

AWARDS – VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC

2017 - 2019

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. AWARDS YEAR: January 1 to December 31 annually. A continuing project may include a small amount of history on the project for background, but the majority of the application is to be about work accomplished during the current calendar year. It should be stated clearly anything that is not done during this period. **Exception: VFGC Special Achievement Awards encompass work completed between June 2017 and December 2019, except where noted.**

2. DEADLINE: The deadline for submitting award applications to District Awards Chairman is **DECEMBER 1**, unless otherwise stated. Applications for ALL awards (including VFGC, SAR and NGC) will be judged by the District Awards Committee, unless otherwise stated. Winners will be sent to the VFGC Awards Chairman (Heidi Sage, 1057 Jacks Shop Rd., Rochelle, VA 22738, hbsage@aol.com) by **DECEMBER 15** to compete for VFGC, SAR and NGC awards.

3. ELIGIBILITY: Only VFGC members are eligible to apply for VFGC awards unless otherwise stated in the award description. Members are: member garden clubs, groups of member clubs, and individual members of garden clubs. Junior, Intermediate, and High School Garden Clubs, and Individual Youth must be sponsored by a member garden club to be eligible for specific VFGC, SAR and NGC awards.

4. APPLYING FOR AWARDS - CLUB AWARDS CHAIRMEN

- Application forms are available on the VFGC website (www.viriniagardenclubs.org, click on Info/Forms) and from District and State Awards Chairmen. No password is required.
- There is a 3 page limit; using only the front of the page. Exceptions noted.
- When a single project is eligible for more than one award, submitting an exact duplication of the application is not acceptable. A significant change must be evident in the summary regarding the project.
- Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer allowed. Exceptions noted.
- Applications will not be returned.
- Applications may be submitted electronically or by hardcopy. If submitting a hardcopy, include **THREE** complete copies of the award application. Keep a fourth copy for your records.
- Use Times New Roman Font, no smaller than size 10

4. APPLYING FOR AWARDS - CLUB AWARDS CHAIRMEN (CONTINUED)

- Flower Show Achievement Awards, Publicity Press Books, and Member Award of Honor do NOT use the VFGC award application. For more information see VFGC List of Awards or VFGC website (www.viriniagardenclubs.org, click on Info/Forms).
- For most up to date awards information, always consult the VFGC website (www.viriniagardenclubs.org, click on Info/Forms).
- Additional information on applying for awards can be found on the VFGC website (www.viriniagardenclubs.org, click on Info/Forms). These resources include:
 - ✓ A Club's Step-by-Step Guide to Awards
 - ✓ List of VFGC Awards
 - ✓ VFGC Award Application Form
 - ✓ A sample Award Application filled out
 - ✓ Scale of Points used to judge awards
 - ✓ Additional information on Flower Show Achievement Awards
 - ✓ Additional information on Publicity Press Books
 - ✓ Additional information on Member Award of Honor
 - ✓ Links to the District, SAR and NGC Award List
- All award applications (for District, VFGC, SAR and NGC awards) are to be sent to the District Awards Chairman by December 1. Exceptions noted.

5. APPLYING FOR AWARDS - DISTRICT AWARDS CHAIRMEN

- First place winners in each category must be sent by mail or e-mail to the VFGC Award Chairman (Heidi Sage, 1057 Jacks Shop Rd., Rochelle, VA. 22738, hbsage@aol.com, 540-948-3778) by December 15. Exceptions noted in VFGC List of Awards.
- A complete list of award applications from your district must be included with submissions. List is to include VFGC award number, VFGC award name, and submitting club name for each award application.
- If submitting award applications by mail, send three copies. Retain a fourth copy for your records.

6. CATEGORIES BY CLUB SIZE: Some awards specify awards according to club size. Club size is determined by the number of members as of December 1st on whom VFGC dues are paid, including Active, Associate, Inactive, Honorary, etc.

i	Small Club	29 members or less
ii	Medium Club	30 to 59 members
iii	Large club	60 to 99 members
iv	Extra Large Club	100 members or more

7. BOOK OF EVIDENCE: A Book of Evidence is required when applying for the following awards:

- a) Flower Show Achievement Awards – see NGC web site for requirements
- b) Publicity Press Book - no limit on number of pages
- c) Member Award of Honor - not to exceed 3 pages, one sided

For additional information on these individual awards, see the NGC website (www.gardenclub.org) and/or VFGC website (www.viriniagardenclubs.org, click on Info/Forms).

8. SCALE OF POINTS: All awards are judged by a rubric called the "Scale of Points". Judging with a Scale of Points allows all clubs to know how their application will be judged before submitting it. It also assures that all applications are judged on the same criteria in a fair and impartial manner. The Scale of Points for all VFGC awards can be found on the VFGC website (www.viriniagardenclubs.org, click on Info/Forms).

VFGC SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Special recognition will be given to clubs supporting VFGC President's Projects over the two year administration. **These awards are biennial will be presented at the 2019 Convention.**

\$100 will be awarded to the overall winner for each of the VFGC SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS. If there is more than one winner per award, an overall winner will be determined from the first place entries. Projects must score 90 or more to be awarded first place recognition.

S-1 MONARCH BUTTERFLY WAY STATIONS

\$100 may be awarded to the club adding the most Monarch Way Stations (percentage basis) to provide resources necessary for monarch butterflies to produce successive generations and sustain their migration. Way Stations must be certified through www.MonarchWatch.org. and the application must include the Monarch Way Station identification number. Club and Member Way Stations qualify for this award and may be in public or private gardens. No application is necessary. Winners will be chosen from the winners of the S-15 award applications that comply.

S-2 BLUE STAR MEMORIAL LANDSCAPING

\$100 may be awarded to the club for the most outstanding Blue Star Memorial landscaping project (Highway Marker, Byway Marker, Memorial Marker). It may be a complete restoration or a new Installation. No award application necessary. Winning award applications for S-25 will automatically be considered for this award.

S-3 PLANT TOGETHER COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

\$100 may be awarded to the **club** having the most outstanding Plant Together Project. These projects may involve community clean up, planting a new area, container gardening, or other projects designed to spark an interest in gardening. All projects **must** involve partnering with other groups in your community. More information on the Plant Together Community Garden Project can be found on the Project's Page of the VFGC website. No additional application necessary. Winning award applications from S- 28 will be considered for this award.

S-4 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN – “JUST ASK ABOUT GARDEN CLUB MATH: INFORMING+INVITING= INCREASED MEMBERSHIP”

\$100 may be awarded to the established **club** with the largest increase (percentage basis) in membership over the 2017-2019 administration (March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2019). No application necessary. VFGC Membership Chairman should report to the VFGC Awards Chairman by March 15, 2019

DISTRICT AWARDS

S-5 BLUE STAR MEMORIAL LANDSCAPING

\$20 may be awarded to a **district** for the most outstanding Blue Star Memorial landscaping projects (Highway Marker, Byway Marker, Memorial 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. **(SAR #19, NGC # L-1 B, L-2 B, L-3 B)**

S-6 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

\$20 may be awarded to a **district** bringing the most new clubs into VFGC membership between March 1 of the preceding year and the end of February of the award year (must be at least two clubs). VFGC Membership Chairman should report to the VFGC Awards Chairman by March 15. No application required.

S-7 DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

\$20 may be awarded to a **district** for the clearest, most accurate, specific and comprehensive flower show schedule for a standard flower show. **(SAR 15B)**

- A. Districts 900 members and under B. Districts over 900 members

The scale of points for Flower Show Schedules can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage or on pg. 306-308 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows* (2007 edition). As of Jan. 2018 new rules will go into effect, found on pages 135 – 138 of the 2017 edition. Attach copy of flower show schedule to award application.

S-8 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

\$20 may be awarded to a **district** in each category publishing the best newsletter **(NGC # PUB-1-1B,2B,3B,4B)**

- A. Districts 900 members and under B. Districts over 900 members

The Scale of Points for Publications can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage or on the NGC List of Awards on the NGC website. State number of issues per year on the award application. Submit three sample issues in an envelope with one application form attached to the outside of the envelope and one copy enclosed inside.

S-9 SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTERS

\$20 may be awarded to a **district** with the greatest number of posters (percentage based on district membership). Information submitted to VFGC Awards Chairman by VFGC Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Chairman, by March 15. No award application required.

S-10 WEBSITE

\$20 may be awarded to a **district** for the most outstanding website promoting the sponsoring organization and NGC objectives. Give website address, who maintains site, how often updated, etc. **(SAR #22, NGC # MP-3, v)** The Scale of Points for Websites can be found on the VFGC Awards web page or on the NGC List of Awards on the NGC website

S-11 PENNY PINES

\$20 may be awarded to a **district** with the most donations in the amount of \$ 68.00 to the National Garden Clubs, Inc, Penny Pines program. VFGC Penny Pines Chairman should report to the VFGC Awards Chairman by March 15. No award application required.

S-12 VFGC LIFE MEMBERSHIP

\$20 may be awarded to a **district** with the most new VFGC Life Memberships (percentage increase based on district membership) between March 1 of the preceding year and the end of February of the award year. VFGC Life Membership Chairman should report to the VFGC Awards Chairman by March 15. No application required.

CLUB AWARDS

S-14 BIRD PROTECTION

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) 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. **(SAR #2; NGC # EC-4)**

S-15 BUTTERFLY

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) for conducting the most comprehensive and effective project on butterflies, e.g. habitat protection, protection of migratory routes, public education, establishment of a butterfly garden at a school or community site. Monarch Way Stations may be part of this project. **(SAR #3, NGC #EC-5)**

S-16 ORGANIC GARDENING PRACTICES (new)

\$20 may be awarded to the **club** (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large club) for the most outstanding project emphasizing and employing the use of organic materials and methods in a gardening project or educational activity. **(NGC # EC-7 A)**

S-17 CONSERVATION

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large club) for conservation activities, e. g. education or legislative activity; conservation field project; natural resource development, such as a watershed, erosion control, reforestation, wildlife refuge; overall excellence and well-balanced year's conservation activities.
(SAR # 5, NGC # EC-1 or EC-3)

S-18 WATER (new)

\$20 May be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large club) for the most outstanding project with an emphasis on water conservation and/or clean water. **(SAR # 21, NGC # EC-6 A)**

S-19 LITTER/RECYCLING/RECLAMATION

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) for the most outstanding community project on litter prevention, reclamation and/or recycling, e.g. year-long program, organizing recycling program, establishing community composting site. **(NGC # EC-2)**

S-20 CHUCKY CHIPMUNK

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** for the most complete promotions of Chucky Chipmunk and the "STOP Throwing and START Stowing" anti-litter theme: i.e. poster contest, newsletter, school program.

S-21 "CONSERVATION IN ACTION"/ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT AWARD

\$20 may be awarded to the **club** (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) with the best project that emphasizes native plants in roadside plantings to encourage new habitats for native species of bees, butterflies, and/or amphibians endemic to Virginia. **(SAR # 10 or 14, NGC # NPW-1)**

S-22 CIVIC PROJECTS WITH NATIVE PLANTS

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) for establishing wildflower gardens, memorial gardens, or the restoration of historic gardens with emphasis on native plant material to our region. **(NGC #NPW-2)**

S-23 OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS, NATURE TRAILS

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) for establishing outdoor classrooms, nature trails, wildflower walks, etc. with the emphasis on wildflowers and native plants.
(NGC # NPW-3)

S-24 CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION/CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) for a distinguished civic or conservation work making permanent improvements for public benefit, e.g. establishing sanctuaries, experimental forests, municipal gardens, landscaping public buildings, etc. No commercial project is eligible. **(SAR #4; NGC # CS-2 A or B)**

S-25 BLUE STAR MEMORIAL LANDSCAPING

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) for the most outstanding Blue Star Memorial landscaping projects (highway marker, byway marker, memorial 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. **(SAR #19, NGC # L-1, L-2, L-3)**

S-26 COMMUNITY LANDSCAPE DESIGN

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) for the most outstanding project/significant contribution in planning and planting for: commercial property, church or synagogue, hospital, library, civic center, park, waterfront, etc. Copy of landscape plan must be included in application. **(SAR #4 or SAR #16, NGC # L-4 or L-6)**

S-27 ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large club) for outstanding, permanent roadside beautification. The program may be continuous, but must have advanced degree of completion prior to making application. The award may be given only once for the same program. **(SAR #14, possibly NGC-# CB-1)**

S-28 PLANT TOGETHER COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

\$20 may be awarded to the **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) having the most outstanding Plant Together project. These projects may involve community clean up, planting a new area, container gardening, or other projects designed to spark an interest in gardening. All projects **must** involve partnering with other groups in your community. More information on the Plant Together Community Garden Project can be found on the Project's Page of the VFGC website (*possibly SAR-13, NGC # CS-1 B*)

S-29 HISTORIC PRESERVATION

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) for a historic preservation project such as the restoration of a park, a building, and/or garden of importance to local, state, or national heritage. (*SAR #8A; NCG # HP-1*)

S-30 DECORATION OF HISTORIC BUILDING

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) for decorating a historic building/house/mansion. Decorations are not required to be of the period of the building, but should be creative, distinctive, and harmonize with the building's style. Designer's choice of all materials within purview of curator, official, or owner of the building. (*NCG # HP-2*)

S-31 HORTICULTURE THERAPY

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) for an outstanding program working with the physically or learning challenged in nursing homes, schools, prisons, etc.

S-32 HORTICULTURE THERAPY GARDEN PROJECT

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large club) for establishment of a garden/s to benefit the physically or learning challenged, residents in nursing home, school, prisons, low income housing, Habitat for Humanity, etc. Includes barrier-free garden, accessible gardening, community garden, meditation garden at hospital, etc. (*SAR # 6 or 7, NGC # G-3*)

S-33 MEMBERSHIP

\$20 will be awarded to the **club** with the most new members (percentage increase based on club membership). Send list of members joining your club between March 1 and the end of February, showing joining date, to VFGC Membership Chairman, (**Judy Ann Fray, P.O. Box 263, Madison, VA 22727** ja.fray@verizon.net) by March 10 of each year. VFGC Membership Chairman should report to VFGC Awards Chairman by March 15. No application required.

S-34 NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) for the best overall promotion of National Garden Week. Entry to show community awareness throughout the entire week and may include local and/or state proclamations. (*SAR #11A; NGC # MP-2*)

S-35 SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

A white rosette may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) for outstanding civic work furthering NGC objectives and projects throughout club year or special project not provided for in another NGC Award. **(NGC # CS-5)**

S-36 VISION OF BEAUTY CALENDAR SALES

\$20 may be awarded to the **club** selling the largest number of VISION OF BEAUTY calendars. Clubs need to supply the number of members and the number of calendars sold as evidence. **(SAR #18)**

A. Based on total calendars sold B. Based on calendars per member

S-37 SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTERS

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** with the greatest number of posters submitted to Youth Poster District Chairman. VFGC Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chairman will report results to VFGC Awards Chairman by March 15. No application required.

S-38 YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) for the most outstanding project in the field of environmental education involving youth. **(SAR #25, NGC # YR-2)**

S-39 YOUTH HORTICULTURE EDUCATION

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) for the best promotion of gardening among youth; based on belief that youth should be educated to become future horticulturists. **(SAR #25, NGC # YR-1 A)**

S-40 "THE SAVED SEED" EDUCATION AWARD

\$20 may be awarded to the **club** with the best project utilizing *The Saved Seed* book with youth. The project must involve more than reading the book to children and demonstrate connecting children with nature.

S-41 POLLINATOR GARDENS WITH YOUTH

\$20 may be awarded to the **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) with the best project of planting pollinator gardens while educating youth. These gardens may be container gardens. Gardens may be in public or private locations. **(SAR # 25, NGC # Y-2 A)**

CLUB AWARDS - PUBLICATIONS AND PROMOTION

S-42 PUBLICATIONS

\$20 may be awarded to a A. **club** (i small club; ii medium club, iii large club; iv extra large club)

B. **Group of clubs** (councils or districts, etc.)

for the entry judged best in each category 1-8. Notices or flyers for one time events are not eligible. Printed publications or those prepared for electronic distribution are acceptable entries.

(NGC # PUB-2)

Categories:

- 1) manuals, handbooks (examples: procedural, duties of officers, awards)
- 2) educational (examples: environmental, landscape, gardening, horticulture therapy)
- 3) horticulture, design (examples: judging, guide to exhibiting, floral design, mechanics)
- 4) history
- 5) membership (examples: brochure, leaflet)
- 6) calendars
- 7) cookbooks
- 8) other

Scale of Points for Publications can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage or on the NGC List of Awards on the NGC website. Submit entry in an envelope with one application form secured to outside and one enclosed inside envelope.

S-43 CLUB NEWSLETTER

A. \$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) publishing a one-page (may be both sides) newsletter – at least 3 times per year under one- editorship or management. **(SAR #9-1, NGC # PUB-1-1 A)**

B. \$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) publishing a newsletter of 3-12 pages – at least three issues. **(SAR #9-2, NGC # PUB-1-2 A)**

C. \$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) publishing a newsletter of 13-or more pages – at least three issues. **(NGC # PUB-1-3-A)**

Scale of Points for Publications can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage or on the NGC List of Awards on the NGC website. State number of issues per year on award application. Submit three sample issues (**2 copies each - one to be sent on to SAR, one to be sent on to NGC**) in an envelope with one application form secured to outside and one enclosed inside envelope.

S-44 CLUB YEARBOOKS

An orange rosette may be awarded to a **club** for the most outstanding yearbook in each of the following categories, determined by number of members, including Life Members, on whom VFGC dues are paid. Yearbook must be from current club year. **(SAR #26A, NGC# YB-1)**

1. Clubs with under 20 members
2. Clubs with 20-29 members
3. Clubs with 30-44 members
4. Clubs with 45-69 members
5. Clubs with 70-99 members
6. Clubs with 100-299 members

Scale of Points for Yearbooks can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage or on the NGC List of Awards on the NGC website. Complete the top of the Award Application. Do not answer the questions. Firmly clip two copies of the completed application form to the inside front cover. No envelope needed. Send only 1 yearbook. Mail to District Awards Chairmen.

S-45 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) for the clearest, most accurate, specific and comprehensive flower show schedule for a standard flower show. **(SAR #15A)**

The scale of points for Flower Show Schedules can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage or on pg. 306-308 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows* (2007 edition). As of Jan. 2018 new rules will go into effect, found on pages 135 – 138 of the 2017 edition. Attach copy of flower show schedule to award application.

S-46 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE – TWO OR MORE

\$20 may be awarded to **two or more clubs** or a **council** for the clearest, most accurate, specific and comprehensive flower show schedule for a standard flower show. **(SAR #15B)**

The scale of points for Flower Show Schedules can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage or on pg. 306-308 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows* (2007 edition). As of Jan. 2018 new rules will go into effect, found on pages 135 – 138 of the 2017 edition. Attach copy of the flower show schedule to award application.

S-47 WEBSITE

\$20 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club) for the most outstanding website promoting the sponsoring organization and NGC objectives. Do not answer all the questions on the NGC Awards Application Form; Provide your website address, who maintains site, how often updated, and cost. Ease of navigation will be considered while judging from the current site. **(SAR #22, NGC # MP-3)** Scale of Points for Websites can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage or on the NGC List of Awards on the NGC website.

S-48 PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS

A pink rosette may be awarded to winning books of evidence exhibiting quality, quantity and diversity of coverage in the print media promoting garden clubs and NGC goals and objectives. Prepare a Book of Evidence. No limit on number of pages. Complete the necessary information on the NGC Application form and attach to the inside front cover; second form clipped to outside.

Book must be sent to VFGC Awards Chairman (Heidi Sage, 1057 Jacks Shop Rd., Rochelle, VA 22738 hbsage@aol.com (540) 948-3778). DEADLINE: JANUARY 25 (SAR #27A or B,)

A. **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv extra large club)

B. **Group of clubs, councils, and districts**

Additional information for preparing a Publicity Press Book may be found on the VFGC Awards web page. Scale of Points for Publicity Press Books can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage.

MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR

Member Award of Honor Certificates may be awarded to one member in each district whose volunteer efforts during a period of five or more years, has made outstanding contributions to club and community, in one or more of the following areas: civic development, horticulture therapy, *youth activities, conservation, landscape design, horticulture, floral design, or all around* excellence. Any member of a State Garden Club, who has never been a member of NGC Board of Directors, including State Presidents is eligible. Do not use VFGC/NGC award application form. Submit a Book of Evidence of no more than 6 pages (one side only) to District Awards Chairman by December 1st. For more information see the VFGC Awards webpage. Overall winner will be submitted to South Atlantic Region to compete for the Member Award of Honor. **(NGC# SR-3)**

YOUTH AWARDS AND CONTESTS

See the NGC website (www.gardenclub.org) for complete Youth Contest rules and details. Winners at the state level are sent for regional and national competition.

Y-1 HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROJECT

\$20 may be awarded to a high school student, grade 9-12, for an outstanding civic project making a significant improvement for public benefit, e.g. environment, conservation, landscape, horticulture, recycling, horticulture therapy, etc. Use the VFGC/NGC Award Application and send to District Awards Chairman by December 1st **(NGC # Y-6)**

Y-2 SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTERS

\$10 may be awarded to winners in grades 1-5. Send posters to the District Youth Contest Posters Chairman by deadline (set by District Chairmen). They will forward winning posters to VFGC Youth Poster Chairman (**Barbara Ohmsen, 2881 Meadow Wood Dr. E., Chesapeake, VA 23321-4243, basohmsen@cox.net**). **(SAR #33)** Do not use VFGC/NGC award application.

Y-3 YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST

\$10 may be awarded to a high school student with the best 600-700 word essay on the topics listed below. Send essays to District Youth Activities Chairman by specified deadline. District Chairmen then send winning essays to VFGC Youth Activities Chairman by December 1. \$25 may be awarded to the state essay winner who is then eligible for regional and national competition. Each year, the national winner is awarded a \$1000 College Scholarship. VFGC Youth Activities Chairman (**Rosemary Drennen, 1699 Cutlass Rd., Moneta, VA 24121-4530, GDrennen@aol.com**). **(SAR #31)** Do not use VFGC/NGC award application. For more information, see NGC website under youth contests/high school essay contest.

2017-2018 Title: "Community Gardens – A Solution to Blight, Crime and Hunger"

2018-2019 Title: "The Impact of Bottled Water on the Environment and the Water Supply"

Y-4 YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

\$10 may be awarded to winners of all grade levels (K-9 grades and Special Education K-9 grades). Students must follow NGC rules. Send entries to District Youth Activities Chairman by specified deadline. District Chairmen then send winning poems to VFGC Youth Activities Chairman by December 1. State winners only are sent on to SAR. VFGC Youth Activities Chairman (**Rosemary Drennen, 1699 Cutlass Rd., Moneta, VA 24121-4530, GDrennen@aol.com**). **(SAR # 30)** Do not use VFGC/NGC award application. For more information, see NGC website under youth contests/poetry contest.

2017-2018 Theme: "Let it Grow"

2018-2019 Theme: "Pop Goes the Seed"

Y-5 YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST

\$10 may be awarded to winners of all grade levels (4th-8th grades). Students must follow NGC rules. Send entries to District Youth Activities Chairman by specified deadline. District Chairmen then send winning entry to VFGC Youth Activities Chairman by December 1. State winners only are sent on to SAR. VFGC Youth Activities Chairman (**Rosemary Drennen, 1699 Cutlass Rd., Moneta, VA 24121-4530, GDrennen@aol.com**). (**SAR #32**) Do not use VFGC/NGC award application. More information and entry form can be found on NGC website under youth contests/youth sculpture contest.

Y-6 " THE FRIGHTENED FROG" YOUTH PROJECT AWARD

\$10 may be awarded to a student from grades 1, 2, and 3 with the most outstanding project in the conservation of amphibians. Student must be sponsored by a member garden club.

Y-7 "PROTECTING OUR POLLINATORS" YOUTH PROJECT AWARD

\$10 may be awarded to a student from each grade 1-5, with the most outstanding container garden planted for pollinators in a public place. Student must be sponsored by a member garden club.

VFGC AND NGC FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Refer to the NGC Website for complete Rules and Requirements for NGC Flower Show Achievement Awards.

Books of Evidence for Flower Show Achievement Awards are to be sent to **Betsy Klein, 1109 Venable Drive, Bedford, VA 24523-1318, 540-586-1305, b.klein@jetbroadband.com** no later than December 1 (Exception: Christmas shows must be received no later than December 30). Do not use VFGC/NGC award application.

Below are rules to be followed only for flower shows held in 2017. Shows held in January 2018 and later will follow new revised rules to be found on the NGC web site.

FS I CLUB STANDARD FLOWER SHOW - PURPLE ROSETTE (NGC #5)

Winning club is not eligible to receive this award in consecutive years.

- A. Membership fewer than 21. Minimum of one Special Exhibit required.
- B. Membership 21-49. Minimum of two Special Exhibits required.
- C. Membership 50-99. Minimum of three Special Exhibits required.
- D. Membership 100 or more. Minimum of four Special Exhibits required.

FS II HOME STANDARD FLOWER SHOW - BLUE ROSETTE (NGC #17)

- A. One member club, one or more homes, garden/s optional. Minimum of two Special Exhibits required.
- B. One member club, one or more homes, in combination with some exhibits staged in a public building, garden/s optional. Minimum of two Special Exhibits required.

- C. Two or more member clubs, one or more homes, garden/s optional. Minimum of three Special Exhibits required.
- D. Two or more member clubs, one or more homes, in combination with some exhibits staged in a public building, garden/s optional. Minimum of three Special Exhibits required.
- E. Council of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, NGC District/s of Garden Clubs, one or more homes; garden/s optional. Minimum of three Special Exhibits required.

FS III COUNCIL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW - ROSE ROSETTE (NGC #18)

- A. Council of Garden Clubs Standard Flower Show, sponsored by at least three NGC member clubs belonging to an association, federation, group, circle, etc., and recognized by VFGC. Minimum of three Special Exhibits required.
- B. Judges Council/s Standard Flower Show. Minimum of three Special Exhibits required.

FS IV PATRIOTIC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW – RED/WHITE/BLUE ROSETTE (NGC #21)

May be held in home/s and/or public building/s. U.S. flag must be correctly and prominently displayed. Exhibitors are not limited or required to use patriotic colors.

- A. One member club. Minimum of two Special Exhibits required.
- B. Two or more member clubs. Minimum of three Special Exhibits required.
- C. Council of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, District of Garden Clubs. Minimum of three Special Exhibits required.

FS V HOLIDAY STANDARD FLOWER SHOW – RED/GREEN ROSETTE (NGC #22)

May be held in homes and/or public buildings. The spirit of a holiday/s must be featured.

- A. One member club. Minimum of two Special Exhibits required.
- B. Two or more member clubs. Minimum of three Special Exhibits required.
- C. Council of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, State District of Garden Clubs. Minimum of three Special Exhibits required.

FS VI PETITE STANDARD FLOWER SHOW OF MINIATURE AND/OR SMALL EXHIBITS—SMALL YELLOW ROSETTE (NGC #25)

May be held in home/s and/or public building/s. Show must qualify as a Petite Standard Flower Show in both Design and Horticulture Divisions. See *Handbook*, page 120, for definition of acceptable horticulture. Winning organization is not eligible to receive this award in consecutive years.

- A. One member club. Minimum of two Special Exhibits required.
- B. Two or more member clubs. Minimum of three Special Exhibits required.
- C. Council of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, District of Garden Clubs. Minimum of three Special Exhibits required.

FS VII DISTRICT STANDARD FLOWER SHOW-GREEN ROSETTE (NGC #30)

Districts of VFGC are eligible. Award is based on total number of clubs within the District. There must be participation of at least 75% of those clubs.

- A. District consisting of fifteen or less NGC member garden clubs. Minimum of three Special Exhibits required.
- B. District consisting of sixteen or more NGC member garden clubs. Minimum of four Special Exhibits required.

FS VIII PLANT SOCIETY STANDARD FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT –

ORANGE & WHITE ROSETTE (NGC #34-3)

May be held in home/s and/or public building/s. Show must fulfill all requirements of a Standard Flower Show, except that the Horticulture Division may be judged by plant society judges. Minimum of one Special Exhibit required.

- A. Plant Society affiliated with NGC on local, state, regional, or national level.
- B. NGC organization co-sponsored with non-NGC affiliated Plant Society.

FS IX NEAR-CLUB STANDARD FLOWER SHOW – BLUE & WHITE ROSETTE (NGC #35A)

May be held in home/s and/or public building/s. Near clubs must share sponsorship of the show not merely be exhibitors in the show and be located near each other. Minimum of three Special Exhibits required. *Councils of Garden Clubs, Judges Council, State Districts of Garden Clubs are not eligible for this award.*

FS X YOUTH FLOWER SHOW OR YOUTH SECTION OF AN ADULT STANDARD FLOWER SHOW, RED ROSETTE (NGC #47)

Youth organization/s or group/s e.g., Youth Garden Club, Scouts, Campfire Girls, school class, etc. Number of classes and exhibits in horticulture and design must satisfy the minimum requirements of a Small-Standard Flower Show. Minimum of two judged Educational Exhibits required. Evaluating panel of judges must use the *Scale of Points for Evaluating Standard Flower Shows* and Book of Evidence must be submitted.

- A. Youth Flower Show held by one NGC Youth club or Youth group, sponsored by an NGC member club.
- B. Youth Flower Show held by two or more NGC Youth clubs or Youth groups, sponsored by an NGC member club.
- C. Youth participation in an adult Standard Flower Show.
 - 1. Youth section/sub-sections must be evaluated independently from the adults on a separate Scale of Points for Evaluating Standard Flower Shows by a panel of three Accredited Flower Show Judges judging the show.
 - 2. Book of Evidence must provide evidence of Youth participation in writing the Youth section of the flower show schedule and in staging or in clerking in the Youth section. (Pictures may serve as evidence.)

FS XI STANDARD FLOWER SHOW STAGED IN PUBLIC BUILDING -

BURGUNDY/PINK ROSETTE (NGC #57)

Show must be staged in an historical landmark (home, historical restoration, etc) museum, church, business, shopping center, mall, housing development, fair (world, state, or county), garden center, or other commercial building.

- A. One member club. Minimum of two Special Exhibits required.
- B. Two or more member clubs. Minimum of three Special Exhibits required.