



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, Girl Scout Award, Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Contest

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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.

#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.

#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.

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. District Director will forward winning Awards Application to FFGC Headquarters, attention FFGC President

#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 may be awarded in each Class listed below.

Classes:

Class A - Club or Circle

Class B - Individual Member

Class C- District

#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.

#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 may be awarded to a garden club which excels in all of the qualities stated in above Scale of Points.

#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 15, 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: Send the number of copies required to designated address in Procedures.

#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.

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. If the yearbook wins the DS Yearbook Award, it will be sent to NGC 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, FFGC & DS	

#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 or the club year.

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 through the use of 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

#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 one time 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

#14 DEPALMA/SILLIK WEBSITE AWARD

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award outstanding achievement in the area of 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 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. 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

#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 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 as an you should view "Insights". If your page showed significant increase of "likes" "views" or a posts did really well share that in your evidence. Winner will be forwarded to NGC to compete for NGC Award MP-3 (B) Social Media/Website .

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

#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

#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 as long as 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

#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 +

#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 +

#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 +

#22 HORTICULTURE - SPECIAL PROJECT

Description/Purpose: To recognize clubs/circles for the best work in horticulture. The club/circle should select one specific plant (flower, shrub, tree, etc.) as the project for the year. Members may grow different varieties of the plant if desired. Only amateur growers may participate.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use FFGC Awards Application to summarize the following:

Complete records must be kept by each participating member. Records must include: Name of club/circle, name of member, name of species or variety of plant, date and method of planting, exposure (sunny, shady, part shade, etc.), method of cultivation, record of fertilization, date first growth and bloom (if applicable) noted, growth (luxuriant, medium, or slow), condition of foliage, susceptibility to insects and disease, any method of insect or disease control with name of product and details of treatment(if applicable).

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 +

#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

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.

#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 each individual 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 +

#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

#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

#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 +

#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 +

#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 +

#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 +

#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 +

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.

#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.

#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 serving, 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 on the basis of 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.

#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 insures 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

#45 WATER GARDEN AWARD

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award the Club or Circle with best water garden project. The water garden can be constructed at a garden club center, park, or other recreational area.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application to submit a narrative report that includes the following: a planting plan with a list of plants used; a brief written account of the work as it progressed; photographs taken before/during/ and after completing of project.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered for the best project by a Club or Circle.

#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 of plant material.

Publicity, Evidence of club and community participation.

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
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

#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: Photographs before/ after/ and during project. Design plan with a list of plants used. Maintenance program for the future. Financial information including a cost sheet. Evidence of publicity and involvement by club & community members. Publicity and club/community participation are stressed. Youth participation is also important.

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
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 may be given 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 +

#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.

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 may be offered in the following

Classes:

Class A - Club or Circle

Class B - Individual

Class C - Group of Clubs or District

#51 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION INVOLVING YOUTH AWARD

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 may be given 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

#52 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD INVOLVING COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Description/Purpose: To encourage public educational programs about the environment over a one year period. To educate, stimulate, and raise awareness of environmental issues for a large number of adults in a District or community.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application Form to report in narrative on the project. The report should demonstrate inclusive community effort in planning, designing, and presenting a single or series of public educational environmental programs over a one year period. Applicants are encouraged to include other environmental groups, colleges & universities, and experts in the field(s) for the design and presentation of these programs.

Award: An award of \$50 may be given 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 +

#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 may be given 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 +

#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

#57 BIRD OR BUTTERFLY SANCTUARY ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Description/Purpose: To encourage establishment of bird or butterfly sanctuaries on school grounds.

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

Classes:

Class A - Bird Sanctuary

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 +

Class B - Butterfly Sanctuary

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 +

#58 PROMOTING BEES THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

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

#59 WILD FLOWERS MATTER

Description/Purpose: to promote use of Florida native ecotype wildflower seeds.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use FFGC Awards Application and report in narrative style. You may include pictures. This award is for the best planting using Florida native ecotype wildflower seeds. The project may be started in the previous year. The planting may be on school property, city parks, libraries, any public place, or garden club property. Proof of seed purchase from the Florida Wildflower Seed and Plant Growers Association or FFGC Native Plants and Wildflower Chairman is required. The planting may be combined with other plant species; extra value if all species in planting are Florida natives.

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 +

#61 Nell Coe Award

Awarded every other year and revised each administration, 1966--- "Diversity in the Garden" Al Latina, FFGC President Project for 2019-2021 is "Diversity in the Garden".

Description and Purpose: To recognize and award the completion of an exemplary project in some phase of work set forth by the President of FFGC. The large Nell Coe Tray will remain on permanent display at Headquarters.

The theme of the 2019-2021 Administration "Diversity in the Garden" is presented to encourage and promote diversity in our membership. The previous administration promoted a project to encourage growth in number of members. This administration will continue to encourage growth in numbers but will focus on increasing diversity among our membership.

It is a biological fact that plant communities, which are diversely mixed rather than a monoculture, exhibit increased vigor. The same principles may be applied to membership in organizations. The more diverse the membership with respect to ethnicity, sex, age, etc., the more we profit from the diversity of ideas which can contribute to a more vigorous organization. We can learn from the effects of diversity in Plant Communities and apply the same principles to memberships in organizations. "Diversity in the Garden" was chosen as the theme of the 2019-2021 administration to express the notion that we are stronger as an organization if we encourage diversity. Garden in the theme is a pseudonym for members. FFGC fully embraces the following statement on our website: "Membership in the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. is open to all regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity or religious affiliation." To this end, the Nell Coe Award will recognize substantial increase in membership diversity from June 1, 2019 to November 15, 2020. During the 2- year project the participating clubs will conduct activities to encourage increasing diversity in their membership. Awards will be made based on percentage increase in diversity over the 2-year project.

Proof of Accomplishment: If your circle or club is serious about Promoting Membership DIVERSITY in your GARDEN or group, please apply by filling out this 5-question, 2-year Nell Coe Award. Participation of members will be voluntary, and Clubs should maintain member anonymity. The project may include community projects involving the Club/Circle or District, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Deep South, and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Name of Circle, Club or District _____

Name of Club President, email, address and phone number:

Name of contact person submitting this award application, email, address and phone number:

Number of paid members as of 1 June 2019 _____ Number of paid members as of 15 November 2020 _____

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#64 NELL COE AWARD cont.

1. Please tell us which prospective group/s you felt would add diversity to your unique organization:

_____ We wanted to add more MALE/FEMALE/TRANSGENDER members

_____ We wanted to add more HISPANIC members

_____ We wanted to add more RACIALLY DIVERSE (black, Asian, native Americans, white, other) members

_____ We wanted to add Youth/Junior Gardening to our programs.

_____ We wanted to add more _____ members.

2. Why and how did you feel the above-named groups would enhance your current group? **(20 points)**

3. How did you go about contacting these diverse groups? **(40 points)**

*include any invitations/publicity sent to individuals or groups in the community,

*include any programs, workshops, open house notifications used

*were any funds used for the purpose of contacting the diverse groups? If yes, how much? \$ _____

4. How successful were you in contacting and attracting these new members to your group? **(20 points)**

*Were you able to recruit and retain new diverse members?

*What challenges did you face as you attempted to contact the diverse groups?

5. What stories of success can you share with other garden clubs in our state? **(20 points)**

*Include any photographs of events or gatherings showing your new diverse club.

*How have these new diverse members contributed to your club?

Award: \$100 may be awarded in Categories 1, 2, 3 & 4 listed below.

Categories:

1. Small Club with 50 members and under

2. Medium Club with 51-100 members

3. Large Club with 101 - 199 members

4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 200 members and more

Use the Current 2019-2021 Application Form only. Award applications are limited to 3 pages. Awarded at the 2021 Convention

**#62 MARY S. COMPTON AWARD FOR PUBLICITY Book of Evidence BOE
Special Submission Requirements and Due Date 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 number and category, name of club, district number, 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 is 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. where applicable; publicity promotion of FFGC and NGC objectives and goals.

Award will be judged using the following Scale of Points:

Scale of Points

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

Award: An award of \$25 will be given to each winner 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

#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, public forums given to stimulate interest in subjects related to garden club work.

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

Plant identification and plant exchange.

Garden books, CD's or photographs/slides in library for loan to members. Magazines, pamphlets, planting directions available to public.

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

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
- 3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
- 4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +

#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 each may be awarded 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.

#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 should be no less than 1,500 words and no more than 2,00 words exclusive of appendixes. 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:An award of \$25 may be given

#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.

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
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +
5. District

#67 PRESSED WILDFLOWER COLLECTION

Description/Purpose: To stimulate interest in wildflowers, their identification, and preservation.

Proof of Accomplishment: This award requires a **Book of Evidence**. The BOE may contain a maximum of twelve (12) sheets front and back for a total of twenty-four (24) surfaces. The following requirements must be met:

Collection of a minimum of fifteen (15) pressed Florida wildflower specimens

Presented in a folder

All specimens must have a minimum of one leaf included.

Specimens in flower or fruit are to be secured to the pages. Suggested methods are: with adhesive, transparent contact paper, or lamination.

Each specimen must be labeled with the plant family, full botanical name, common name, geographic location, habitat where collected, date of collection, (and if applying in Class B, the name of collector).

Entries will be judged by the following Scale of Points.

Artistic eye appeal - 25 points

Complete & accurate identification of each specimen - 20 points

Diversity of families & collection dates - 20 points

Diversity of environmental locations - 20 points

Neatness & clarity - 15 points

Total - 100 points

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

Classes.

Class A- Individual club member

Class B- Club or Circle for the most outstanding collection of pressed Florida wildflower specimens. One specimen by each member. Members' submissions should have their name listed with the plant identification information.

#68 CELEBRATE COREOPSIS AWARD

An award of \$25 is offered for the promotion of the planting of Florida's State wildflower, the coreopsis. Planting may be on private property, city parks, libraries, chamber of commerce, or garden club property. If the planting is on a state highway it must be accomplished in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation. Plans and locations for plantings in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation must be included. Plantings on private property must have the approval of the club or circle, as well as the property owner.

An award of \$25 is offered for the promotion of the planting of Florida's State wildflower, the coreopsis.

#69 DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS- 2020 this entry will be sent in email. Disregard the try information that would be Mailed.

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 particular type of photographs to submit. For each class, submit a CD or flash drive with the same images that are on the Application form. Because it is necessary to keep the FFGC Awards Application and the CD or flash drive together, submit application in a top-loading plastic sleeve along with the CD or flash drive. Matte Finish Photos

After submission, the CD and/or flash drive becomes the property of FFGC, Inc., and if used for program material, all rights and assigns shall derive to FFGC, Inc.

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 may be given 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. A CD or flash drive with the 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. A CD or flash drive with the 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. A CD or flash drive with the 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. A CD or flash drive with the 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. A CD or flash drive with the 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. A CD or flash drive with the same images must be included.

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 give 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

#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 may be 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. District

#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 may be awarded in the following classes:

Class A -Circle

Class B -Club

#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 may be given to the garden club with the most outstanding single program.

#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 may be given to the garden club with the most outstanding series of programs.

#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 may be given to the club or circle with the most informative field trip.

#79 SPECIAL YOUTH PROGRAM(S)

Description/Purpose: To recognize Clubs/Circles working with youth and encourage them to start these activities on a small scale to develop a comprehensive junior gardener program.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application Form to report in narrative style about a program that involves a minimum of one-hundred (100) children. The program should not be part of a comprehensive or Junior Gardener program (one that requires 5+ members and 5+ or more meetings. The program should involved environmental, horticulture, or floral design activities. The program may be a one-day program or a series of programs.

Award: An award of \$50 may be given 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. District

#80 DISABLED VETERAN HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Description/Purpose: To recognize Clubs/Circles working with disabled veterans.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use the FFGC Awards Application Form to report in narrative style about an activity that is consistent with the goals of FFGC that involves one or more Disabled Veterans.

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
3. Large Clubs/Circles with 60-99 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles with 100 members +
5. District

#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 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:

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

Award:An award of \$50 may be given.

Please Note that we are asking for 2 copies of award. Check the Due Date of your Awards on the FFGC Website.

For 2018 Most Awards are due November 30, 2018

Yearbooks are DUE NOVEMBER 1st

Also Note there may be additional awards created.

D-3 MEMBERSHIP CITATION (Awarded Every Other Year)
Next Due Date: To District Director by February 15, 2021 and
March 1, 2021 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 2019 to February 15, 2021. Awards Chair must have an email from District Directors by March 1st, 2021. 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, 2021. No late entries will be accepted. Email Awards Chair by March 1, 2021.

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 event 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 may be given to the best application.

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

FFGC Award GS -1 Girl Scout Arbor Day

Description: an award that will identify a troop or individual Girl Scout who has participated in an activity to promote Florida Arbor Day which is held on the Third Friday in January.

Purpose: To recognize clubs / circles who are working with Girl Scouts and encourage them to participate in activities that will promote FFGC's/ NGC goals and objectives for Arbor Day Trees planted on Arbor Day show a concern for future generations. The simple act of planting a tree represents a belief that the tree will grow and some day provide wood products, wildlife habitat, erosion control, shelter from wind and sun, beauty, and inspiration for ourselves and our children.

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 lessons. 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 troop members should be included. Continuing involvement mentioned. (Should encompass all the age groups, the younger ones will be helped by the leaders.)

Award: An award of \$25 may be offered to Garden Club in the following

Classes:

A - Pre K-1st

B - 2nd-3rd

C - 4th-6th

D - 7th-12th

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