



The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. operates an active awards program for its membership. The purpose of the awards program is to recognize the achievement of an individual, a club/circle or district which further the goals and objectives of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., the Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

This Booklet Contains FFGC Award Descriptions for Awards 1-81, District Awards D-3 and D-8, Scout Florida Arbor Day Award, Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Contest

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FFGC Awards

Award Area: Leadership

Awards 1, 2, and 3 are judged by An Anonymous Committee appointed by the FFGC President.

A garden club leader is one who accepts responsibility, provides a cooperative spirit and shares honor where honor is due in all phases of garden club work. Each Garden Club and each Federation or Council of garden clubs may nominate one member each year for Awards 1, 2, and 3. Circles may also nominate one member for Award #3.

#1 BLANCHE CAPEL COVINGTON LEADERSHIP

Description/Purpose: This award was established in 1943 by Mrs. Covington, a former FFGC President. It is perpetuated through a trust fund by her heirs. To obtain from clubs reports of outstanding personal contributions and/or outstanding club accomplishments achieved through sustaining strong leadership by nominee in one or more of the following areas: Civic development, horticulture therapy, youth activities, conservation, landscape design, horticulture, floral design, or all-around excellence. A list of prior award winners can be viewed here.

Proof of accomplishment: A Book of Evidence (BOE) is required. It should be no more than six (6) pages, front and back, for a maximum of twelve (12) surfaces. It should include publicity, photographs, copies of citations, letters from officials and other pertinent evidence. Guidelines for preparing BOE are found under Awards General Rules.

Eligibility: Any member who currently serves or has ever served on the NGC Board of Directors is not eligible for NGC Member Award of Honor.

Award: A gift silver pin/pendant with a value of \$300 each be awarded to the winner. The winning nominee will be forwarded to Deep South Region for consideration for the Member Award of Honor if eligible. (If the winner is ineligible, winners of Awards 2 or 3 may be considered as Florida's entries for the Deep South and National Member Award of Honor.)

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#2 OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Description/Purpose: To recognize an individual who has, over the period of not less than two years, continuously sustained and developed any one or more phases of garden club work, with particular emphasis being given to work undertaken and promoted at the club or federation level.

Proof of accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application to make a full report of personal contribution or accomplishment.

Award: \$50 is offered annually for outstanding service in garden club work.

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#3 LEADERSHIP

Description/Purpose: To recognize the potentialities of leadership displayed by younger (from point of affiliation) members of FFGC new to garden club work, to encourage further development of such qualities and to give clubs the opportunity to report on outstanding personal contributions, activities, and progress of such members.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application to report. Nominee should: display an awareness of the goals of National Garden Clubs; contribute to his/her club's or circle's progress, and serve in various posts (chairmanships, club officer, etc.); be cooperative and congenial; be willing to serve; have broad interests and shares knowledge gained with others, including non-garden club members. **Award:** \$50 is offered annually to recognize leadership in worthy individuals who have been members of clubs or circles in FFGC during a period of 5 years but not more than 7 years.

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

Award Area: Special Achievement and Excellence

The FFGC Excellence awards are based on accomplishments during the garden club year promoting Federation aims and objectives. An Anonymous Committee of three judges appointed by the president will consider all entries.

#4 FFGC AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR A CLUB

SPECIAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS & EARLY DUE DATE

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application and report in narrative style. Proofs of accomplishment, newspaper clippings and/or pictures, must be included. Award is judged using the Scale of Points below:

Service to the community:..... 30

Civic & roadside development, city public planting, garden therapy projects, litter control programs

Educational projects:..... 40

Examples: Conservation, horticulture, landscape design, Standard Flower Shows, organization of youth units.

Involvement in Federation Projects:..... 10

Examples: Attendance at FFGC Convention, District Meetings, Short Courses, Flower Show Symposiums, NGC Schools

Participation:..... 10

Examples: FFGC State Flower Show, Blue Star Marker, Arbor Day, Establishment of bird/butterfly/bee sanctuaries, submission for FFGC, Deep South, & NGC awards, Goal of 100% of members receiving National Gardener

Contributions:..... 10

Monetary contributions for Garden Therapy projects, Headquarters & Endowment, Wekiva Youth Camp, SEEK, World Gardening, others.

TOTAL:..... 100

Submission: 2 copies of Entry is to be sent to District Director by November 1. Award: \$50 is offered. District Director Email FFGC Awards Chair by due date.

No Category or Class

#5 SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award especially outstanding garden club work during the year in the three classes listed below. The application should demonstrate promotion of FFGC objectives in civic development, beautification, garden therapy, and other related areas. Youth involvement is encouraged. The uniqueness of a single project and the scope of benefit to the Club and/or District will be considered by the judges.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application and report in narrative style. Proofs of accomplishment, newspaper clippings, and/or pictures, must be included.

Award: \$25 is awarded in each Class listed below.

Classes:

Class A - Club or Circle

Class B - Individual Member

Class C- District

Submission: Follow current directions by due date.

#6 MEDAL FOR INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN HORTICULTURE

A committee will be appointed by the FFGC President to seek and nominate candidates for this award. Letters of recommendation stating achievements may also be sent to the FFGC President. Use the FFGC Awards Application.

Award: If merited, an appropriate medal will be awarded each year to an individual, whether a garden club member or not, for outstanding horticultural achievement. This medal may be awarded in recognition of a lifetime of dedicated service in the field of horticulture or for a unique contribution of permanent scientific or technical importance, such as hybridization, genetics and propagation.

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#7 CERTIFICATE OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO A STATE PRESIDENT

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs owes much of its program and development to wise leadership. In grateful appreciation of outstanding achievement and guidance by a state president, a Certificate of Distinguished Service will be awarded upon completion of the president's term of office.

#8 GARDEN CLUB OF THE YEAR

Description/Purpose: To recognize a garden club in Florida which excels in all aspects of garden club activities. The winning entry will automatically be submitted for the Deep South Garden Club of the Year Award.

Proof of Accomplishment: A Book of Evidence (BOE) is required. It should be no more than six (6) pages, front and back, for a maximum of twelve (12) surfaces. Guidelines for preparing BOE are found under Awards General Rules. The award is judged using the Scale of Points below and BOE should include information requested in Scale of Points.

Membership Increase(for one year)..... 20

Of members on 1/1- _____ and # of members on 12/31- _____

If membership is limited, to what number? _____

Service.....10

Continuing service provided by club members

Communications (describe briefly)

Other (describe briefly)

Club Programs.....20

Horticulture, Design, Environmental Concerns, and/or Regional Project.

Member participation in presenting either programs or workshops.

Describe briefly and include yearbook page copy showing programs.

Club Representation.....20

Average # of members attending club meetings. # Of members attending Spring/Fall District Meetings.

The following numbers are not required, but will be used in case

of a tie: # of members attending FFGC Convention, DS Region Convention,

& NGC Convention

Club Project(s).....20

Describe briefly and two photos may be included.

Club Finances.....10

Are dues the only source of income?

Fundraisers – describe briefly and give amount of money raised

TOTAL..... 100

Award: A cash award of \$50 is offered to a garden club which excels in all the qualities stated in above Scale of Points.

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#9 SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE Submit in December of second year of Administration in even years

Description: Awarded every other year at the end of each administration.

Proof of Accomplishment: Club or circle must apply by letter indicating TOTAL number of paid members on June 1, the end of first year of administration and TOTAL number of paid members on March 20, second year of administration. To accomplish this, a Garden Club would need to collect their dues and have it sent in by March 10th for the second year of administration of Membership Dues,

Award: A cash award of \$50 will be given at the end of each administration in the following **Classes:**

Class A- Club showing the greatest increase in paid memberships, percentage-wise, to be determined from the numbers reported in the BOE, in even numbered years.

Class B- Club showing the greatest increase in paid memberships, to be determined from FFGC membership records, in even-numbered years.

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date..

#10 MENTORING AWARD - BOE

Description/Purpose: A mentor goes above the call of normal garden club duties and is a loyal member willing to give assistance and/or support to garden club officers and members across the state.

Proof of Accomplishment: A Book of Evidence (BOE) is required. It should be no more than four (4) pages, front and back, for a maximum of eight (8) surfaces. It should include how the nominated individual has been a Mentor in garden club work within the state. Up to three actual photographs or media pictures may be included in the book.

Award: An award of \$50 plus a certificate will be offered annually to recognize an outstanding Mentor who has provided leadership, inspiration, guidance, and encouragement to a member or members of FFGC.

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

Award Area: Publication & Social Media

#11 YEARBOOK AWARD

EARLY DUE DATE & SPECIAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS - DUE NOVEMBER 1

Description/Purpose: To award Garden Clubs/Circle with the most outstanding yearbooks in each of the categories named below. Category is determined by number of members, including Life members, on whom FFGC dues are paid. Winning entries will be sent to Deep South Awards Chairman for judging at that level.

Proof of Accomplishment: Send two copies of the yearbook. Complete the top portion of the Award Application form 1-6 and securely fasten two copies inside the front cover. If a permanent binder is used by club members, substitute a paper cover with the required information and make note of this on application. Staple a 3" x 5" card to the cover with name and number of award, category number, district number, name of club/circle, and city. Yearbooks will be judged using the Scale of Points listed below:

Format.....	15
Book Structure.....	2
Practical, convenient size, durable, neat	
Material should be well placed with ample margins, & font size suitable for members to read	
Cover	2
Include name of club, town, state organization, year, & appealing design	
Title Page.....	2
Include name of club, town, state organization, year, # of dues paying members, & affiliated organizations (district, state, region, NGC)	
Table of Contents.....	1
Number the yearbook pages and list topics on this page.	
Subsequent pages can be in any order most useful to members & 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.....	2
Include complete mailing addresses, telephone numbers, & e-mail addresses (if applicable).	
Avoid crowding.	
List of Club Officers & Committee Chairmen.....	1
District, FFGC, Deep South Information.....	2
Include name, contact information, & administration themes for District Director, FFGC President, and Deep South Region Director. List website addresses for District, as produce revenue for clubs. Some fund raisers may help promote NGC Member Services as well as publicize our organization & goals.	
Certain social activities may lead to membership increase.	
State such in description.	

#11 YEARBOOK AWARD CONT.

NGC Information..... 1
 Include name & contact information for NGC President.
 Include theme & projects. List address, phone number, &
 website address for NGC Headquarters in St. Louis.
 (Locate this information at www.gardenclub.org)

Calendar of Events..... 2
 List dates & locations for District, FFGC, DS, & NGC meetings
 & events. Encourage members to attend & eliminate the setting
 of conflicting dates.

Programs..... 50
 Topics should cover a variety of FFGC & NGC goals & objectives
 Indicate if this is a special interest club, e.g., Horticulture, only; Design, only; etc.
 Meets minimum number of meetings required by FFGC..... 3
 List date & time of meeting, locations with addresses..... 3
 List name speakers, qualifications (brief), program title..... 4
 Variety of program topics (theme no required)..... 14
 Variety of styles of programs (lectures, power point, tours, etc.)..... 12
 Variety of speakers (specialists, members, panel, etc.)..... 14

Projects..... 35
 Projects involve actual membership participation that benefit the
 community & further FFGC & NGC Goals & Objectives.
 Some fund raisers 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 & goals.
 Certain social activities may lead to membership increase.
 State such in description.
 List Continuing & New Projects (new projects are not required)..... 15
 Give brief word description of projects. Include location, name..... 20
 Include location, name of chairman, how members participate,
 list of donations if applicable, in-kind donations if applicable,
 plans for maintenance, if applicable.
 e.g., Establish a Teaching Garden at Atkins Elementary School,
 afterschool program with planned curriculum, 4 days a week
 from 3-5pm, Laurie Benson, Chairman.

Optional information as needed by your club can be included, but will not
be given points.

Total 100

Award: An Award of \$25 is offered to the following

Categories:

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

Submission: 2 copies of Entries must be sent directly to FFGC Third Vice President by November 1.

Follow the instructions carefully.

The Garden Club/Circle with the most outstanding Yearbooks in the following categories determined by number of members, including Life members. Yearbooks may be accepted for competition on the calendar year.. 6 .

Fill out the award application topics #1-6, your Yearbook topic #7 is your evidence.

Eligibility: Garden Clubs and Circles. Councils are NOT eligible.

#12 NEWSLETTER/MAGAZINE/BULLETIN

Description/Purpose: To encourage inter-communication within clubs and/or circles using newsletters.

Proof of Accomplishment: Complete the FFGC Awards Application and include the number of members receiving the newsletter/publication. Also show evidence that all members receive the newsletter/publication (i.e., post office stamp receipt or signed statement by member responsible for circulation.) Submit three (3) sample issues and give the number of issues per year.

Applications will be judged using the Scale of Points listed under Award #13.

Fill out the award application topics #1-6 your Newsletter/Magazine topic #7 is your evidence.

Award: An Award of \$25 is offered to the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +
5. District

NOTE: If your Club wants to win the NGC Newsletter Award...keep your Newsletter number of pages consistent and within these parameters.

- 1) Newsletter-one 8 ½ x 11" or one 8 ½ x 14" sheet of paper
- 2) Newsletter or Magazine of 3-12 pages
- 3) Newsletter, Magazine or Bulletin of 13-24 pages
- 4) Newsletter, Magazine or Bulletin over 24 pages

Submission: Follow current year's directions by date.

#13 PUBLICATION

Description/Purpose: This award is available for: Manuals, Handbooks, Educational pamphlets & brochures, Membership publications, Calendars, Cookbooks, etc. This award is **NOT** available for a Flyer or Notice of one a onetime event. This award is **NOT** available for Newsletters. Judges will consider the uniqueness of the project and the scope of benefit to the club and/or community.

Proof of Accomplishment: Complete the FFGC Application Form with information requested under Scale of Points. Submit the entry in an envelope. Attach one application to outside of envelope and place a copy of the application inside the envelope (Use a larger envelope for mailing.)

The following Scale of Points will be used for judging.

Presentation..... 5

On the Award Application, include a brief description of the publication and the club membership.

No limit on number of pages in publication.

Achievement..... 65

Educational value, informative, accurate, clarity, quality of printing, photography and/or graphics, coverage received, general appeal,

Indication that your organization is a member of NGC.

Promotes NGC Objectives..... 15

Record of Documentation..... 15

On the Award Application, include the number of copies distributed/sold & method of distribution.

Include financial data as to cost of publishing, price if sold& the market seen.

Total..... 100

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#14 DEPALMA/SILLIK WEBSITE AWARD

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award outstanding achievement in creation and maintenance of garden club websites The site must foster the aims, purposes, and goals of FFGC and NGC.
Proof of Accomplishment: Complete the FFGC Awards Application form. Include your website address, who maintains the site, how often it is updated, and the cost. Judges will access the website for judging and will consider ease of navigation while judging from the current site. “ **WEBSITE DESIGNED AND MANAGED BY CLUB MEMBER/MEMBERS**” The following Scale of Points will be used for judging. Winner will be forwarded to NGC to compete for NGC Award MP-3 (A) Social Media/Website .

Presentation:.....	25
Design/appearance; attractive, engaging, easy to read, layout	
Navigation:.....	35
Ease of navigation, navigation system (bar, map, etc.),	
Logical flow of pages, clear page headers, links active	
Achievement:.....	20
Club/group information present/ease to find, educational	
Promotion.....	10
Promotes NGC Objectives	
Maintenance:.....	10
Does it appear to be updated?	
Total	100

Award: An award of \$50 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +,
5. Districts

Submission: Follow current year’s directions by due date.

#14-A FACEBOOK AWARD

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award outstanding achievement in the area of creation and maintenance of garden club Facebook page. The page must foster the aims, purposes, and goals of FFGC and NGC.
Proof of Accomplishment: Complete the FFGC Awards Application form - #1-6. Include your Facebook address, who is the Administrator, how often it is updated, and the cost (if any). Judges will access the Facebook page for judging and will consider the Facebook posts while judging from the current page. The following Scale of Points will be used for judging. The site or page MUST have at least a portion available for viewing by the public, (not just club or state members) to be considered for this award. Administrators at the end of 28 days can take a screenshot as proof of showing the Administrators "Insights" of how well your Facebook page is doing.. If your page showed significant increase of "likes" "views" or a posts did well share that in your evidence. Winner will be forwarded to NGC to compete for NGC Award MP-3 (B) Social Media/Website .

“FACEBOOK PAGE CREATED AND MANAGED BY CLUB MEMBER/MEMBERS”

Presentation:.....	25
Design/appearance; attractive, engaging, easy to read, layout	
"About" on Facebook clearly states being a member of NGC,	
FFGC and what city their Garden Club is in.	
Social Posts:.....	35
Events created, flyers, photos, number of people that have liked and	
following the page, sharing posts of FFGC, District and NGC,	
Frequency of posts (no long breaks without posting)	
Achievement:.....	20
Club/group information is current, links to website, educational	
Promotion.....	10
Promotes NGC and FFGC objectives in posts	
Maintenance:.....	10
Does it appear to be updated and the frequency? Cover picture changed from time to time? Notate Date in application.	
.....	100

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +
5. Districts

Submission: Follow current year’s directions by due date.

#15 GARDEN THERAPY GERIATRIC & EXCEPTIONAL

Description/Purpose: To stimulate an interest in helping seniors in a supported senior living environment and the mentally and/or physically handicapped of any age through the promotion of programs, demonstrations, workshops, or instructions in a phase of garden club work (such as horticulture, flower arranging, landscaping Of facility grounds, etc.)

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application and report in narrative style. Proofs of accomplishment, newspaper clippings and/or pictures, may be included.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members changes
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +
5. District

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#17 DECORATION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS (Historic Preservation Award)

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award decoration of historic buildings and/or homes. Decorations are not required to be of the same period as the building, but they should be creative, distinctive, and sympathetic to the building's style. The designers participating in the decorating have complete freedom in their choice of materials if the curator or owner of the building approves. A group of historic buildings, such as in a home tour, can also be included in this award.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application and report in narrative style as to the type of decorations used. Include pictures.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in each of two

Classes

listed

below:

Class A- Decorations emphasizing plant material, either in its natural form or contrived.

Class B- Decorations using artificial plant material because of restrictions related to the home being decorated.

If warranted, Classes may be sub-divided into the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

Submissions: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#18 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award outstanding projects of lasting value resulting in the beautification and preservation of a historic building, historic buildings, or historic gardens. This may be accomplished through working with historic preservation organizations, local community members, etc. May include restoration of a building or grounds, and/or ongoing maintenance. Annuals and perennials of the period may be included in the planting of a historic garden.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application and report in narrative style. You may include pictures, landscape plans, etc.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#20 YEAR'S HORTICULTURE PROGRAMS

Description/Purpose: To promote member interest in involvement in the field of horticulture planning, studying, growing, showing, and sharing. Documentation should include the program for the year, the activities, the goals, and the results.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use FFGC Awards Application. Documentation should include goals, a listing of the programs for the year, activities, and the results. A minimum of four (4) principal horticulture programs are required.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#21 HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT

Description/Purpose: To recognize the most outstanding activities in the field of horticulture and to promote planned gardening activities in the study of horticulture by club members.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use FFGC Awards Application. Report should include an outline of year's plan, goals, and results. Membership participation is emphasized.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

Submission: Follow current years directions by due date.

#26 PIONEERS IN FLORIDA HORTICULTURE

This recognition is for those early horticulturists who contributed significantly to the knowledge of horticulture grown in the diverse climate of the State of Florida.

Description/Purpose: This recognition is for the early horticulturists who contributed significantly to the knowledge of horticulture grown in the diverse climate of the state of Florida. Garden clubs can recognize the individuals and the plant genus or family most associated with that individual and plan garden club programs and activities featuring those plants.

PRIOR WINNERS OF PIONEERS IN FLORIDA HORTICULTURE AWARD

1999 – Dr. Henry Nehrling

2000 – William Bartram

2013 – Thomas A. Edison

Submission: Recommendations, with qualifications, may be sent to FFGC President at FFGC Headquarters by Awards due date.

#28 HORTICULTURE LEADERSHIP AWARD BOE

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award a garden club member for continued participation and leadership in horticulture on the local club level for a minimum of five (5) years.

Proof of Accomplishment: A Book of Evidence is required. The BOE should be no more than 6 (six) pages front and back for a total of twelve (12) surfaces. The information in the BOE should show that the individual nominated has:

1. Given horticulture programs to garden clubs, judge's councils, civic organizations, etc. Evidence could include a picture of the applicant giving a program or teaching a class, an article from a newspaper giving the name of the horticulturist and telling about the program, a thank you note from someone who attended the program, etc.
2. Entered and won Top NGC Exhibitor Award ribbons in horticulture in Standard Flower Shows and has served on flower show committees in some capacity. Evidence should include two entry cards with top awards indicated.
3. Been involved in the community and shows initiative beyond garden club by working with youth on horticulture, sharing horticulture expertise with church, library, historic places, etc. Include a picture or news article showing the program and participation in the community.

Books of Evidence will be judged using the Scale of Points below:

Presentation is neat and attractive.....	20
Summary of activities highlighting how member has shared knowledge of horticulture.....	40
Proof of accomplishments.....	40
Photos, letters, news articles, entry cards & photographs of horticulture winning top NGC awards, publicity	
Total	100

Award of \$50 is offered.

Submission: Follow the current year's directions by due date.

Civic Awards

#29 COMMUNITY SERVICE DESIGN AWARD

\$25 is offered to the entry judged the best in Section A) and B).

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award clubs that provide floral designs or container grown plants in public places.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use FFGC Awards Application form.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in each

Class:

Class A - Community Service by a Club: A weekly or monthly exhibit of a design of designer's choice or container grown plant in a building open to the public (city hall, library, welcome station, hospital, school, etc.). Club name must be displayed. No artificial plant material permitted. Minimum number of six (6) per garden club year. The work may have been accomplished during the current year or continued from the preceding year.

Class B - Community Service by one (1) or more clubs, or group of garden club members for a one-time event, with at least six (6) designs and/or specimen plants. Designs may be placed in a tour of homes, special exhibit, churches, grand opening, or table designs for a public gathering (other than garden club activity), etc.

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#30 COMMUNITY GARDENS

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award the best community garden project sponsored by an FFGC garden club.

Proof of Accomplishment: A community garden is one in which everyone maintains his/her own assigned plot. These may include container gardens, vegetable and flower gardens, children's gardens, hydroponic gardens, etc. Projects may include adults or adults and youth. Extra credit will be given for those including youth. Use FFGC Awards Application Form. Report narrative style. Pictures and landscape plans may be included.

Award: An award of \$50 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#31 THE MADIRA BICKEL CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award a Club/Circle for the most outstanding contribution for achieving civic beauty in the community.

Proof of Accomplishment: Some suggested projects include: Inspiring civic planting projects, or city-wide cleanups; providing an active bureau of information, instructional garden center, garden plot for juniors, or providing helpful information to citizens through a continued series of radio broadcasts, newspaper articles, open lectures, or any notable effort. The work may have been accomplished during the current year or continued from the preceding year. Use the FFGC Awards Application Form. Report narrative style. Pictures and landscape plans may be included.

Award: An award of \$50

Submissions: Follow current year's directions by due date.

No Class or Category

#32 PARK/CITY PLANTING

Honoring Kitty Parkinson, first president of the Landscape Design Council, Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs

Description/Purpose: To encourage garden club groups to put into practical use their knowledge of good landscape design by initiating or revising landscaping, according to the principles of landscape design on public lands.

Proof of Accomplishment: This may be a public park or grounds surrounding a public building - city or municipal public property. The planting must be inspired, designed, or initiated by a member(s) club or circle. Use the FFGC Awards Application Form. Report narrative style. Pictures and landscape plans may be included. Project may have been started at any time but must be completed within the year in which application is made.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +
5. Individual

Submissions: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#33 CLYDE D. WARE AWARD FOR CIVIC DEVELOPMENT

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award outstanding civic development projects that stress community involvement.

Proof of Accomplishment: This may be a continuing project, but the major portion of worthiness must have been accomplished within the year of applying for this award. Use the FFGC Awards Application and include documentation that demonstrates: the scope of the project and the extent of involvement by other community group/s and garden club members; pictures of various phases of progress; publicity, financing, landscape plan or sketch, etc.

Award: An award of \$50 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#36 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Description/Purpose: To recognize outstanding community service projects. This award was designed to stimulate new ideas for meeting the needs of the community and to create a closer relationship between the community and garden clubs.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application to submit a complete, brief report covering the project. Include pictures, publicity, size of project, and other supporting evidence.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +
5. Districts

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#37 SCHOOL GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION

Description/Purpose: To recognize a project that shows the greatest improvement in landscaping of an established school yard or in landscaping of a new school.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application to submit a narrative report. Include before/during/after pictures; landscape plan; and a list of materials used.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

Submission: Follow current year's direction by due date.

#38 CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION/ GARDEN OF THE MONTH AWARD

Description/Purpose: To recognize the Garden Club with the most outstanding Civic Beautification Recognition Program. This award is designed for those clubs who recognize beauty in their community with a monthly award.

Proof of Accomplishment: Pictures from at least eight (8) different months must be included. Use the FFGC Awards Application to submit a narrative report. Include a description of how the yards are chosen, a description or picture of how the homeowners are honored, and copies of any publicity or recognition received in the community for this project. before/during/after pictures; landscape plan; and a list of materials used.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#39 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Description/Purpose: To recognize the Garden Club with the most comprehensive program that celebrates the planting of trees in an Arbor Day program.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application to submit a narrative report. Pictures may be used.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

Category: Landscaping Awards

#40 ARLINGTON DOLLY MORRIS AWARD

Description/Purpose: To encourage the practical rather than theoretical application of landscape design in members' gardens. To reward progress as accomplished in different sections of the home's grounds.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application to submit a narrative report that includes the following: explanation of what was done and why; give the approximate size of landscaping and list the number and varieties of plants used; color photographs of completed project; photograph or sketch of area before landscaping was completed – take the photograph from the same view as photograph of completed project; statement that planting was done by an amateur gardener and not done by a professional landscaper.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered to a member who is not a professional landscape designer.

Submission: Follow current year's directions by the due date.

#41 THE SENATOR DIRKSEN MARIGOLD AWARD

\$25 is offered each year to the club or circle landscaping a public area with an annual garden featuring marigolds. Presentation must include written statement, "Why Plant Marigolds?" Also, it must include a landscape plan, before and after photos (all seasons), letters of appreciation, news clippings, and/or additional proof.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application to submit a narrative report.

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

No Class or Category

#42 EDIBLE GARDEN AWARD

Description and Purpose: Edible Gardening Award for the most outstanding garden of edibles, (fruits, vegetables, edible flowers)

Proof of Accomplishment: Submit before and after pictures of the entire garden and edibles that were grown. Include a landscape or container garden plan. Show progression of your edible garden. Some examples may include plants sprouting, plants blossoming, and a display of mature edibles.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered.

Individual

NGC Specific Point Score G-2 (Rubric on p. 29)

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#43 BLUE STAR OR GOLD STAR FAMILIES' MEMORIAL MARKER AWARD

Description/Purpose: To encourage the installation, landscaping, refurbishment, and maintenance of Blue Star or Gold Star Families Memorial Markers and the beautification of those sites so that these areas may be worthy of honoring the men and women who have served or are **servicing** in the Armed Forces of the United States or the families whose loved one in the Armed Forces died while defending the country to whom these areas are dedicated.

To recognize and award to a club/circle or group of member garden clubs for the most outstanding completed Blue Star or Gold Star Families Marker in Classes explained below. The projects may be carried out on memorial highways (Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker), at veterans' hospital grounds or veterans' cemeteries, (Blue Star or Gold Star Families Memorial Marker) or public parks, historical sites or other public areas (Blue Star or Gold Star Families Memorial By-way Marker). 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 of a destroyed or long neglected landscape.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application form. You must include the type of Blue Star or Gold Star Families Memorial Marker that is being landscaped: Blue Star Highway Marker, Blue Star or Gold Star Families Byway Marker, or Blue Star or Gold Star Families Memorial Marker.

Additional information about NGC Blue Star or Gold Star Memorial Landscaping Awards: The NGC Blue Star or Gold Star Memorial Landscaping Awards are judged based on landscaping only and dedication of the Blue Star Memorial is not to be considered. The classes that NGC uses for these Awards are based on the type of Blue Star Memorial Markers – Highway Marker, Byway Marker or Memorial Marker. These classes are then sub-divided into different categories based on whether the project is done by a single garden club, group of member clubs or a State Garden Club. Please stress your Landscaping.

*The winning entry in Class B below will be considered for submission to NGC for NGC Award #L2 – Blue Star Memorial Landscaping

Award: An award of \$25 may be awarded in each of the

Classes below.

A. Installation and dedication of a new Blue Star or Gold Star Memorial Marker(Blue Star or Gold Star Memorial Markers, Highway Marker, Byway Marker or Memorial Marker).

B. New landscaping for an existing Blue Star or Gold Star Memorial Marker(Blue Star or Gold Star Memorial Markers, Highway Marker, Byway Marker or Memorial Marker).

C. Refurbishment and re-dedication of an existing Blue Star or Gold Star Memorial Marker(Blue Star or Gold Star Memorial Markers, Highway Marker, Byway Marker or Memorial Marker).

D. Long term maintenance program established for a landscape plan with proof of at least five (5) years of continuous maintenance prior to the award year. For a Blue Star or Gold Star Memorial Markers, Highway Marker, Byway Marker or Memorial Marker.

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#44 NATIVE PLANT LANDSCAPING

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award clubs, circles, and individuals for the most effective use of native trees and wildflowers in a landscape design of a private residence, public or commercial area or building.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application to submit a narrative report that includes the following: a sketch or landscape plans with botanical and when possible, common names of plants. Planting must use a minimum of 5 trees in a residence and a minimum of 10 trees in public or commercial places. A landscape design which ensures permanent beauty of the garden is a prime consideration.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +
5. Individual

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#45 EDIBLE GARDEN IN AN ORNAMENTAL LANDSCAPE AWARD

Description and Purpose: Garden incorporating edibles in an ornamental landscape grown by an individual. (Ornamental landscaping serves the primary purpose of adding visually pleasing plants to the landscape. In contrast, some gardens are established with the purpose of providing food, shade or a privacy screen from neighbors. While plants used in an ornamental landscape may serve other purposes as well, the reasons for their selection in an ornamental landscape are their visual qualities and decorative effect.) Add your edibles in harmony with your ornamental landscape.

Proof of Accomplishment: Before **planting** edibles photos showing ornamental garden and after photos of the edibles that were grown included in an ornamental landscape. Include your landscape plan, and a list of the edible plants you included. Did you grow from seed or with an already established plant?

Award: An award of \$25 is offered

Individual

NGC Specific Point Score G-2 (Rubric on p. 29)

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#46 GARDEN TOUR AWARD

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award the garden club with the most outstanding garden tour project.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application. Include the following information:

Photographs of at least four residences on the tour that show views of each garden (including one focal area and/or entrance area). A brief description of each garden should be included indicating approximate size of the garden and listing plant material, publicity and evidence of club and community participation.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#47 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AWARD

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award the garden club with the most outstanding Habitat for Humanity Landscaping project.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application: Include the following information:

1. Photographs before/ after/ and during project.
2. Design plan with a list of plants used
3. Maintenance program for the future
4. Financial information including a cost sheet
5. Evidence of publicity and involvement by club and community members

Publicity and club/community participation are stressed. Youth participation is also important.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

Award Area: Tree Planting

#48 FLOWERING TREE

Description/Purpose: To promote the planting of flowering trees along streets, highways, parks, school grounds, etc.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application Form to submit a narrative report. Include a description and the botanical names of the trees planted. Explain how the project enhanced the area.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#49 TREE PLANTING ACHIEVEMENT(FFGC Only - Awarded Every Other Year)

At the end of each FFGC administration \$25 will be given to the club that has accomplished the best tree planting in a public area. The trees must be quality trees requiring low maintenance. Names and pictures of trees planted along with how planting enhanced the site are required in application. Additional credit will be given for planting of Native Trees.

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

Award Area: Conservation

#50 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AWARD

Description/Purpose: To encourage the most comprehensive accomplishment in the field of environmental education.

To explore and expand methods for preserving, protecting, and improving the environment through education and to share this knowledge with as many people as possible.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application Form to report in narrative on the project. The project may be in the form of a literary production, series of published articles, study course, or some other educational activity. The achievement must be of exceptional merit.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following

Classes:

Class A - Club or Circle

Class B - Individual

Class C - Group of Clubs or District

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#51 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION INVOLVING YOUTH AWARDS

Description/Purpose: To encourage the most comprehensive accomplishment in the field of environmental education which involves children.

To recognize projects that educate children on preserving, protecting, and improving their environment.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application Form to report in narrative on the project. The project may be in the form of a literary production, series of published articles, study course, or some other educational activity. The achievement must be of exceptional merit.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +
5. Individual

Submissions: Follow current year's directions by due date.

52 Wildlife Survival Award

Description and Purpose: Wildlife Award will be awarded to the garden club with the most notable project or projects educating the public on the benefits of gardening for wildlife.

Given for the most comprehensive and effective project for pollinator, bird, or wildlife protection and welfare. This may include habitats or gardens specific to the natural population being supported, sanctuaries, migratory routes, public education project or program, legal and legislative activities, or other.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use FFGC Awards Application. Report must include landscape plan, if applicable, well labeled photos, impact on members/recipients/community/etc. and results. Involvement of others (community, government agencies, professionals, youth, facility residents, others) % of Membership Participation (may include any type of support given)

Award: An award of \$25 is offered

Category

Club Size

1. Small 10-29 members
2. Medium 30-59 members
3. Large 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large 100 + members

NGC Point Score Chart EC-3 **(Rubric on p. 28)**

Submissions: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#53 WILDLIFE AWARD **Description and Purpose: Wildlife Garden Award will be awarded to the garden club establishing a wildlife garden or gardens at a public place or places, to include signage to educate the public on how to garden for wildlife and the benefits of doing so.**

Extra points will be given for articles published in newspapers and periodicals on the project.

Club size will be taken into consideration when judging, so please include the number of members in the club, the percentage of member participation, and the approximate number of people educated and how they were notified of the project.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use FFGC Awards Application. Report should include landscape plan, photo of signage, and results. Membership participation is emphasized.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered

Category

Club Size

1. Small 10-29 members
2. Medium 30-59 members
3. Large 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large 100 + members

NGC Point Score Chart G-4 **(Rubric on p. 30)**

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#55 ELOISE SNIFFEN CONSERVATION AWARD

Description/Purpose: To encourage effective and productive accomplishments in conservation, particularly in the field of preserving native trees and plants. Suggestions for types of projects and programs: planting of roads and highways with native plants and/or wildflowers, beautifying public areas with native plant materials, encouraging the practice and knowledge of conservation of air, water, soil and minerals with our youth; developing wider protection of endangered flora and fauna. This may have been a continuing project but must be completed within the year application is made.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application Form to report in narrative on the project. Consideration will be given to clubs/ circles having a high percentage of participation.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered.

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#56 BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION AWARD

Description/Purpose: To increase butterfly population by improving their ecology, learning to identify butterflies at all stages and growing plants which provide food and shelter.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application Form to report in narrative on the project

Award: An award of \$25 may be given in the following

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members Added to reflect DSR & NGC
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members changes
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members + Changes existing designations

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#58 PROMOTING BEES THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Donors: A) Christy Linke B) Sue Angle

Description/Purpose: To encourage education about the loss of our bee population and the importance of bees to the food chain.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Award Application Form to report and include the following: description of the program, description of who is participating, pictures. Youth involvement is considered important to this project.

Award: An award of \$25 award for the following

Classes:

Class A - Individual

Class B - Club or Circle

Submission:

Send 2 copies of Awards Application to State Awards Chair Follow the current year's directions and by Due Date

Class A or B

#61 Nell Coe Award

Awarded every other year and revised each administration since 1966--- **“Celebrating 100 Years.”**

Tina Tuttle, FFGC President Project for 2023-2025 is “100 Ways to Celebrate 100 Years”

Donors: FFGC

Description and Purpose: To recognize and award the completion of exemplary participation in all aspects of FFGC. The large Nell Coe Tray will remain on permanent display at Headquarters.

The theme of the 2023-2025 Administration “100 Ways to Celebrate 100 Years” is presented to encourage and promote participation in all aspects of FFGC and garden club work. and thereby boost the growth in our membership. This administration will promote retention of our current members and increasing membership by involving as many current and potential members in activities that are sponsored/ hosted by FFGC, its districts and clubs/circles as possible. By participating in the myriad programs, projects, educational opportunities, etc. offered, we will experience all the Garden Club has to offer. We will be DOING garden club instead of just being a garden club.

Proof of Accomplishment:

1. If your circle/club or an individual is serious about promoting membership by participating in all FFGC has to offer, please apply by filling out and providing the list of activities completed. Do not hesitate to apply even if you have not completed all 100 ways...you may have completed more than anyone else has done!

2. Proof of each activity you participated in will be by the completed forms emailed to FFGC President. The Garden Clubs/Circles or individual with the most activities completed in each of the five (5) categories below will be awarded \$250.

Please use the current 2023-2025 FFGC Award Application and email the award application with at least pictures showing your completed activities and the Nell Coe “100 Ways to Celebrate 100 years”- and your downloaded Category Proof of Accomplishment Sheet.

Award: \$250 may be awarded in **Categories** 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 listed below. **Due Date: March 20, 2025**

Categories:

1. Small Clubs 10- 50 members
2. Medium Club with 51-100 members
3. Large Club with 101 - 199 members
4. Ex- Large Clubs/Circles 200 members +
5. Individual member

Submission: Email Award #61 to Tina Tuttle, ttuttle1954@gmail.com

#62 MARY S. COMPTON AWARD FOR PUBLICITY Book of Evidence (BOE)

Special Submission Requirements and Due Date of January 15th

Description/Purpose: To recognize and honor clubs/circles for excellent coverage of club activities.

Proof of Accomplishment: Submit a Book of Evidence (number of pages is unlimited) using the requirements listed below:

1. Label on outside cover with name of award plus award number and category, name of club, district number and city.
2. Submit in report cover or folder 8½ x 11 inches or 9 x 12 inches. 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 of any of the following: newspaper, magazine, newsletter, notices or flyers for one-time events, or any printed publication clippings such as from The Florida Gardener 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 are permitted.
4. No page numbering or Table of Contents is needed. Affix contents in chronological order January 1 through December 31. Clippings should be evenly cut, no loose clippings are permitted.
5. Each published item must contain the name of the 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.
6. Articles should include who, what, when, where etc. **if** applicable: publicity promotion of FFGC and NGC objectives and goals.

Award will be judged using the following Scale of Points:

Scale of Points

Presentation .meets all requirements.....	15
Qualityarticles well written; publicity related to projects and/or activities	40
Quantityarticles for each month; use of varied publications and media	25
Diversitylocal papers, district news, state and national magazines	20
TOTAL	100

:An award of \$25 is offered in the following:

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members Added to reflect DSR
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members & NGC changes
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +
5. Districts

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#63 GARDEN CENTER PROGRAMS

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award garden clubs who provide exceptional information, advice, and inspiration to garden club members and to the community

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application and report in narrative style. Proof of participation in a number of the services to members and to the public is required. See suggested services below:

Programs, demonstrations, workshops and public forums given to stimulate interest in subjects related to garden club work.

Information and instruction in gardening, home landscaping, conservation, corsage making, and flower arranging.

Plant identification and plant exchanges.

Garden books, CD's or photographs/slides in library for loan to members.

Magazines, pamphlets and planting directions available to the public.

Promotion of gardening among junior gardeners, high school gardeners and youth groups.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered in the following:

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#64 LIBRARY

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award clubs or circles who improve and encourage the use of garden club libraries.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use FFGC Awards Application and report in narrative style. Report should include:

Date Library was established & methods of acquisition of books

Categorical list of books and magazines

Catalog system loan procedures

Extent library is used by members and non-members

Report may include newspaper clippings with dates, photographs, letters, etc.

Award: Two awards of \$25 is offered in the following:

Classes:

Class A- Club or circle with a library in their own garden center building.

Class B- Club or circle without a garden center building, which maintains a library on a public shelf, member's home, a store, a traveling library, or any public building.

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#65 CONVENTION DELEGATE (If a convention was held)

Description/Purpose: To encourage representation of clubs and circles at convention and to stimulate delegates to report valuable information to the members at home.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use FFGC Awards Application to report narrative style. Delegates report on total coverage of business sessions, forums, workshops, presentation at club meeting including date of report, time allotted, members present (Press notices following Convention). A copy of the Convention Registration Form or Convention Name Badge must be included as proof of eligibility.

The report will be judged using the following **Scale of Points:**

Total coverage of business sessions, forums, workshops, etc.....	30
Comprehensiveness of coverage.....	40
Presentation at club meeting following Convention.....	10
Date report given at meeting, time allotted, number of members present, Press notices from Convention	
Preparation – clear & concise reporting.....	20
TOTAL	100

Award of \$25 is offered.

Submission: Follow current year’s directions by due date.

#66. NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK AWARD

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award garden clubs who have outstanding promotion of National Garden Week programs.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application and report in narrative style. Entry should show community awareness throughout the entire week and include local and/or state proclamations.

Photographs may be included. A Screenshot of your Facebook page to show announcement.(Resize too small for document.)

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +
5. District

Award: An award of \$25 is offered.

Submission:. Follow the current year’s directions and by the due date.

#69 DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS- This entry will be sent in email.

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award outstanding digital photographs by a non-professional photographer.

Proof of Documentation:

The photographer must be a member of FFGC and may submit one entry per class.
Each entry shall be a collection of five (5) photographs.
Use the FFGC Application Form and include each photograph along with informative Descriptions of each photograph (names of birds or butterflies, botanical names of plants, location where each photograph was taken, date, etc.)
Each photo should be numbered.
Each Class has specific requirements for the photographs to submit. For each class, submit jpegs with the same images that are on the Application form.

Because it is necessary to keep the FFGC Awards Application and the jpegs together, submit ****For Current Year Only****; Fill out Awards Application and use page 2 & 3 to insert your photos. Email all jpegs and Award Application to ffgc.submitawards@gmail.com.

Entries will be judged using the following criteria:

Quality of the photographs including interesting subject material
Good composition
Clarity
Presents the unique
Captures subject matter well

AWARD: An award of \$25 is offered in the following classes:

Class A - Photographs of Birds and/or Butterflies

Five (5) digital photographs of birds and/or butterflies or both are to be in a natural setting (not confined in a show area). On the FFGC Application Form, include a short description that identifies each bird or butterfly and gives the location of each picture. Email jpegs with awards application- same images must be included.

Class B - Photographs of a landscaped Florida garden

Five (5) digital photographs of a landscaped Florida garden with a brief description of the various locations depicted in the collection. No people should be in the photographs. Email jpegs with awards application- same images must be included.

Class C - Photographs of a Florida wildflower, preferably in its natural habitat

Five (5) photographs of one species of a Florida wildflower. Two (2) of the photos should be designed to show the micro-environment and three (3) should be close-ups of different plants in the same location. Email jpegs with awards application- same images must be included.

Class D - Photographs of a flowering tree growing in Florida.

Five (5) digital photographs of a flowering tree in bloom and growing in Florida. Two (2) of the photos should show the entire tree from different viewpoints. Three (3) of the photos should be close-ups of individual blooms or branches. Email jpegs with awards application- same images must be included.

Class E - Photographs of plants on the Florida Conservation List

Five (5) digital photographs of plants that appear on the Florida Conservation List. Plants should be photographed in their natural habitat. Email jpegs with awards application- same images must be included.

Class F - Photographs of plants in one of the following subjects: 1) plants in a specific garden 2) life cycle of a specific plant or 3) Florida scenery.

Five (5) digital photographs of plants from one of the above categories. List where each photograph was taken. Email jpegs with awards application- same images must be included.

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

71 THE ELLA JOYCE BOALS PROGRAM AWARD

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award the presentation of an outstanding program by a Club or Circle

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application to report in narrative about the program. The program must have been given at ONE meeting during the garden club year. The program must relate to horticulture and stimulate an interest or education in gardening. The program must be adaptable to other clubs or circles of comparable size for presentation. Applications will be judged using the following Scale of Points.

Identification.....	15
Theme/title of programs; Date/s; # of members present; Short summary of program/s	
Quality of program	50
Activities used to prepare for program; appeal to audience; Explain new or fresh approach used by presenter. Explain adaptability to other groups.	
Presentation.....	25
Application neat, simple, attractive, easy to read, well organized	
Publicity.....	10
Should have at least two of the following: photographs, letters of appreciation, clippings from papers (scans), including name and date of paper	
TOTAL	100 TOTA

Award : An Award of \$25 is offered.

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

No Class or Category

#73 PUBLIC PROGRAM

\$25 is offered to a club or circle for the presentation of an outstanding public program at **ONE PUBLIC MEETING**.

Description/Purpose: To encourage garden clubs to share with their communities' ideas and information which will enrich the life of the community.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application Form to report in narrative about the program. The program must pertain to horticulture, flower arrangement, conservation, civic beautification, roadside development, landscape design, or any other related subject. The presentation may be in the form of a speaker, demonstration, panel, forum, film, slides, a combination of these or any effective plan of presentation. Include a brief report of the public program, the invitation to the public, press reports, pictures of participants and any related display or exhibit.

Applications will be judged using the following Scale of Points.

Identification.....	15
Theme/title of programs; Date/s; # of members present. Short summary of program/s	
Quality of program	50
Activities used to prepare for program, appeal to audience. Explain new or fresh approach used by presenter. Explain adaptability to other groups.	
Presentation.....	25
Application neat, simple, attractive, easy to read, well organized	
Publicity.....	10
Should have at least two of the following: photographs, letters of appreciation, clippings from papers (scans), including name and date of paper	
TOTAL	100

Award: An award of \$25 is offered.

Categories:

1. Small Clubs/Circles 29 members and under
2. Medium Clubs/Circles with 30-59 members
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

Submission: Follow current year's directions by due date.

#74 YEAR’S PROGRAMS

Description/Purpose: To encourage clubs and circles to stimulate the members in gardening by selecting a theme for the year and developing it at the club’s monthly meetings. This is done by coordinating at least three objectives such as horticulture, flower arrangement, corsage craft, garden therapy, landscape design, birds, and conservation. Presentations can be speakers, demonstrations, workshops, field trips, digital photographs, power point presentations, videos, or a combination of any of these. Please note that this award is for the best "overall" series of programs for a garden club year.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application Form. Include the year's theme and monthly topics. Include methods of presentation, press reports, pictures of participants, and/or other activities. Applications will be judged using the following Scale of Points.

Identification.....	15
Theme/title of programs; Date/s; # of members present.	
Short summary of program/s	
Quality of program	50
Activities used to prepare for program, appeal to audience.	
Explain new or fresh approach used by presenter.	
Explain adaptability to other groups.	
Presentation.....	25
Application neat, simple, attractive, easy to read, well organized	
Publicity.....	10
Should have at least two of the following: photographs,	
letters of appreciation, clippings from papers (scans),	
including name and date of paper	
TOTAL	100

Award: An award of \$50 is offered in the following classes:

Class A -Circle

Class B -Club

Submission: Follow current year’s directions by due date.

#75 “FUN WITH FLOWERS” PROGRAM

This award is in honor of Jan Sillik, the founder and first FFGC Chairman of the “Fun with Flowers” program, and who, along with Lilly Craig, first began the program in Jacksonville in 1993.

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award the garden club with the most outstanding “Fun with Flowers” program. This is for a single program, holiday, seasonal, or general.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application. Include a brief description of the program; publicity; club and community participation. You may include photographs.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered to the garden club with the most outstanding single program.

Submissions: Follow current year’s directions by due date.

No Class or Category.

#76 “FUN WITH FLOWERS” SERIES AWARD

This award established in honor of Joan Pryor who saw a need and had a vision to establish : “Fun with Flowers” as an FFGC Program and who recognized the value it would have for our members and the public, statewide.

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award the garden club with the most outstanding series of “Fun with Flowers” programs. The series should consist of three or more programs in a club year.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application. Include a brief description of each program; publicity; club and community participation. You may include photographs.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered to the garden club with the most outstanding series of programs#

Submission: Follow current year’s directions by due date.

No Class or Category

#78 PARKS AND GROUNDS PROGRAM

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award a club/circle for the most informative field trip.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application Form to report in narrative style about a field trip to a park, garden, or greenway. The field trip should be guided by a Park Ranger, an expert on the area visited, a Master Gardener or Master Naturalist, a garden club member with extensive knowledge of the area. Include pictures of the trip that show the expert guide and garden club members enjoying the trip.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered to the club or circle with the most informative field trip.

Submissions: Follow current year’s directions by due date.

No Class or Category

#80 ART IN BLOOM AWARD

Description and Purpose: (Individual Award) Award for the best representation of a floral design inspired by a piece of art using fresh or dried flowers. (No Artificial Flowers)

Proof of Accomplishment: Use of FFGC Awards Application in narrative style to interpret your design.

Submit Title and Inspiration for design (75-100 words)

Include 1 photo of design and piece of art together (1 photo)

(Exception, if design is unable to be photographed with the piece of art, submit 1 design photo and 1 piece of art photo, 2 photos)

Include all materials used.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered.

Submission: Follow current year’s directions by due date.

#81 FLORAL DESIGNER’S AWARD

Description/Purpose: To recognize garden club members/floral designer who has shared her/his design knowledge for five (5) or more years by giving design programs, teaching Floral Design Study classes, Fun with Flowers, or other design related educational opportunities.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application Form to report in narrative style. Include documentation that shows the person nominated meets the following criteria:

1. Has given design programs to garden clubs, judge’s councils, civic organizations, etc. Evidence could include a picture of the applicant giving the program, a newspaper/letter/article giving the name of the designer, telling (narrative) about the program, a thank you note from someone who attended the program, etc.
2. Has entered and won Top NGC Award ribbons in Standard Flower Shows and has served on flower show committees in some capacity. Evidence should include two entry cards with top awards indicated.
3. Has submitted designs for the Florida Flower Arrangement calendar. Include a picture of one design from the calendar.
4. Is involved in the community and shows initiative beyond garden club by working with youth on designs, doing designs for church, library, historic places, etc. Include a picture or news article showing the program and participation in the community.
5. Is an active member of FFGC, Judges Council, CFAA, NFA, AFID or Ikebana.

The application will be judged using following **Scale of Points:**

PresentationNeat and attractive.....	20
Summary of activities highlighting how member has shared knowledge of design.....	40
Proof of accomplishmentsPhotos, letters, newspaper/newsletter articles, calendar photo ..	40
Award winning design photos, entry cards, publicity	
TOTAL	100

Award: An award of \$50 is offered.

Submission: Follow current year’s directions by due date.

PLEASE NOTE that most Awards are emailed to ffgc.submitawards@gmail.com. Check the Due Date of your Awards on the FFGC Website.

Most Awards are due November 22, 2023 or November 27, 2024

Yearbooks are DUE NOVEMBER 1st

Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

This contest is open to All children in the State of Florida sponsored a Garden Club. It is Not necessary for the children to be a member of a Junior Garden Club.

All the Contest Rules can be found on NGC website or by contacting the FFGC Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl chairman, Jill Anderson

First (1st) through fifth (5th) grade students are invited to demonstrate through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl their understanding of fire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles. The Grand Prize National Poster Winner will win a free round-trip airfare and accommodations for four to Washington, DC. \$50 will also be awarded to the First Place National Winners from each grade level sponsored by National Garden Clubs

D-3 MEMBERSHIP CITATION (Awarded Every Other Year)

Next Due Date: To District Director by February 15, 2024 and March 1, 2024 to Awards Chair

Every two years an award will be given to the district which shows the greatest increase in membership at the end of the current administration, based on a district's membership percentage basis. A certificate and a check for \$50 will be awarded at the annual convention.

No application necessary.

Have each Club in your District give you their starting Membership Numbers June 2023 to February 15, 2025. Awards Chair must have an email from District Directors by March 1st, 2025. You must have your starting number for each Club and the ending numbers for each Club submitted to you in time for you to submit by March 1, 2023. No late entries will be accepted.

Email Awards Chair by March 1, 2023.

D-8 DISTRICT HORTICULTURE AWARD

Description/Purpose: To encourage Districts to present Horticulture programs.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Award Application Form to report in narrative style about the event. You may include pictures. Some suggested types of events are horticulture symposium, seminar, or workshop. One subject or several subjects may be included in the course, but all must be on Horticulture.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered to the best application.

Submission: to State Awards Chair, Due by State award Deadline

S – 1 SCOUT ARBOR DAY AWARD

Purpose : To recognize a Garden Club that works with Scouts to encourage them to create an activity that promotes FFGC/NGC goals and objectives for Florida Arbor Day.

Proof of Accomplishment: Narrative style. Photographs of this activity can show the progression of the event and how it was presented. The program should involve activities which include environmental elements or horticulture lesson. The activity may be one day, or one week in length. Project expenses or means of funding should be provided. Number of Garden Club members and Scout numbers should be included. Continued involvement should be mentioned. All age groups are included. The younger ones will be helped by leaders.

An award of \$25 is offered to one (1) individual Garden Club or Circle.

Due: January 30

Submissions sent to: Barbara Rao, 872 Bayport Circle, Venice, FL 34292 email: barbara_rao@hotmail.com

BASIC SCALE OF POINTS

Unless another Scale of Points is indicated under a specific award, the Basic Scale of Points will be used to judge all FFGC Awards Applications. Be sure to study the requirements for each award and understand which Scale of Points will be used for judging that award.

Basic Scale of Points

Presentation	5
Neat, concise, all information included on the FFGC Awards Application Form (3 sheets allowed) or in the Book of Evidence (if required).	
Achievement	65
Size and scope of project, need and fulfillment, benefit, accomplishment, comprehensiveness of work, activities to attain goals, evaluation of ¹ SEP goals reached, educational value, prior planning, very brief history if continuing project, financial report, other. Reflects the Aims and Goals of FFGC and NGC.	
Participation	15
Size of club, involvement of members (this can be suited to project scope), youth, community, professionals, residents in facilities, others. Not all of these have to be involved.	
Record or Documentation	15
Supporting data (as applicable) clear and well-labeled, clear before and after photographs (if applicable), landscape plan (does not have to be professionally drawn), financial report (even if the project did not cost anything to initiate, state the financial plan of the event or project anticipated and where the money came from) letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles, Facebook Screenshots, (if possible), radio or TV script (if possible), etc. Photocopies are permitted.	
Total: 100	

NGC EC-3 Specific Scoring Rubric

Maximum Total Points
5 Total _____

Presentation

Cover sheet included with all sections completed	2	
Application adheres to 3 single page limit unless other size Specified in award description	2	
Application neat and concise	1	

Achievement

40 Total _____

Meets NGC Mission & Goals	3	
Scope of project defined	2	
Need identified	5	
Benefit to target (members/recipients/community/etc.)	6	
Accomplishment of goals	6	
Comprehensiveness of work	5	
Activities to explain goals explained	6	
Evaluation of goals reached	2	
Educational	2	
Prior planning	2	
Very brief history if continuing project (give full credit if not a continuing project)	1	

Participation

15 Total _____

% of member participation from total size possible (may Include any type of support given)	15	
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Community Involvement

30 Total _____

Involvement of others (community, government agencies, Professionals, youth, facility residents, others)	30	
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Documentation (Photocopies permitted)

10 Total _____

Clear, well labeled , neatly attached photos when applicable	3	
Landscape plane when applicable (give full credit if not Applicable)	2	
Financial Report	4	
Other (letters of appreciation, community awards, publicity, etc.)	1	

100 Total

NGC G-2 Specific Scoring Rubric

Maximum Total Points

Presentation

5 Total _____

Cover sheet included with all sections completed	2	
Application adheres to 3 single page limit unless Other size specified in award description	2	
Application neat and concise	1	

Achievement

90 Total _____

Garden Plan	15	
Selection of plants	10	
Growth and maturity of plants	10	
Successful incorporation of edibles	15	
Successful production of edibles	20	
Overall health and attractiveness of garden	20	

Documentation (Photocopies permitted)

5 Total _____

Supporting data clear, well labeled and neatly attached	2	
At least one photo	2	
Other documentation (publicity, letter, etc.) if planted in public location (give full credit if not public location)	1	

100 Total _____

NGC G-4 Specific Scoring Rubric

Maximum Total Points

Presentation

5 Total _____

Cover sheet included with all sections completed	2	
Application adheres to 3 single page limit unless other size Specified in award description	2	
Application neat and concise	1	

Achievement

40 Total _____

Meets NGC Mission & Goals	3	
Scope of project defined	2	
Need identified	5	
Benefit to target (members/recipients/community/etc.)	6	
Accomplishment of goals	6	
Comprehensiveness of work	5	
Activities to explain goals explained	6	
Evaluation of goals reached	2	
Educational	2	
Prior planning	2	
Very brief history if continuing project (give full credit if not a continuing project)	1	

Participation

15 Total _____

% of member participation from total size possible (may Include any type of support given)	15	
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Community Involvement

30 Total _____

Involvement of others (community, government agencies, Professionals, youth, facility residents, others)	30	
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Documentation (Photocopies permitted)

10 Total _____

Clear, well labeled , neatly attached photos when applicable	3	
Landscape plane when applicable (give full credit if not Applicable)	2	
Financial Report	4	
Other (letters of appreciation, community awards, publicity, etc.)	1	

100 total _____

