAR Awards Chairman.

25. YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD Donor:

\$25 may be awarded to a garden club MEMBER or a SENIOR GARDEN CLUB providing educational programs / activities that promote NGC objectives for youth in any setting, such as classroom, 4-H Clubs, Scouts, Junior, Intermediate or High School Gardeners.

26. YEARBOOKS: See NGC Award # 16 for ALL CATEGORIES of Yearbooks and enter accordingly, using Award # 30 A, 30 B, 30 D, or 30 E.

27. SAR PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK AWARDS

Publicity press books may be awarded certificates for the quality, quantity and diversity of coverage in the print media. **Read NGC AWARD # 44 – Publicity Press Book** for requirements and scale of points upon which the books are judged.

CATEGORIES

- A. Single Member garden clubs
 - i. Small Club ii. Medium Club iii. Large Club iv. Ex-large Club
- B. Group of member clubs, councils districts
- C. Affiliated Garden Center

DEADLINE:

Send to SAR REGIONAL Publicity Press Book Chairman by FEBRUARY 23.
Barbara S. Ohmsen
2881 E. Meadow Wood Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23321-4243
757-484-1753 basohmsen@cox.net

28. LITTER / RECYCLING / RECLAMATION

Donor:

\$25 may be awarded to the OVERALL Winning club for the most outstanding community prohect/activity on litter prevention, reclamation or recycling. Emphasis on a clean community, e.g. year long program, organizing a recycling program, establishing a community composting site. Certificates may be awarded to the winners in each category. (NGC #39)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS

29. YOUTH CLUB AWARD Donor: Janice Doyle

\$25 may be awarded to the overall best **Junior / Intermediate Garden Club** and the **MEMBER GARDEN CLUB** sponsoring the youth club, which has been most successful in promoting all phases of garden club work. Indicate grade/s, sponsor, list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved. Do not duplicate with other junior / intermediate awards.

A. Grades 1 – 3 B. Grades 4 – 6 C. Grades 7 – 9 D. Other (NGC # 10-J)

30. YOUTH ACTIVITIES AWARD Donor: Judy Ann Fray

\$25 may be awarded to a Youth Group for the most outstanding work in any of the National Garden Club objectives. This includes outstanding local projects with full information provided. Include pictures, publicity and comments. Extra credit for groups organized through garden clubs as Junior, Intermediate and High School Gardeners.

31. NGC YOUTH POETRY CONTEST Donors: Edith Nelson,

\$10 and an Honor Certificate will be presented to the winners of grade levels K---9th grade and Special Education & ESL Students. A \$25 award will be given to the student with the overall best poem.

Theme, 2015 – 16: “Croaking, Leaping Frogs”

Theme, 2016-17: “We Three: Bees, Butterflies and Me”

DEADLINE both years: February 14.

Students MUST FOLLOW NGC Rules. Find those and other details:
www.gardenclub.org/youth/youthcontests/poetrycontest.

State Youth Poetry Contest Chairman sends the State Winners to the SAR Youth Poetry Chairman: Susan Throneberry
270-781-0000
4621 Old Scottsville Road
Alvaton, KY 42122

The list of winners is then submitted to the SAR Awards Chairman by March 1.

32. NGC HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST Donor: South Atlantic Region

\$200 will be awarded to the SAR Essay Contest winner. Open to all high school students. See NGC Contest Rules. State winner must be sent to Regional Essay Contest Chairman by JANUARY 1.

Send to: Lilyan Carlson 803-345-0186

114 Libby Ariail Court

Chapin, SC 29036

lilyan@bellsouth.net

Name of Regional Winner must be sent to SAR Awards Chairman by February 1.

33. YOUTH RECYCLABLE SCULPTURE CONTEST Donors:

\$10 and an Honor Certificate will be awarded to the SAR youth sculpture winners of grade levels 4 – 8. \$25 will be awarded to the student with the overall best sculpture made of recyclable items for designated grade levels. Students must follow NGC rules. Photos of the State winners are sent to the SAR Youth Sculpture Contest Chairman:

Trish Bender

843-795-2112

2171 Welsh Avenue

843-276-1618 (c)

Charleston, SC 29412

tbender@carolinaone.com

34. SMOKEY BEAR / WOODSY OWL POSTERS

Donors: Barbara S. Ohmsen,

\$10 and Honor Certificate will be awarded to the SAR poster winners of each grade level (Grades 1 – 5). States are to send only one winner in each grade level to the SAR Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl Chairman. Posters must follow the rules of NGC and the US Forest Service flyer.
Send state winners to:

Barbara S. Ohmsen, 2881 E. Meadow Wood Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23321-4243
Due Dates: February 15 of both 2016 and 2017.

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