

*The Garden Club
Of
New Jersey Awards Booklet*

*State: New Jersey
Regional: Central Atlantic Region
National: National Garden Clubs, Inc.*

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General Rules

1. The GCNJ award numbers preceded by an asterisk * in the GCNJ awards list indicates the award is given automatically, if deemed worthy. No application or Book of Evidence is required for these. (This does not apply to NGC or Youth).
2. **NGC, CAR and GCNJ Award Rules** - A club, after receiving two consecutive annual awards for the same project, may not apply for an award of the same project again until a period of two years has elapsed.
3. **All applications for awards** must be accompanied by a Book of Evidence containing photos of, before, during and final results; publicity; plot plan for landscape projects; letter (s) of appreciation; financial statement; and brief summary of the project.
4. **Deadline** for Yearbooks is November 1. Deadline for NGC Awards is November 15. Deadline for GCNJ and CAR American Hort. Society Perennial Awards is February 15.

Preparing Your Garden Club Yearbook

A club yearbook should be an easy-to-use source of information for the club year, planned to inspire members to attend meetings and participate in club activities. It is a combination package presenting a picture of the club's goals, the continuity of its objectives from year to year, and details on meetings, members and special events.

It is hoped that each club will consider publishing an annual yearbook. Try to have new yearbooks available for distribution at the first meeting of the new club year for maximum benefit for members. ***Do send 5 copies of your yearbook to your District Director early in the autumn.***

The purpose of the club yearbook is to summarize the year's plans and provide information for ready reference. Club yearbooks are also eligible for competition at state and national levels. You must be a winner at the state level in order to compete for a National Award.

The scale of points in this Awards Booklet clearly defines what your yearbook should include and how your yearbook will be judged. A yearbook should contain ***all*** the information requested in the guidelines. Take special note of what is ***required***, what is ***recommended*** and what is ***optional***.

Should you have questions pertaining to your yearbook, you may contact your state Awards Chairman or your state District Director. They will be happy to assist you.

YEARBOOKS

16 A, G Yearbooks for Garden Club and IA Garden Club- A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for outstanding yearbooks in the following categories, determined by number of members, including Life Members, on whom NGC dues are paid. Yearbooks may be accepted for competition on the calendar year or the club year (the same yearbook may be submitted only one time in awards year). No envelope necessary.

- A. Single member garden club
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|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 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 | | |
- G. 1A International Affiliate, Federations and Associations.
 1B International Affiliate, Single member garden club

Scale of Points A&G

<u>Format</u>	15
A. Book Structure	
1. Practical, convenient size, durable, neat	3
B. Arrangement of contents	
1. Cover: name of club, town, state, year (design optional)	2
If permanent binder cover is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information on cover and so note	
2. Title Page: name of club, town, state, year number of members, affiliated organizations (district, state, region, NGC, other)	2
3. Subsequent pages (in order most useful to members)	6
Club officers; club membership roster with complete mailing addresses and telephone numbers; names and addresses of NGC President, NGC Regional Director, State President, State District Director, Council President (if any); Calendar of events	
C. Options: club's choice to include bylaws, budget, fund raising, roll call	2
NGC/Region/State themes; club theme, if used, should be evident throughout the book	
<u>Programs</u> (judged upon quality and balance of programs)	50
Study on variety of NGC Goals & Objectives such as: Birds, Blue Star Memorials, Butterflies, Civic Achievement, Conservation, Environment, Flower Shows, Floral Design, Historic Preservation, Horticulture, Horticulture Therapy, Landscape Design, Legislation, Litter Control, Roadside Beautification, US & World Gardens, Wildflowers, Youth, etc.	
1. At least seven meetings a year	3
2. Date, location/address, time of meeting	3
3. Speaker's name, qualifications (brief), program title	4
4. Programs, workshops, tours furthering NGC Goals & Objectives,	40
Give brief word description (lecture, slides, demonstration, hands-on workshop)	
<u>Projects</u> (judged upon scope of projects)	35
Projects involve actual membership participation that benefit the community and further NGC Goals & Objectives (does not include fund-raising or social activities)	
1. List Continuing and New Participating Projects	15
2. Give brief word description of projects: who benefits, location, how community benefits, how members are expected to participate, chairman, etc.	10
3. List donations: in-kind donations - to whom, sale of State/NGC products, community service, scholarships, etc.	10
TOTAL	100

PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK AWARD

The Publicity Press Book Award year is January 1--- December 31.

Although no application forms are required for CAR and NGC, one is required for GCNJ use.

Publicity Press Books are due to the State Publicity Chairman by January 25

Please note: The Westfield Garden Club Trophy (award #67) is available for your press book. A GCNJ application must be completed and submitted to the State Publicity Chairman to be eligible for this award.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PREPARING

1. Label on outside cover; number and name of NGC award, category, name of club(s), city and state.
2. Submit in report cover or folder: 8 ½ x 11" or 9 x 12". No heavy scrapbooks or oversized portfolios. There is no limit on the number of pages. Plastic page protectors may be used.
3. Material must consist only of newspaper, magazine, newsletter or any printed publication clippings with the name and date of publication over each article. Clear photocopies are permitted; reduced photocopies of large or lengthy articles are permitted. Downloading of published newspaper articles from the internet is permitted.
4. Include Table of Contents. Affix contents in chronological order January 1 through December 31.
5. Clippings evenly cut. No loose clippings permitted.
6. Each published item must contain the name of organization and/or individual (s) identified as a member of the organization. Underline first use of name of organization and/or member in each article.
7. Articles should include who, what, when, where, etc.: publicity should relate to organization's or individual's projects and/or activities; promotion of NGC objectives and goals.

Self-addressed envelope must be included for return of Publicity Press Book.

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PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK AWARD
CLUB NAME

CITY
NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN CLUB
MEMBER OF THE
YOUR DISTRICT
YOUR STATE
CENTRAL ATLANTIC REGION
NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

BOOK COVER INFORMATION NEEDED: Type on label on paper and place on top center of book

COVER LABELS: For an 8 ½ x 11” or 9 x12” theme style binder, amphile or oxford brief with pockets on the inside of cover (front & back)

A return envelope for the press book with address and proper postage for the person it is to be returned to should be placed in the back pocket of the notebook. This should come from the club that enters their press book for competition.

Lower left hand label should include the following (typed & on white paper)

**NAME OF PRESS BOOK CHAIRMAN
NAME OF CLUB
ADDRESS**

INFORMATION WHICH SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON YOUR TITLE PAGE

CLUB'S NAME
YOUR CITY
DISTRICT
YOUR STATE
NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN CLUB
PRESIDENT'S NAME
PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK AWARD

AWARDS SCHEDULES & PROCEDURES

GENERAL INFORMATION

YEARBOOKS

Date Due: November 1
Send to: Five copies to the State Awards Chairman
(May send the 5 copies to State District Director who will forward them to the State Awards Chairman)
Details: GCNJ Awards Booklet—pages 3-4

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Awards Year: January 1- December 31
Date Due: November 15
Send To: All applications for NGC Awards ***must*** be made through the **State Awards Chairman.**
Details: *The National Gardener* Fall issues (odd numbered years)
GCNJ Awards Booklet—page 24

STANDARD FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Awards Year: January 1- December 31
Date Due: December 15
Send to: State Flower Show Evaluations Chairman
Details: Handbook for Flower Shows (guidelines-chapter 4)
Note: The Flower Show Evaluations Panel will advise if a Show has scored high enough to apply for a National Award.

PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK

Awards Year: January 1- December 31
Date Due: January 25
Send to: State Publicity Chairman
Details: GCNJ Awards Booklet- pages 5-6
The National Gardener- Fall issues (odd numbered years)

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

Awards Year: February 1 – January 31
Date Due: February 15
Send to: State Awards Chairman
Details: GCNJ Awards Booklet—pages 8-21

YOUTH GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

Awards Year: February 1- January 31
Date Due: February 15
Send to: State Youth Chairman
Details: GCNJ Awards Booklet 25-27

CENTRAL ATLANTIC REGIONAL AWARDS (CAR)

The Books of Evidence for these awards ***are selected*** at the GCNJ Awards Committee Reading from the GCNJ Award Winners. These ***are sent*** by the State Awards Chairman to the Regional Awards Chairman. ***No club*** may apply directly.
Details: GCNJ Awards Booklet- pages 22-23

GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY AWARDS

Awards Year- February 1 to January 31. Only clubs that are active members of the Garden Club of New Jersey are eligible to apply for awards. All information should apply to awards year but for noted instances (i.e. continuing projects).

Deadlines- All applications with supporting evidence are sent to State Awards Chairman on or before **February 15.**

REQUIREMENTS OF BOOK OF EVIDENCE

- A. **FORMAT** - Data should be brief, neat and concise. Materials should be attached to pages and secured in an amphile or theme binder. (A **maximum of 12 pages**, using front and back of **6 sheets of paper**). Refer to the Flower Show Handbook for the criteria for a Standard Flower Show. The use of plastic page protectors adds distinction and is recommended. No loose items. **NO SCRAPBOOKS, LOOSE LEAF BINDERS OR OVERSIZED BOOKS!**
- B. **COVER - ON A REMOVABLE LABEL, PRINT ONLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**
1. Award number and name of award
 2. Name of club or applicant
 3. Address- city or town
- No photos or graphics! Removable label is necessary. Cover (no clear plastic covers) must be blank to be eligible to send to CAR or NGC. Do not affix to Book of Evidence-clip with application form.*
- C. **PROPER APPLICATIONS**
- Two** application forms are necessary and should be **completely filled out, signed and paper clipped** inside the front cover for easy removal. You may apply for only ONE award per Book of Evidence.
- D. **TOP OF FIRST PAGE**
1. Number and name of award
 2. Name of Club
 3. Club membership
- E. **TEXT-** **must** include:
1. Title or theme of project
 2. Existing situation which prompted club activity
 3. Objectives
 4. Activities to attain goals
 5. Results
- Also include the following:*
- F. **STATEMENTS OF APPRECIATION** from officials, organizations or recipients
- G. **PUBLICITY** with date and name of newspaper
- H. **PROGRESSIVE PICTURES**
- I. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**
- J. **SUPPORTING DATA** such as membership participation
- K. **RADIO & TV SCRIPTS**
- L. **YEARBOOK** in envelope attached inside the back cover
- M. **SUMMARY** brief summary (without supporting data). Relating activities during previous year (s) on the same project may accompany applications.
- N. **MAIL** all Books of Evidence for the club together (one envelope)

GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY AWARDS

***REMINDER - An asterisk * before the award number indicates an application and Book of Evidence are not required.**

- * 1. THE MEDAL OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY**
Presented to an individual, organization, or institution, in recognition of meritorious achievement, creative vision, ingenuity, or outstanding ability in any field that advance garden club objectives.
- *2. DR. W.T. SOMERVILLE, HYBRIDIZATION AWARD OF \$100**
Open to anyone who has successfully hybridized and duly registered a new variety under rules and regulations of an accredited plant society.
- 3. GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY CONTINUING PROJECT AWARD OF \$100**
Annual club award for a continuing project which has received an award previously. Project must demonstrate progress and growth in rendering greater influence or service in its field. This award may be applied for after the completion of five years' sponsorship of the project, and reapplied for by any winning club after another five year interval.
- *4. HELEN HULL SILVER BOWL**
A perpetual trophy held for one year. For finest horticultural division in a highly rated Standard Flower Show.
- *5. MRS. DAVID L. GEORGE SILVER CUP**
A perpetual trophy held for one year. For finest judged Standard Flower Show of the Year.
- *6. ELIZABETH HOOD SILVER TROPHY**
A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club whose Garden Education Center, in proportion to size, has contributed the greatest service to its community by furthering horticultural interest and providing educational information.
- 7. GARDEN CLUB OF THE YEAR SILVER TROPHY**
A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club which receives the highest score, in proportion to size, for participation and accomplishment in garden club projects and objectives on community, state and national levels.
- *8. THE SPADE AND TROWEL CLUB, PLAINFIELD, SILVER BOWL**
A perpetual trophy held for one year. For the best Christmas Greens Show (Standard Christmas Flower Show) of the Year.
- 9. FRAMED CITATIONS**
Presented on occasion to individuals for projects in recognition of outstanding achievement or in appreciation for special furtherance of garden club objectives, including fifty years or more membership in a garden club.
- *10a. MRS. REGINALD WILSON MEMBORIAL AWARD**
A perpetual trophy held for one year given by the South Orange Garden Club to the GCNJ member who is the winner of the Tricolor Award in the highest rated Standard Flower Show in which the Tricolor Award has been given.
- *10b. SOUTH ORANGE GARDEN CLUB TROPHY**
A trophy similar to that given in 10a to be given annually to the top winner of the **Tricolor Award** in a **Combined Flower Show** sponsored by 2 or more member clubs.

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- *11. THE MYRA BROOKS MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR CREATIVITY IN FLOWER ARRANGING**
(Presented by the Mountainside Garden Club as a memorial to their late member, whose artistry in flower arranging was a source of inspiration to all). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the GCNJ member who is the winner of the **Designer's Choice Award** in the **highest rated** Standard Flower Show in which the award has been given.
- *12. WORLD GARDENING SILVER TROPHY**
A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented annually for achievement in the Field of World Gardening.
- 13. THE THOMAS TURNER COOKE MEMORIAL AWARD**
(Presented by Mrs. Cooke in 1967 as a memorial to her husband). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to an individual or member club for outstanding achievement in the area of **conservation**.
- 14a. THE HAZEL BOWNE STERNAT CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION TROPHY**
(Presented by Mrs. Willard T. Somerville in 1969 as a memorial to her sister). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club which receives the highest score in proportion to size, for a one year or a continuing project, including restoration and preservation projects of **historic place** which have improved, benefited, beautified the community and stimulated civic pride and spirit.
- 14b. PINELANDS GARDEN CLUB CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION TROPHY**
(Presented in 1988 in honor of Dorothy Evert). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club in the **small category** for a project as described in the above award 14a.
- 15a. THE MYRA BROOKS GARDEN THERAPY TROPHY**
(Presented by interested individuals and clubs as a memorial to Mrs. Brooks great contribution to the cause of Garden Therapy). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a club for outstanding work in Garden Therapy.
- 15b. SMOKE RISE GARDEN CLUB GARDEN THERAPY TROPHY**
(Presented in 1988). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club in the **small category** for outstanding work in Garden Therapy projects.
- *16a. FLORENCE S. MC NEIL MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION TROPHY**
(Presented by Florence S. McNeil). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club having the highest percentage of membership participation in state events. **Membership under fifty**.
- *16b. DORIS L. CAVANAUGH MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION TROPHY**
(Presented by Mrs. Roy Cavanaugh in 1995). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club having the highest percentage of membership participation in state events. **Membership fifty and above**.
- *17. THE LENORE PLETCHER TROPHY**
(Presented as a memorial by her husband, Mr. Harold D. Pletcher). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the highest rated blue ribbon winner in the artistic division at **the Garden Club of New Jersey Flower Show**.
- *18. THE DOROTHY M. SCHICK TROPHY**
(Presented as a memorial by her sister, Catherine Schick). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club for the greatest **excellence in staging** a Standard Flower Show.

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- 19. THE RUTH B. SOMERVILLE SILVER TROPHY**
A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to an individual, club or clubs for an outstanding project in **litter prevention and/or control and /or recycling.**
- 20. THE MARGUERITE & VINCENT T. MULLIGAN GARDEN THERAPY TROPHY**
A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club or individual for continuity of service in one or more sponsored projects. Full documentation, giving length of service and institution served, must accompany application.
- *21. THE AMELIA STEWART PERPETUAL TROPHY**
(Presented by the Warren Garden Club). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the Garden Club of New Jersey member who is the winner of the **Horticultural Excellence Award** in the highest rated Standard Flower Show, in which the Horticultural Excellence Award has been given.
- 22. CLARA HUNTER GARDEN THERAPY PERPETUAL TROPHY**
(Presented by Florence S. McNeil in 1974, in memory of Mrs. Hunter's many years of devoted service to the Garden Club of New Jersey, especially in Garden Therapy). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the garden club whose members have contributed the **greatest number of hours** in Garden Therapy projects, in proportion to size.
- 23. THE VIOLET M. BENNETT ENVIRONMENTAL TROPHY**
(Presented by Mrs. Anthony Bennett in 1977). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club or individual for an outstanding project in the furtherance and betterment of the environment.
- 25. WYCKOFF GARDEN CLUB TROPHY**
(Presented by the Wyckoff Garden Club in 1980.) A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club for restoring, renovating and/or maintaining a garden of a building that has **historic** significance.
- 26. EAST ORANGE SILVER TROPHY**
(Presented by the East Orange Garden Club in 1980). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club for developing, maintaining and working with a **community park, garden or arboretum.**
- 27. LILLIAN C. KOELSCH TROPHY**
(Presented by Mrs. John C. Koelsch in 1980). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club or individual for developing, maintaining and beautifying a **public thoroughfare/highway/byway/street.**
- *28. MEMBERSHIP AWARD FOR HIGHEST INCREASE IN MEMBERS**
A **scholarship** for two clubs, for two members from each **to attend the lecture days of any GCNJ School.** Presented to the clubs with the highest percentage increase in new members for the fiscal year May 1 to April 30. Membership under 50 and membership 50 and over.
- *29. GLENN FERRARI MEMBORIAL TROPHY**
(Presented by the Warren Garden Club in 1982). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the GCNJ member who is the winner of the **Arboreal Award** in the highest rated Standard Flower Show in which the award has been given.
- *30. MARILYN J. LITVACK TROPHY**
(Presented by Mrs. Sidney Litvack in 1982). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the **student judge** who achieves outstanding **academic excellence** in all four courses.

31. **BASKING RIDGE GARDEN CLUB TROPHY**
(Presented in 1982). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club or individual for an outstanding project **working with senior citizens**.
32. **PANTHER VALLEY GARDEN CLUB TROPHY**
(Presented in 1982). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club or individual for the development of an effective program of activities for bird protection and welfare such as establishing sanctuaries, furnishing food, homes and promoting law enforcement relative to **bird welfare**.
- *33. **CERTIFICATE FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**
To a **state president** upon completion of her term of office, presented in recognition of her conspicuous achievement and leadership. Choice of certificate framed or on a plaque. (Limit to 25 words.)
34. **GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY AWARD**
(Presented by GCNJ 1987). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club for an **outstanding project or program**. Also can be used to break a tie in another award category.
35. **THE HOLLY CLUB OF SEA GIRT TROPHY**
(Presented in 1983 as a memorial to Kitty Berg). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club or individual for an **outstanding program with youth**.
36. **THE GARDEN CLUB OF TOMS RIVER TROPHY**
(Presented in 1983). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club with the most outstanding **Mini Garden Education Center**.
- *37. **THE ELIZABETH GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW TROPHY**
(Presented in 1983). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club for the finest judged **Small Standard Flower Show**.
- *38. **THE GARDEN CLUB RFD TROPHY**
(Presented in 1984) A perpetual trophy honoring Eleanore M. Huson to be held for one year. Presented to a member club for the finest **Standard Flower Show Schedule of the year**.
- *39. **BERNARDSVILLE GARDEN CLUB TROPHY**
(Presented in 1986). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the GCNJ member who is the winner of the **Award of Distinction** in the highest rated Standard Flower Show in which the Award of Distinction has been given.
40. **MOORESTOWN GARDEN CLUB TROPHY**
(Presented in 1987). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club for sponsoring and/or managing community garden, or actively supporting and working for **community gardening outside the club**.
41. **PINES LAKE GARDEN CLUB TROPHY**
(Presented in 1987 in honor of the club's 50th Anniversary). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club for arrangements and/or decorations of plant material in keeping with an **historic building** which is public and non-commercial.
42. **HANOVER GARDEN CLUB TROPHY**
(Presented in 1988 in honor of Helen Hait). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club for a successful, innovative project of merit **that does not apply for an award under any other category.**

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- *43. **GARDEN CLUB OF WESTFIELD TROPHY**
(Presented in 1988 as a memorial to Ernestine S. Coffey). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the **Junior chairman of The Junior Garden Club of the Year**.
- *44. **DORIS R. GALIONE COLLECTOR'S SHOWCASE TROPHY**
(Presented by Doris R. Galione in 1989). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the GCNJ member who is the winner of the **Collector's Showcase Award** in the highest rated Standard Flower Show in which the Collector's Showcase Award has been given.
- *45. **PATRICIA GROSSI PETITE AWARD TROPHY**
(Presented by the Garden Club of West Milford in 1989 in honor of Patricia Grossi). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the GCNJ member who is the winner of the **Petite Award** in the highest rated Standard Flower Show in which the Petite Award has been given.
46. **THIS AWARD HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED**
47. **GARDEN CLUB OF MOUNTAIN LAKES SILVER TROPHY**
(Presented in honor of Jessie Hyson, Mrs. Charles). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club or individual for an outstanding project related to **wildflower preservation**.
48. **THE COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB OF HUNTERDON COUNTY SILVER TROPHY**
(Presented by Mrs. Joan Walton in memory of her husband ,Grant Walton, Dean of Cook College and Director of the NJ Agricultural Experiment Station). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club or individual for an outstanding **educational program or exhibit related to garden club objectives**.
49. **THE WOODBRIDGE GARDEN CLUB TROPHY**
(Presented in honor of Martha J. Morrow in 1991.) A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club or individual for an outstanding program or project in **Garden Therapy** or may be used to break a tie in another Garden Therapy category.
50. **THE JULIA A. CLEVETT TROPHY**
(Presented by the Garden Club of Watchung in 1991). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the highest rated **Standard Flower Show sponsored by two or more member clubs**.
- *51. **THE GARDEN CLUB OF OAKLAND TROPHY**
(Presented in 1991 in honor of Lee Elbersen). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the top winner of the **Designer's Choice Award in a Combined Flower Show sponsored by two or more member clubs**.
52. **GCNJ SPECIAL AWARD**
(Made possible by the bequest of Sarah E. Seibert originally from Chatham NJ). A minimum of a \$200 check will be awarded to each of three clubs (small, medium, large) for a continuing project in **Civic Beautification**. The dollar amount may vary directly with fluctuating interest rates in the future. The **project must have been in effect for two years in June**.

- *53 DEMAREST GARDEN CLUB YEARBOOK AWARDS**
 Three perpetual trophies to be presented and held for one year to the following: (Medium sized club presented in 2005 for their 75th Anniversary; others in 1991.)
a. To a large club (over 50) for highest rated Yearbook
b. To a medium size club (25 – 50) for highest rated Yearbook
c. To a small size club (up to 25) for highest rated Yearbook
- 54. THE EDISON GARDEN CLUB TROPHY**
 (Presented in 1992). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club in the **medium category or an individual** for outstanding work in **Garden Therapy**.
- *55. GARDEN CLUB OF WESTFIELD TROPHY**
 (Presented in 1993 in honor of Catherine Barnett Sitzler). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the top winner of the **Petite Award in a Combined Flower Show** sponsored by two or more member clubs.
- *56. GARDEN CLUB OF CEDAR GROVE TROPHY**
 (Presented in 1993). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the top winner of the **Horticultural Excellence Award in a Combined Flower Show** sponsored by two or more member clubs.
- *57. GARDEN CLUB OF CEDAR GROVE TROPHY**
 (Presented in 1993). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the top winner of the **Award of Distinction in a Combined Flower Show** sponsored by two or more member clubs.
- *58. PINES LAKE GARDEN CLUB TROPHY**
 (Presented in 1993 as a memorial to Mary Chapman). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the highest rated **novice blue ribbon winner** in the highest rated Standard Flower Show in which it is given.
- 59. BERNARDSVILLE GARDEN CLUB TROPHY**
 (Presented in 1994 as a memorial to Jane Stellas Keating). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club for an outstanding project in **civic or environmental improvement**.
- 60. THIS AWARD HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED.**
- 61. THE GARDEN CLUB OF LONG BEACH ISLAND AWARD**
 (Presented in 1994). A **monetary award of \$100** to be awarded each year. It will be awarded to any state member club showing outstanding interest, leadership, involvement, and service to its community by acting as a **forum and facilitator for other community groups** in related areas such as: zoning, shade tree, environmental commissions, library exhibits or programs and other evidences of participation and concern. The Book of Evidence should highlight letters to and from participating groups, publicity, photos. Etc
- *62. GCNJ FLOWER SHOW INCENTIVE AWARD**
 (Presented by the Demarest Garden Club in 1995.) Two perpetual trophies held for one year. Presented to a **large member club and a small member club** (if warranted) for a highly rated **first ever or first after five year period**, Standard Flower Show staged by a single club.
- 63. MEDFORD LAKES GARDEN CLUB SILVER TROPHY FOR A NATIVE GARDEN**
 (Presented in 1995). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club for creating a landscape garden using predominately native plant material and taking Xeriscaping into consideration. The site must be accessible to the public, i.e. school, hospital, city hall, historic building etc.

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- 64. THE JANE S. R. BERSCH TROPHY**
(Presented by Mrs. John W. Bersch in 1996). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club for an **outstanding garden tour**, not staged in conjunction with a Standard Flower Show. The garden tour need not have been judged.
- 65. RINGWOOD GARDEN CLUB TROPHY**
(Presented in 1996). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club for outstanding **decoration of a public building for a special occasion.**
- 66. GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB OF CRANFORD PUBLICATIONS TROPHY**
(Presented in 1996 as a memorial to Eleanor Stout.) A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a member club or individual for producing a publication (s), with or without commercial aid, that pertains to garden club goals. Judging criteria varies dependent on entries. Excluded are Flower Show Schedules, Yearbooks and Publicity Press Book.
- 67. THE GARDEN CLUB OF WESTFIELD TROPHY**
(Presented in 1996 in honor of Norma R. Degnen). A perpetual trophy held for one year presented to a member club for the **finest publicity press book.**
- *68. ROBERTA MC NALLY TABLE ARTISTRY TROPHY**
(Presented by Roberta McNally in 1999). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the GCNJ member who is the winner of the Table Artistry Award in the highest rated Standard Flower show in which the Table Artistry Award has been given.
- *69. DORIS BRYAN EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT TROPHY**
(Presented by Doris Bryan in 2001). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the GCNJ member club that is the winner of the finest Educational Exhibit Award in a highly rated Standard Flower Show.
- *70. RUTH W. PAUL HOME FLOWER SHOW TROPHY**
(Presented by Mrs. Raymond E. Paul 2003). A perpetual trophy held for one year presented to a member club for an outstanding general or specialized Home Placement Standard Flower Show held in a home (s). May be combined with a public building and/or garden(s). Retirement communities, assisted living and nursing homes are eligible. Minimum of one special exhibit. The show must be evaluated.
- *71. WINI APPLGATE PETITE AWARD**
(Presented by Mrs. Robert Applegate 2005). A perpetual trophy held for one year presented to a member club for the finest judged Petite Standard Flower Show. The show must be evaluated.

Revised April 1999, April 2001, April 2003, May 2005, June 2010

GCNJ Awards Matrix

	Flower Show	Garden Center	Civic Beauty	Garden Therapy	Member-ship	Youth	Environment	GC Obj.	Other
1								X	Medal of GCNJ
2									Hybridization
3									Continuing Projects
4	X								
5	X								
6		X							
7								X	
8	X								
9								X	
10a -b	X								
11	X								
12									World Gardening
13							X		

14	X			
15		X		
16			X	
17	X			
18	X			
19				X
20		X		
21	X			
22		X		
23				X
24	Retired			
25	X			
26	X			
27	X			
28			X	
29	X			
30				Student Judge
31				Senior Citizens
32				Birds
33				State President
34				Tie Breaker
35			X	

36	X			
37	X			
38	X			
39	X			
40		X		
41				Historic Building
42				Innovative Project
43				X
44	X			
45	X			
46				Discontinued
47				
				Wildflowers
48				Education Program
49			X	
50	X			
51	X			
52		X		
53				Yearbook
54			X	
55	X			
56	X			

57 X

58 X

59 X X

60 Retired

61 X

62 X

63 X X

64 Garden Tour

65 X

66 Publications

67 Press Book

68 X

69 X

70 X

71 X

Award #7 Garden Club of the Year Silver Trophy

Period covered; February 1 to January 31 of the current award year.

This award is given by the GCNJ to the garden club judged most outstanding for furthering garden club objectives on National, State and Community levels. Each activity must be described and documented. Applications must be typed and must be received by the Awards Chairman no later than Feb. 15. All activities not listed under the following headings should be included in the "other" category. This form is to serve as page #1 in your entry book, as well as being the "Table of Contents". This book is not limited to 24 pages. Be careful to give equal emphasis on all topics. Emphasis is on club participation, not single members. Include an application form.

Date of Application: _____ GCNJ District: _____

Name of Club: _____ Town: _____

President: _____ Address: _____

Number of Club members: Active _____
Other _____ Date joined GCNJ: _____

1. Meetings

- a. Average attendance at club meetings _____
- b. Number of members attending District meetings _____
- c. Number of members attending GCNJ meetings:
 - Annual _____
 - Fall _____
- d. Number of members attending National Meetings _____
- e. List GCNJ meetings attended by Club President _____
- f. List number of open or guest club meetings _____

2. Yearbook

3. Shows, exhibits, etc. open to the public

- a. Standard Flower Show
- b. Home and Garden Tour
- c. Christmas Flower or Greens Show
- d. Plant Sale
- e. Other

4. Gardening activities with young people

- a. Juniors (Gardeners)
- b. Intermediates (Gardeners)
- c. High School
- d. Handicapped
- e. 4-H
- f. Other

5. Environmental – Arboretum, Birds, Parks, Water Pollution, Air Pollution. Etc.

- a. Juniors etc.
- b. Local

6. Civic projects other than conservation

Civic beautification

7. Historic Preservation
8. Garden Therapy
 - a. Military and Veterans
 - b. Local facility
 - c. Youth participation
 - d. Financial assistance
9. Attendance at schools and GCNJ sponsored workshops
 - a. Flower Show
 - b. Landscape Design
 - c. Gardening Study
 - d. Symposium
 - e. Awards
 - f. . Wildflower
 - g. Other
10. Club members
 - a. Members of Judges Council
 - b. Members of Landscape Critics Council
 - c. Members holding Gardening Study Consultant Certificates
 - d. Life Members
11. State Flower Show/Exhibit participation
 - a. Committee
 - b. Hostess/exhibitor
12. State fund raising activities
 - a. Committees
 - b. Other participation
13. World Gardening/Train a Teacher
14. Donations
 - a. National Council Permanent Home
 - b. GCNJ Holly House
 - c. Scholarships
 - d. Other
15. Use of Sales Service for money raising
 - a. National Council books
 - b. GCNJ Club Services
16. Number of paid subscriptions to National Gardener
17. Cooperation with other agencies furthering the interests of gardening and conservation, including local Planning and Zoning Boards
18. Other club activities

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CENTRAL ATLANTIC REGIONAL AWARDS

The list of awards offered by Central Atlantic Region (CAR) are included in this booklet. A Book of Evidence is required.

Please note:

1. The Books of Evidence for the Central Atlantic Region awards **are selected** at the GCNJ Awards Committee Reading from the GCNJ Award Winners. These **are sent** to the Regional Awards Chairman.
2. Regional Awards are presented at the GCNJ Fall Conference.
3. A club's entry for a possible National Garden Club Award **cannot** be considered for a Regional Award.
4. **No** club may apply directly for Regional Awards!

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT OR IMPROVEMENT AWARD

Certificate and \$50.00 in each category:

1. Small Club—up to 25 members
2. Medium Club—25-50 members
3. Large Club—over 50 members

Awarded to a Federated Club for the best project involving civic development or improvement completed in one year, or a completed section of an ongoing project.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN AWARD

(Certificate and \$100.00) Awarded to a Federated Club for the best effort to create awareness of the need to protect and/or conserve our environment.

OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

(Certificate and \$25.00) An Educational Exhibit that relates to National Garden Club objectives and is designed to instruct. Winning exhibit will be displayed at CAR Fall Conference, providing space is available. A garden club member, members or club are eligible.

JEAN LADSON OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

(Certificate and \$50.00) To a club or group of clubs presenting the most outstanding garden club work that is not eligible for any other CAR Award. Youth involvement will be a plus!

THE VIOLET S. THORON AWARD- for the promotion of Landscape Design.

(Certificate and Rotating Engraved Plaque) Awarded annually to a Federated Club, District or State Federation (having no Districts) for an outstanding project in field of Landscape Design and/or for conducting the most complete and effective program of education in Landscape Design. It may be awarded for a single project or educational program.

PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK

(Certificate of Merit) A yearly collection of publicity articles, **due** to the GCNJ Publicity Chairman. by **Jan.25**.

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH & ESSAY CONTEST & SMOKEY BEAR, WOODSY OWL, ENVIRONMENTAL CONTEST

Contact GCNJ Youth Chairman for complete details concerning these and any other Youth Awards that may be offered.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC REGIONAL AWARD

AWARD YEAR – January 1 to December 31

Applications available upon request from GCNJ Awards Chairman

DEADLINE – Send Book of Evidence with 2 CAR Application Forms to the GCNJ Awards Chairman on or before **February 15**

THE AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY REGIONAL PERENNIAL AWARD FOR AN OUTSTANDING CLASS OR SECTION OF HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS IN A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Criteria:

1. Club, District or State Flower Show Chairmen may apply. (Plant Societies are excluded.)
2. Each State Federation in the Central Atlantic Region shall be eligible to receive one American Horticultural Society Regional Award each year for a Standard Flower Show held between January 1 and December 31.
3. The Award shall consist of an American Horticultural Society Medal and a Certificate.
4. A class or section of herbaceous perennials in a flower show may be eligible for the American Horticultural Society Regional Award in competition with other Club, District, Council or State Flower Shows within the Federation.
 - a. The overall exhibit must be of outstanding quality and include a minimum of 20 specimens. (Refer to Scales of Points in the Handbook for Flower Shows.)
 - b. Consideration shall be given to condition, staging, proper labeling, and rarity.
 - c. Schedule may state application will be made for this award, if merited.
5. The applicants must prepare a Book of Evidence to include:
 - a. Date, name of State Federation, name of show and location.
 - b. Flower show schedule.
 - c. Brief description.
 - d. List of specimens in exhibit botanically named (genus, species & cultivar).
 - e. Clear photograph of exhibit including staging.
 - f. Clear photograph of any top awards in exhibit, if applicable.
 - g. Book of Evidence not to exceed five single pages or less.
6. The Book of Evidence is sent to the State Awards Chairman by Feb. 15.
7. The winning entry is sent to the Regional Awards Chairman by April 1.
8. The AHS Regional Perennial Award will be presented at the Central Atlantic Regional Conference.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC AWARDS

Kindly check the Fall issue of The National Gardener (every other year) which lists available awards and rules!

Award Year - January 1 to December 31 - except where otherwise noted.

Deadline- All applications with supporting evidence are sent to the **State Awards Chairman** by **November 15**.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A BOOK OF EVIDENCE

Label on outside cover- number and name of NGC award, category, name of club (s), city and state.

Presentation- not to exceed 12 pages (6 pages front and back). The 12 pages may be enclosed in 6 plastic sheet protectors, pages back to back. Material must be attached to pages; no loose materials. Use 8 ½ x 11" paper and enclose in report cover or 2 pocket folder; no scrapbooks or oversized books. Exceptions are noted.

Top of first page- include number and name of NGC award, name of club (s) , number of members on whom NGC and State dues are paid (regular, honorary, life, associate).

Written text- concise; covers all requirements in award description and Scale of Points for achievement, participation and record.

Record- photocopies are permitted; yearbook pages are not needed as documentation.

No Title Page. No table of contents. No summary is needed- as it appears on the NGC Application Form.

When the same project is eligible for various awards, submitting exact duplication of Books of Evidence is not acceptable

Publications- Submit entry for #3, #13 and #68 in an envelope with one Application secured to outside.

SCALE OF POINTS FOR MOST NGC AWARDS

(exceptions: Publication and Communications, Flower Show Achievement as noted)

Presentation- (5 pts) – neat, concise, includes all required information, does not exceed 6 pages.

Achievement- (65 pts)- 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.

Participation- (15 pts) – size of club; involvement of: members, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, residents in facilities, others.

Record or documentation (15 pts) – supporting data (as applicable), clear, well-labeled and neatly attached before & after photographs, landscape plan, financial report, letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles, radio or TV script, etc. Photocopies are permitted.

Total (100 pts)

NOTE - To obtain a NGC Awards Application, go to www.gardenclub.org. 10/07, July 2010

YOUTH GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

****Reminder**:** An asterisk ** before the award number indicates an application and Book of Evidence are required.

REQUIREMENTS

Yearbook- or printed schedule of year's programs and projects.

Photographs- (before and after, where applicable).

Publicity- clippings and many "action" photographs are helpful to the Awards Committee to better evaluate an application.

One Book of Evidence is necessary, but **each** award must have a **separate application**. See rules on page 8.

Awards Year- February 1 to January 31.

Submit- to GCNJ Youth Chairman

JUNIOR (Gardeners) GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

(Grades K – 5)

- **1a. KATHERINE CUTLER JUNIOR (Gardeners) GARDEN CLUB OF THE YEAR SILVER TOPHY**
Perpetual trophy held for one year. To the Junior (Gardeners) Garden Club which receives the highest evaluation in proportion to size, for accomplishment of all Junior (Gardeners) objectives listed on the Honor Roll requirements.
- **1b. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT WITH GOLD SEAL**
Special award for continuing excellence in all fields of Junior (Gardeners) Gardening.
- **1c. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**
For presentation of outstanding accomplishment of Jr. (Gardeners) gardening objectives.
- **2a. ANN DE RONER JUNIOR (Gardeners) HORTICULTURE SILVER TROPHY**
Perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to a Junior (Gardeners) Garden Club for the most thorough and extensive series of indoor and outdoor horticulture programs and projects during the year and/or an outstanding exhibit in a flower show of exceptional educational value.
- CERTIFICATE OF MERIT:**
- ** 2b.** To a Junior (Gardeners) Garden Club for comprehensive study of indoor and /or outdoor horticulture technology.
- ** 3a.** To a Junior (Gardeners) Garden club for an unusual and/or outstanding activity in one field of gardening.

- **3b. To a Junior (Gardeners) Garden Club for a Standard Junior (Gardeners) Flower Show meeting evaluation requirements.
- **3c. To a Junior (Gardeners) Garden Club for civic achievement. This activity must show improvement for public benefit, municipal park, shopping center, countryside or planting and maintaining in or around a public building. It may be a one-year or continuing project.
- **3d. To a Junior (Gardeners) Garden Club for a thorough nature study program and/or project during the year. It may be a study of birds, animals, flowers or trees, nature's interrelationship, or bird and/or animal habits and habitats. Participation in projects related to studies.
programs and/or projects during the year.
- **4. **JUNIOR (Gardeners) GARDEN CLUB CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD OF \$25.00**
To a junior (Gardeners) Garden Club that has carried out the most outstanding conservation programs and/or projects during the year.
- **5. **JUNIOR (Gardeners) GARDEN CLUB GARDEN THERAPY AWARD OF \$25.00.**
To a Junior (Gardeners) Garden Club for a continuous Garden Therapy project during the year in which Junior (Gardeners) Garden Club members actively participate for, and/or with, patients or handicapped individuals in a hospital, nursing home or other institution. Their contributions must be garden or nature creations.
- 6. **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT WITH GOLD SEAL**
To the affiliated Junior (Gardeners) Garden Club receiving the highest number of blue ribbons in the Youth Section, grades K-5, of the GCNJ Standard Flower Show.
- 7. **DR. BERNARD POLLACK TROPHY**
(Presented by Dr. Pollack in 1979). A perpetual trophy held for one year. To be given to the highest rated blue ribbon winner (Youth Award) in the Design Division of the Youth Section, grades K-5, in the highest rated Standard Flower Show in which it is given.
- 8. **NEW VERNON GARDEN CLUB TROPHY**
(Presented in 1986 by the New Vernon Garden Club in honor of their founder, Pauline Berry). A perpetual trophy to be held for one year. To be given in the Horticulture Division to the highest rated blue ribbon winner (Youth Award) in the highest rated Junior (Gardeners) or District Flower Show in which it is given. \$50.00 to be presented to the winner's Garden Club by the New Vernon Garden Club.

INTERMEDIATE (Gardeners) SCHOOL GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

(Grades 6 – 8)

- ** 1. **GARDEN CLUB OF TOMS RIVER INTERMEDIATE (Gardeners) SCHOOL GARDENER'S AWARD**
(Presented by Mrs. L Ruth Oltman). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the affiliated intermediate (Gardeners) School Garden Club receiving the highest evaluation for accomplishments of all intermediate (gardeners) gardening objectives.

2. GARDEN CLUB OF WATCHUNG TROPHY

(Presented in 1993). A perpetual trophy held for one year. Presented to the highest rated blue ribbon winner (Youth Award) in the Design Division of the Youth Section, grades 6-8, in the highest rated Standard Flower Show in which it is given.

3. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT WITH GOLD SEAL

To the affiliated Intermediate (Gardeners) School Garden Club receiving the highest number of blue ribbons in the Youth Section, grades 6-8, of the GCNJ Standard Flower Show.

HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS' AWARDS

(Grades 9 – 12)

****1a. MRS. DAVID P. BARRY SILVER TROPHY**

A perpetual trophy held for one year. To an affiliated High School Gardener's Unit which receives the highest evaluations, in proportion to its size, for accomplishment of all high school gardening objectives.

1b. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

To an affiliated High School Gardener's Unit for accomplishment of all high school gardening objectives.

2. THE GARDEN CLUB OF LONG BEACH ISLAND YOUTH AWARD

A monetary award of \$100 to be offered annually in honor of their member, Marianne McGarrity. It will be awarded to an affiliated High School Gardener's Unit for outstanding accomplishment in conservation, horticulture and/or civic achievement. This award will be offered for a minimum of ten years commencing November 2, 2015.

3. THE GARDEN CLUB OF WATCHUNG ESSAY CONTEST AWARD

Beginning in 1995, the Garden Club of Watchung will present annually a monetary award of \$100 to the New Jersey winner of the National Garden Clubs' High School Essay Contest.

4. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT WITH GOLD SEAL

To the affiliated High School Gardeners Garden Club receiving the highest number of blue ribbons in the Youth Section, grades 9-12, of the GCNJ Standard Flower Show.

PLEASE NOTE: All trophies won by Youth Garden Clubs must be returned by November. The trophy must be returned cleaned and in good condition. Any damage incurred to the trophy must be repaired before returning.