

# Shenandoah District Awards

## 2017-2019

**Flower Show Achievement Awards remain the same as before  
(Continue to use blue book of evidence for Flower Show Achievement Awards  
and Publicity Press Book Awards until January 1, 2018)**

**Submit award applications to Awards Chairman by Dec. 1st  
on paper or by email (Note, several youth contests are due earlier)**

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**For information on State, Regional and National Awards  
indicated in parenthesis, visit these web sites:**

**State:** [www.viriniagardenclubs.org](http://www.viriniagardenclubs.org) under info/forms  
**South Atlantic Region:** [www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org](http://www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org)  
**National:** [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

**Note the size categories:**

- i Small Club: 29 members and under**
- ii Medium Club: 30-59 members**
- iii Large Club: 60 - 99 members**
- iv Ex-Large Club, 100 members +**

**D-1 BIRD PROTECTION**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club, iv extra large) conducting the most comprehensive and effective project for bird protection and welfare, sanctuaries, providing food, houses, and promoting law enforcement relative to bird welfare. (S # 14, SAR #2, NGC # EC-4)

**D-2 BLUE STAR MEMORIAL LANDSCAPING**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club, iv extra large) for the most outstanding Blue Star Memorial landscaping project done by a club. The landscaping project may include a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker (1A), a Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker (2A), or a Blue Star Memorial Marker (3A) at a National Cemetery or Veterans Administration Medical Center. The marker and landscaping may be a 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 for a destroyed or long neglected landscape. (S #25, SAR # 19, NGC Award # L-1, L-2, L-3)

**D-3 BUTTERFLY/PROTECTING POLLINATORS**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club, (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club, iv extra large) group of clubs or council for conducting the most comprehensive and effective project on butterflies and other pollinators, e.g. habitat protection, protection of migratory routes, public education, or establishment of a butterfly garden at a school or community site.

(S #15 SAR #3, NGC # EC-5)

**D-4 CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION/ACHIEVEMENT**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club, iv extra large) for a distinguished civic or conservation work making permanent improvement for public benefit, e.g. establishing sanctuaries, experimental forests, municipal gardens, landscaping public buildings, etc. No commercial project is eligible. (S #24, SAR #4, NGC# CS-2 A or B)

**D- 5 CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENTAL**

\$10 may be awarded to a single garden club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) 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 ( S # 17, SAR # 5, NGC # EC1 or EC3)

**D-6 HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) for an historic preservation project; such as a trail, park, cemetery, garden or grounds around a historic building. (S #29, SAR #8A, NGC #HP-1)

**D-7 HORTICULTURE THERAPY**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) with the most outstanding program working with physically or learning challenged in nursing homes, schools, prisons, etc. (S # 31)

**D-8 HORTICULTURE THERAPY/ GARDEN PROJECT**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) for establishment of a garden/s to benefit the physically or learning challenged, residents in a nursing home, school, prison, low income housing, habitat for humanity, etc. Includes barrier free garden, accessible gardening, community garden, meditation garden at hospital, etc. (S #32, SAR #6 or 7, NGC #G-3)

**D-9 LANDSCAPE DESIGN FOR THE COMMUNITY**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) for the most outstanding project in landscaping the grounds of a school, church, hospital, library, or other public building. Application must include a detailed report of plants, history, costs and publicity as well as landscape plan. (S #26, SAR #4 or 16, NGC #L-4 or L-6)

**D-10 LITTER/RECYCLING/RECLAMATION**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) for the most outstanding activity/project on litter prevention, reclamation and/or recycling. Emphasis on a clean community, e.g. a year long program, organizing recycling program, or establishing community composting site. (S #19, NGC # EC-2)

**D-11 MEMBERSHIP**

\$10.00 may 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 District Membership Chairman, by March 10. No application form required. Chairman is Judy Ann Fray, P.O. Box 263, Madison, VA 22727-0263 or [ja.fray@verizon.net](mailto:ja.fray@verizon.net) . District Membership Chair should report to VFGC Awards Chair by March 15. (S # 33)

- A. Clubs under 30 members                      B. Clubs 30 or more members

**D-12 NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK**

\$10.00 may be awarded to the club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) for the best overall promotion of National Garden Week. Emphasis on showing community awareness throughout the entire week and may include local and/or state proclamations. (S #34, SAR #11A, NGC # MP-2)

**D-13 NATIVE PLANTS – CIVIC PROJECTS**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a garden club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) for establishing wildflower gardens, memorial gardens, or the restoration of historic gardens with emphasis on plant material native to your region. (S # 22, NGC # NPW-2)

**D-14 PLANT TOGETHER COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT**

\$10.00 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. (S# 28, possibly SAR #-13 NGC # CS 1-B)

**D-15 ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) 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. (S #27, SAR #14, possibly NGC # CB-1)

**D-16 STANDARD FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE - SINGLE CLUB**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) for the clearest, most accurate, specific and comprehensive standard flower show SCHEDULE. Scale of points may be found on VFGC Awards web page or pages 306 – 308 in the *Handbook for Flower Shows* (2007 edition). Attach copy of flower show schedule to award application. (S # 45, SAR # 15A) See NGC Website for new rules effective January 1, 2018.

**D-17 STANDARD FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE - TWO OR MORE CLUBS OR COUNCIL**

\$10.00 may be awarded for the clearest, most accurate, specific, and comprehensive standard flower show SCHEDULE for two or more clubs or council. Scale of points may be found on VFGC Awards web page or pages 306 – 308 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows* (2007 edition). (S #46, SAR # 15B) See NGC Website for new rules effective January 1, 2018.

**D-18 TREE PLANTING/ARBOR DAY**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) with the most outstanding tree planting activity and/or promotion of conservation and preservation of trees and/or Arbor Day. (SAR # 1)

**D-19 WEBSITE**

\$10.00 may be awarded to club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) for the most outstanding website promoting the sponsoring organization and NGC objectives. Submit application on paper. Do not answer all the questions on the NGC Award Application Form. Do give website address, who maintains site, how often updated, and cost. Ease of navigation will be considered. No website will receive an award for two consecutive years. (S #10, SAR # 22, NGC # MP-3, v)  
Scale of Points for the Website Award can be found on the VFGC Awards web page.

**D-20 SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a single club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) for outstanding work furthering NGC objectives and projects throughout club year for special project not provided for in another NGC award. (S # 35, NGC # CS-5)

**YOUTH RELATED**

**D-21 YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large), for the most concentrated project/activity to improve our total environment such as soil, water, energy, air and/or natural resources, involving youth. (S #38, SAR # 25, NGC # YR-2)

**D-22 YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a youth group for the most outstanding work in any of the National Garden Club objectives. This includes outstanding local projects with full information provided. Include pictures, publicity and comments. Extra credit for groups organized through garden clubs as Junior, Intermediate and High School Gardeners (SAR # 29, NGC Y-2)

**D-23 YOUTH HORTICULTURE EDUCATION**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a garden club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) for the best promotion of gardening among youth. (S # 39, SAR 25, NGC # YR-1A)

**YOUTH CONTESTS**

See [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) under **YOUTH** or the Fall Issue of *The National Gardener* for complete Youth Contest rules and details.

\*\*\* Note the Youth Contests Y-1 and Y-2 are due November 18 to Ruth Rider. Y-3, Smokey Bear Woodsy Owl posters are due Dec. 15 to Toni Shreve.

**(D) Y-1. ESSAY CONTEST**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a student. Open to all high school students. Essay of 600 - 700 words on the topics listed below. Winner is then eligible for state, regional, and national competition. National winner is awarded a \$1000 College Scholarship. See NGC contest rules. (State Y-3, SAR #31)

**Due Nov. 18** 2017-2018 Title: "Community Gardens-A Solution to Blight, Crime and Hunger"

**Due Nov. 18** 2018-2019 Title: "The Impact of Bottled Water on the Environment and the Water Supply"

**(D) Y-2. POETRY CONTEST**

\$10.00 may be awarded to the winners of all grade levels (K-9<sup>th</sup> grade) (Special Education (K-9<sup>th</sup> grade). Students must follow NGC rules. District winners are sent to State and State winners are sent to the SAR chairman. (State Y-4, )

**Due Nov. 18** 2017-2018 Theme: "Let it Grow"

**Due Nov. 18** 2018-2019 Theme: "Pop Goes the Seed"

**(D) Y-3 SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTERS**

\$10.00 may be awarded to the poster winner of each grade level (Grades 1-5). The 5 District winners will be sent on to the State Chairman, where they will be eligible for State, Regional, and National competition. Club presidents are sent the Poster Contest rules and deadlines by the District Youth Activities Chair in September. Send your club's 5 poster winners to Toni Shreve at 152 Cambridge Way, Warrenton, VA 20186-2868 by **Dec. 15**. No application form required. (S Y -2, SAR # 33)

**(D) Y-4 HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROJECT**

\$25 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. (S #Y-1, NGC # Y-6)

**CLUB PUBLICATIONS AND PROMOTION**

**D-24 Club Membership Brochure**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a garden club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) for creating the most unique club promotional brochure for promoting membership. Enclose one copy of brochure and one application form inside envelope. Secure second copy of application form to outside of envelope. (S # 42-5, NGC #PUB - 2)

Scale of Points for the Club Brochure Award can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage or on page 94 in the VFGC Yearbook.

**D-25 Club Newsletter**

A. \$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) publishing a **one page newsletter**, at least three issues per year under one editorship or management. Note the total number of issues published during the year. Enclose three issues in manila envelope with one NGC application; glue other copy of application to front of envelope. (S # 43A, SAR # 19, NGC # PUB 1-1A)

B. \$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) publishing a **newsletter of 3 – 12 pages**, at least three issues per year, Note total number of issues published during the year. Enclose three issues in manila envelope with one NGC application; glue other copy of application to front of envelope. (S # 9-2, NGC # PUB 1-2A)

Scale of Points for the Club Newsletter Award can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage (Click on Info/Forms, click on Awards, click on Scale of Points for Awards) or in the VFGC Yearbook.

**D-26 Club Yearbook**

\$10.00 may be awarded to the club with best yearbook in each of the following categories, determined by number of members for whom VFGC dues are paid. Yearbook must be from current club year. No envelope necessary. Securely clip two copies of the completed application form to the inside cover. Do not answer the questions. (S # 44, SAR # 26A, NGC # YB-1)

- A. Clubs with under 20 members
- B. Clubs with 20 – 29 members
- C. Clubs with 30 – 44 members
- D. Clubs with 45 – 69 members
- E. Clubs with 70 – 99 members
- F. Clubs with 100 – 299 members

Scale of Points for the Club Yearbook Award can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage (Click on Info/Forms, click on Awards, click on Scale of Points for Awards) or in the VFGC Yearbook.

**D-27 Club Scrapbook**

**A. Traditional**

**B. Digital**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv extra large) for the best overall scrapbook citing club activities for each **calendar** year, 2017 and 2018. It may contain photos, receipts, newspaper articles, etc., in support of club activities. Please show how visible your garden club is in your community. There is no page limit, and clubs may use the binder or scrapbook of their choice. Do be creative. You may submit your scrapbook entry to the District Awards Chairman at the following March District Board Meeting. If you are not able to do so, please contact the District Awards Chairman to make other arrangements. This is a district award only.

- A. Clubs with under 20 members**
- B. Clubs with 20 - 29 members**
- C. Clubs with 30 - 44 members**
- D. Clubs with 45- 69 members**
- E. Clubs with 70 - 99 members**
- F. Clubs with 100 - 299 members**

**Scale of Points for Scrapbook award:**

Events are in chronological order	5
Wording is neat and legible	10
Photographs are clear	20
Cover relates to Club	5
Layout is attractive	40
Quantity of Material	<u>20</u>
	100 total points possible