

ARIZONA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
AWARDS

AWARD # 1 – CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1

For exceptional contributions with permanent civic improvement projects: establishing sanctuaries, municipal gardens, landscaping public areas, etc. No commercial project is eligible.

- A. Single member garden club
 - i. 29 members or under
 - ii. 30-99 members
 - iii. 100 or more members

B. Group of member clubs

C. Individual garden club member

Civic Achievement, Certificate of Merit

May be eligible for Pacific Region Garden Clubs (PRGC) Award.

May be eligible for NGC Award

AWARD #2 – CONSERVATION

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1

For outstanding conservation activities; education or legislative activity; landscaping to conserve water with native plants; landscaping to provide habitat for wildlife; and landscaping to prevent erosion.

- A. Single member garden club
 - i. 29 members or under
 - ii. 30-99 members
 - iii. 100 or more members

B. Group of member clubs

C. Individual garden club member

Conservation, Certificate of Merit.

May be eligible for NGC Award

AWARD #3 – GARDEN THERAPY

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1

A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for an outstanding program working with special populations: physically or learning challenged in nursing homes, in schools, in prisons, etc.

- i. 29 members or under
- ii. 30-99 members
- iii. 100 or more members

A. Group of member clubs

B. Individual garden club member

Garden Therapy, Certificate of Merit.

May be eligible for Pacific Region Garden Clubs (PRGC) Award.

May be eligible for NGC Award.

AWARD #4 - BIRD PROTECTION

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1

For conducting the most comprehensive and effective project for bird protection and welfare, e.g. sanctuaries, providing food, houses, and promoting law enforcement relative to bird welfare. Book of evidence should include what was accomplished in their activities, programs and projects.

- A. Single member garden club
 - i. 29 members or under
 - ii. 30-99 members
 - iii. 100 or more members

B. Group of member clubs

C. Individual garden club member

Bird Protection, Certificate of Merit.

May be eligible for NGC Award.

AWARD # 5 – POLLINATOR AWARD

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1

For conducting the most comprehensive and effective project on pollinators, e.g. habitat protection, protection of migratory routes, public education, establishment of pollinator garden at school or community site, etc.

- A. Single member garden club
 - i. 29 members or under
 - ii. 30-99 members
 - iii. 100 or more members

B. Group of member clubs

Pollinator Award, Certificate of Merit.

May be eligible for NGC Award.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

AWARD # 6 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AWARD

DEADLINE: MARCH 15

One (1) award of \$50.00 and a certificate will be given, if merited, to an AFGC member club for an outstanding project. Submit a two-page book summary of the project. On The first page provide a written summary telling the quality of project and overall effect in promoting garden club projects and the need for the project. On the second page include photos that illustrate the important features of the project making it worthy of an award.

Executive Committee Award, Certificate of Merit and \$50.00

AWARD # 7 - PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

DEADLINE: MARCH 15

One award per District may be given to a member or non-member for outstanding contributions for the advancement of gardening and garden club objectives to members and the community. An AFGC Award Application Form shall be sent to the AFGC President for determination of winner in each District after consultation with the District Director. Submit application form giving details as to qualifications for the award.

Public Relations Award, Certificate of Merit

AWARD # 8 - PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS

AFGC President may present up to six (6) presidential citations each year to those who have performed service to AFGC.

A list of winners of a presidential citation shall be kept in the Award electronic file according to the AFGC Record Retention Plan.

Presidential Citation

YOUTH

AWARD # 9 – JUNIOR AND/OR INTERMEDIATE GARDEN CLUB AND PLANT SOCIETY

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1

Youth garden club sponsored by a member garden club/plant society, which through its own efforts has been most successful in promoting all phases of garden club work. Indicate grade/s, sponsor and include a Book of Evidence. Do not duplicate with other junior/intermediate awards.

- A. Grades 1-3
- B. Grades 4-6
- C. Grades 7-9

Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club Award, Certificate of Merit

May be eligible for NGC Award– Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club

AWARD # 10 - HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

DEADLINE: JANUARY 1

One High School Essay contest winner shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100) as an award for the best essay.

Essay must be between 600-700 words. Essay will be penalized if essay does not conform to required length. Words are to be counted. Essay must be typed and titled. Students should write the essay so it is suitable for publication in the NGC publication, *The National Gardener*.

CONTEST RULES and subject will correspond to NGC criteria.

High School Essay Award, Certificate of Award and \$100

May be eligible for a Pacific Region Garden Clubs (PRGC) Award

May be eligible for NGC Award and \$1000.00 Scholarship

AWARD # 11 - HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROJECT

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1

Awarded to a high school student, grades 9-12, for an outstanding civic project making a significant improvement for public benefit, e.g. environment, conservation, landscape, horticulture, recycling, horticulture therapy, etc. A single member garden club, group of member clubs, Districts, or a State Garden Club must sponsor the contest. All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

High School Distinguished Service Project Award, Certificate of Award and \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place.

May be eligible for Pacific Region Garden Clubs (PRGC) Award

May be eligible for NGC Award– High School Distinguished Service Project.

AWARD # 12 – POETRY CONTEST

DEADLINE: Entries must be sent to AFGC Youth Chairman by JANUARY 1

Excite and encourage our youth to explore their creative thoughts through different kinds of poetry. NGC's Poetry Contest enables our youth to embrace their creativity through the art of writing. Be imaginative and join the winners to see their poetry in a printed booklet.

ELIGIBILITY

Special Education and English as a second language Kindergarten through 9th grade.

General Education Kindergarten through 9th grade.

Each grade and division will be judged separately.

CONTEST RULES

- All entries must be typed and titled.
- Include participant's name, age, grade, school, school address and sponsoring garden club on back of entry.
- Sponsoring garden club may be that of a grandparent.
- All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Poems do not have to rhyme.
- Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems, limerick or Haiku.

May be eligible for Pacific Region Garden Clubs (PRGC) Award and NGC Award.

AWARD # 13 SMOKEY BEAR & WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

DEADLINE: Entries must be sent to AFGC Youth Chairman by **JANUARY 19**.

Open to 1st through 5th Grade Students The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. are giving students the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of wildfire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl.

PRIZES

- The National Grand Prize Winner of the Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest will be honored with a Recognition Ceremony in Washington, DC. Round-trip airfare and accommodations for four will be provided.
- The National Garden Clubs, Inc. will award \$50 check to each of the First-Place national winners in all five grades.

POSTER RULES

- Poster must feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl - but not both together.
- Smokey Bear posters must be based upon and include, Smokey's fire prevention message "Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires". Woodsy Owl posters must be based upon and include, Woodsy's conservation message: "Lend a Hand - Care for the Land!"
- Posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires or conserving natural resources

Each entry should be 11 X 17 inches in size

- Materials that can be used: crayons, markers, poster paints, watercolors, etc.
- No three-dimensional posters, computer-scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted. The artist's name, grade level, school, teacher's name, school address, school phone number, city, and state must be **PRINTED** on the back of the poster in the lower right corner. Each poster must include the sponsoring local garden club name. Please do **NOT** use dark marker.

POSTER TIPS

- A good poster has a bold and simple design.
- Its message is easily understood, and is delivered both in the picture and in the slogan.
- Educators can provide paper to children in order to initiate the program.
- Since Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are official icons, protected by Congressional Law, the colors of their clothing need to be accurate. Check the colors on the website or purchase Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl promotional and educational products at National Symbols Cache at www.symbols.gov
- Posters will be judged for originality, design, slogan, artwork, and overall effectiveness of the message.

AWARD #14 Youth Sculpture Contest

DEADLINE: Club entries must be sent to the AFGC Youth Chairman by: **January 1**

Encourage youth to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving the environment.

CONTEST RULES

- Students in 4th grade through 8th grade are eligible to enter the contest
- Rules of Contest
- The sculpture is limited to a size that would fit on a 8 1/2" X 11" sheet of paper and must be constructed of recyclable, reused and reduced material
- Height should be in proportion to width
- Entries should include as many photographs as can be printed on the back of the entry form: (2) 4X6 photographs are recommended.
- Entries should include participant's name, age, school, school address
- Include list of materials used and describe the sculpture in 3-5 sentences.
- Youth sculpture contest winners will be asked to submit a high-quality photo of their entry to be used on the NGC website and in other NGC publications.

MEMBERSHIP

AWARD # 15 - MEMBERSHIP

Three awards of \$20.00 each are available to the following:

- A. To the club showing the greatest percentage increase in membership.
 - B. To the club having the greatest number of new members.
 - C. To the district having the greatest percentage increase in membership.
- No application necessary.

AWARD # 15 b – MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

DEADLINE: June 1

- A. AFGC Certificate of Appreciation awarded at a District Meeting,
- B. To a garden club member with membership in a National Garden Clubs, Inc. of 25 years
- C. Succeeding certificates awarded in five (5) year increments.
- D. AFGC Local Garden Club President to notify the AFGC Membership Chairman the name of an eligible recipient providing the name and years of NGC Membership.
- E. Membership may be from more than one state.

FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1.

(*Exception: Shows held in November and December, the DEADLINE: December 31*)

Eligible for the same NGC Award numbers. See the NGC Website for specific requirements for applying for NGC Flower Show Awards. Refer to Rules and Requirements as published in *Handbook for Flower Shows (2017)*. Must submit a Book of Evidence.

AWARD #16 - STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Requirements

- 5 Horticulture Classes
- 20 or more Horticulture entries
- 5 Design Classes
- 20 or more design entries

AWARD #17-SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Requirements

- 5 Horticulture Classes
- 20 or more Horticulture entries
- 3 Design Classes
- 12-15 design exhibits

AWARD #18 - HORTICULTURE SPECIALTY FLOWER SHOW

Requirements

- 10 Horticulture Classes
- 40 or more horticulture entries

AWARD #19 - DESIGN SPECIALTY FLOWER SHOW

Requirements

- 10 Design Classes
- 40 design entries

AWARD # 20 - YOUTH STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Requirements

- 5 Horticulture Classes
- 20 or more Horticulture Entries
- 5 Design classes
- 20 Design entries

AWARD # 21 - BEST EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT IN A FLOWER SHOW

A. STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

B. SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Judged by the following Scale of Points:

Educational Value	60 points
Interest to viewers	25
Clear, concise presentation	15
Adequate educational signs, tags	10
Follows NGC objectives	10
Staging	20 points
Craftsmanship, technique	10
Distinction	10
Creativity and Expression	<u>20 points</u>
Total	100 points

AWARD # 22 - BEST HORTICULTURE DIVISION IN A FLOWER SHOW

A. STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

B. SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Judged by the following Scale of Points:

Quality and number of specimens	50 points
Correct and legible labeling	25 points
Entries in proper classes	15 points
Staging	<u>10 points</u>
Total	100 points

AWARD # 23 - BEST DESIGN DIVISION IN A FLOWER SHOW

A. STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

B. SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Judged by the following Scale of Points:

Quality and distinction of Designs	60 points
Interpretation of Schedule	20 points
Staging	<u>20 points</u>
Total	100 points

Submit pictures and one copy of schedule with award application. No Book of Evidence required.

AWARD # 24 - BEST STAGING IN A FLOWER SHOW

A. STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

B. SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Judged by the following Scale of Points:

Interpretation of Schedule and Theme	50 points
Effective use of space and light	30 points
Neatness, order and uniformity	<u>20 points</u>
Total	100 points

Submit pictures, Schedule, and floor plan with award application. No Book of Evidence required.

PUBLICATIONS

AWARD # 25– PUBLICATIONS

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1

Submit three consecutive issues of the publication in two appropriately-sized, new, clean (no writing) envelopes with 1 copy of the AFGC award application clipped to each envelope. State number of issues per year on AFGC award applications and give a brief description of publication. Also include number of copies distributed, how distributed and the cost of publishing/price if sold.

- Newsletter-one 8 ½” x 11” or one 8 ½” x 14” sheet of paper
- Newsletter or Magazine of 3-12 pages
- Magazine or Bulletin of 13-24 pages
- Magazine or Bulletin over 24 pages

Eligibility for 1, 2, 3 and 4

Single member garden club

- i. 29 members or under
- ii. 30-99 members
- iii. 100 or more members
- iv. Group of member clubs

Publications Award, Certificate of Merit.

Eligible for Pacific Region Garden Clubs (PRGC) Award – Newsletter or Official Publication

Eligible for NGC Award

AWARD # 26 – OTHER PUBLICATIONS

PRGC DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1

- Manuals, handbooks (ex. procedural, duties of officers, awards)
- Educational (ex. environment, landscape, horticultural, design)
- Horticulture or Design (ex: judging, guide to exhibiting, floral design, mechanics)
- History
- Membership (ex. brochure, leaflet)
- Calendars
- Others (example: cookbooks)

Eligibility for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6

Single AFGC Local Garden Club

- i. 29 members and under
- ii. 30-99 members
- iii. 100 members and over
- iv. Group of member clubs

Publications Award, Certificate of Merit

Eligible for Pacific Region Garden Clubs (PRGC) Award

Eligible for NGC Award

AWARD # 27- STANDARD FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1

Submit three copies of the publication in an appropriately-sized, new, clean (no writing) envelope with 1 copy of the AFGC award application clipped to the envelope.

Publications Award, Certificate of Merit

May be eligible for Pacific Region Garden Clubs (PRGC) Award

YEARBOOKS

AWARD # 28 – YEARBOOK FOR A MEMBER LOCAL GARDEN CLUB

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1

Three copies of a club yearbook for those clubs wishing to compete shall be sent to the AFGC Awards Yearbook Chairman by the deadline. No application form is necessary. Complete information on club yearbooks including the Scale of Yearbooks may be accepted for competition on the calendar year or club year. The same yearbook may be submitted only one time in awards year. No envelope necessary.

- i. 19 members or under
- ii. 20-29 members
- iii. 30-44 members
- iv. 45-69 members
- v. 70-99 members
- vi. 100-299 members
- vii. 300 or more members

Yearbook Award, Certificate of Merit. Based on number of members, including Life Members, on whom NGC dues are paid.

May be eligible for Pacific Region Garden Clubs (PRGC) Award

May be eligible for NGC Award

AWARD # 29 – YEARBOOK FOR A GROUP OF MEMBER LOCAL GARDEN CLUBS, COUNCIL OR DISTRICT

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1

Three copies of a yearbook of a group of AFGC Local Garden Clubs, a AFGC Council, or a District wishing to compete shall be sent to the AFGC Awards Yearbook Chairman by the deadline. No application form is necessary. Complete information on yearbooks including the Scale of Points for judging can be found in the NGC Website Awards. Yearbooks may be accepted for competition on the calendar year or club year. The same yearbook may be submitted only one time in awards year. No envelope necessary.

- i. Group 29 members and under
- ii. Group 30-99 members
- iii. Group 100 members and over

Yearbook Award, Certificate of Merit. Based on number of members, including Life Members, on whom NGC dues are paid.

May be eligible for Pacific Region Garden Clubs (PRGC) Award

May be eligible for NGC Award

AWARD # 30 – YEARBOOK FOR COUNCIL OF JUDGES OR CONSULTANTS

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1

Three copies of AFGC Council of Judges or Consultants yearbook for those wishing to compete shall be sent to the AFGC Yearbook Chairman by the deadline. No application form is necessary. Complete information on yearbooks including the Scale of Points for judging is located on the NGC Website. Yearbooks may be accepted for competition on the calendar year or club year. The same yearbook may be submitted only one time in awards year. No envelope necessary.

- i. Group 29 members and under
- ii. Group 30-99 members
- iii. Group 100 members and over

Yearbook Award, Certificate of Merit. Based # members, including Life Members, NGC dues are paid.

May be eligible for Pacific Region Garden Clubs (PRGC) Award

May be eligible for NGC Award

SPECIAL AWARDS

AFSJC DORIS HELVIG CREATIVE DESIGN AWARD

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1

1. An award given annually to an Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs member who is outstanding in furthering the art of creative floral design.
2. The award shall be awarded annually by the:
 - a. AFGC President
 - b. AFGC Awards Chairman
 - c. AFGC Flower Show Awards Chairman
 - d. AFSJC President
3. Applications are available from the AFGC Awards Chairman. The application may be submitted by an individual, a club or district. In the application include the reasons you feel the applicant deserves the award, i.e. design classes taught; design contributions to club, district or state; any other activities relating to design.
4. Deadline for applications is February 1.
5. The award may be awarded only once to the same person.
6. The award, a contemporary vase on a wooden base, will be retained by the recipient for one year. The recipient's name and the year awarded will be inscribed on the base. A certificate will also be awarded.
7. The award shall be presented at the AFGC Biennial Convention or AFGC Annual Meeting by the Arizona Flower Show Judges Council President and the AFGC President.

AFGC LAUREL AWARD

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1

1. The AFGC President may present up to four (4) AFGC Laurel Awards annually.
2. The AFGC Laurel Award shall be given to an AFGC member who has brought innovation to their position and/or has served AFGC in more than one capacity and/or has displayed qualities such as outstanding leadership, dedication, enthusiasm, dependability, exemplary execution of duties and/or has steadfastly served AFGC for many years with sustained diligence and dedication.
3. An AFGC Member(s) shall submit a candidate's name for this award to the AFGC Awards Chairman.
4. AFGC Laurel Award Application Form shall be available from the Awards Chairman and posted on the AFGC Website.
5. Recipients shall be selected by the AFGC President, AFGC Awards Chairman and three other AFGC members chosen by the AFGC Awards Chairman.
6. AFGC Laurel Award Certificate shall be presented by the AFGC President at the AFGC Annual Meeting in the even-numbered year and at the AFGC Biennial Convention in the odd-numbered year.

PACIFIC REGION AWARDS

See the Pacific Region Garden Clubs web site, www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org

NGC AWARDS

See the NGC website www.gardenclub.org