

Fall 2017



## Dear Piedmont District Members:

What has your club promoted this year 2017? Awards are a justifiable way to recognized members with high achievements in keeping with the NGC Mission Statement.

Here are some suggestions for encouraging your club members to be active and apply for awards.

Read the list carefully and read the rules for submitting award applications and books of evidence where applicable.

Form a committee even if it is only one or two other club members to help decide to submit an award application(s).

Review the list of awards to see whether there is an activity that your club has performed or is performing this year. Since most clubs have a yearbook and a newsletter, these are great candidates for award applications.

**Piedmont District Website:** <http://www.piedmontdistrictvfgc.org/>

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs website: <http://viriniagardenclubs.org/VFGC/Home.html>

\* Forms are available on the VFGC website/ scale of points for judging merit

South Atlantic Region website: [http:// www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org](http://www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org)

National Garden Club website: <http://gardenclub.org/awards/>

Please review the awards at all levels to assure the correct numbers are submitted on the state application. Look for awards that your activities of one club project may qualify for more than one type of award. If one club project is considered for more than one award, a separate application with different information will be required. (Times New Roman Font 10) special Achievement Awards are biennial and cover work 2017-2019 Exceptions to club award application and scale of points are noted.

District # \_\_\_\_\_ State # \_\_\_\_\_ SAR # \_\_\_\_\_



## NGC Awards Application 2017-2019

NGC Award #: \_\_\_\_\_ Award Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by (name of club or council, etc):**

[Enter name exactly as it should appear on any award received]

**Date:**

**Number of members in club or council, etc.:**

**Contact information (club member name)**

(address, phone, email)

**Name of State Garden Club: Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs**

**Number in state garden club: 4900**

**State Awards Chairman: Heidi Sage Phone: (540) 948-3778**

**E-mail: Hbsage@aol.com**

- Application is limited to three printed pages, front of pages only. **No** report cover, binders, plastic sheets allowed.
- Applications will not be returned. (Exceptions: publication (books), CD/DVD ). Copy entry for your files.
- **State Awards Chairman** must send 2 copies of entry if mailed (or send 1 electronically) to NGC Awards Chairman to arrive no later than **January 15**. Send to Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich ~ 1166 Broadview Rd. ~ Tallmadge, OH 44278-3310 ~ [mafr43@hotmail.com](mailto:mafr43@hotmail.com) ~ (330) 630-9625

**Please complete each topic, if applicable. Use numbering as below when completing form.**

1. New project: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Beginning date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion date: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Brief summary and objectives of project: (Use the remainder of this page for your summary, as well as p. 2 if needed)
3. Involvement of club members, other organizations, etc.
4. Project expenses and means of funding
5. Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance
6. Attach or insert photos, digital photos, and/or landscape plan (does not need to be professionally Draw)

## **Club Awards Year January 1-December 31, 2017**

### **PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING AND DEADLINES: Meet the Deadline**

- \* Complete the application form. SAR requires Times New Roman font 10 or higher
- \* Submit the original form (3 pages only) to your DISTRICT Awards Chairman by the deadline DECEMBER 1, 2017. If submitting by mail, Include original and three copies.. Submit to: Jane Earle, Awards Piedmont District Chairman, P.O. Box 29224, Richmond, VA 23242-0224. Completed awards applications and supporting detail will be accepted at the October 16, 2017 District Meeting at the Awards Table. E-mail address [janeearle\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:janeearle_2000@yahoo.com)
- \* Keep one copy(4<sup>th</sup>) for your records.

### **Eligibility: Only VFGC garden club members apply unless otherwise stated (some exceptions). Club size is generally as follows with exceptions.**

- i. Small Club: 29 members and under
- ii. Medium Club: 30-59 members
- iii. Large Club: 60-99 members
- iv. Ex-Large Clubs, 100 members or more

### **APPLICATION FORMS: NEW application form.**

- \* Fill in District, VFGC and SAR Award number in TOP right corner.
- \* Fill in NGC Award number and name.
- \* There is a THREE (3, single) page limit, using only the FRONT of the page.
- \* Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer required or allowed.
- \* Applications will NOT be returned. Exceptions noted.
- \* Applications may be submitted electronically to the District and State Awards Chairman where applicable.
- \* Forms are available on the VFGC website, [www.virginiagardenclubs.org](http://www.virginiagardenclubs.org) and from District and State Awards Chairmen.
- \*-Example of Award Application (filled out) is on the VFGC website Awards page [www.virginiagardenclubs.org](http://www.virginiagardenclubs.org)

The NEW application form should not be used for Awards of Excellence or Flower Show Achievement Awards. Look for the new handbook rules to apply for 2018. Requires a book of evidence.

### **PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING AND DEADLINES:**

Complete the application form. Front Side Only.

Submit the original form (3 pages only) and two copies to your Piedmont District Awards Chairman.

**Deadline DECEMBER 1, 2017.** If submitting by mail, Include original and two copies.  
Mail: Submit to: Jane Earle, P.O. Box 29224, Richmond, VA 23242-0224

Submit by Hand on  
**October 16, 2017 District Meeting at the Awards Table.**

E-mail option [janeearle\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:janeearle_2000@yahoo.com)

**\* Keep one copy for your records.**

## **Conservation and Community Service**

**PD-1 BIRD PROTECTION** – \$20 may be awarded to a club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) 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. (S # 14; SAR #2; NGC-42 New # EC-4)

**PD-2 BUTTERFLY** – \$20 may be awarded to the club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) 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. (S # 15; SAR #3; NGC-43A New # EC-5)

**PD-3 CONSERVATION** – \$20 may be awarded to a 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-#6A, possibly NGC-#41A New NGC # EC-1 possibly EC-3)

**PD-4 HISTORIC PRESERVATION** – \$20 may be awarded to a club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) for an historic preservation project such as the restoration of a park, a building, and/or garden of importance to local, state, or national heritage. (S # 29; SAR #8A, NCG-#50A New # HP-1)

**PD-5 DECORATION OF HISTORIC BUILDING** – \$20 may be awarded to a club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) for tastefully 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 (S # 30; NCG-#51A New # HP-2)

**PD-6 HORTICULTURE THERAPY** – \$20 may be awarded to a club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) for an outstanding program working with the physically or learning challenged in nursing homes, schools, prisons, etc. (S # 31; SAR 6 NGC-#19A- NGC-#48- New NGC # CS-5)

**PD-7 HORTICULTURE THERAPY GARDEN PROJECT**– \$20 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 nursing home, school, prisons, low income housing, Habitat for Humanity, etc. Includes barrier free garden, accessible gardening, community garden, meditation garden at hospital, etc. (S # 32; SAR #7; NGC-#48A New NGC # G-3)

### **PD- 8 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. The Plant Together report form and further information on the Plant Together Community Garden Project can be found on the Project page of the VFGC website (possible SAR-13, New NGC #CS-1 B).

When applying, make two copies of the completed application and supporting documentation.

**PD-9 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 a commercial property, church or synagogue, hospital, library, school, civic center, park, waterfront, etc. Copy of landscape plan must be included (S #26; SAR #4 or SAR #16, NCG-#49A) New NGC # L-4 or L-6

**PD-10 LITTER/RECYCLING/RECLAMATION** – \$20 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, e.g. year-long program, organizing recycling program, establishing community composting site. (S #19; NGC-#39A New NGC # EC-2)

**PD-11 MEMBERSHIP** – \$20 will be awarded to the club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) bringing the most new members into VFGC. Send list of members new to your club, showing joining date to Piedmont District Membership Chairman by March 1, 2018. List new members joining March 1, 2017-February 28, 2018. Send list and information to Janet Minock, 5621 Hunters Glen Drive, Glen Allen, Virginia 23059-6970, JanetLMinock@gmail.com (S# 33) **No application required.**

**PD-12 NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK** – \$20 may be awarded to a garden 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-#53A) New NGC # MP-2

**PD-13 CIVIC PROJECTS WITH NATIVE PLANTS**– \$20 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 native plant material to your region. (S # 22; possibly SAR #14; NGC-#73A) Roadside Improvements NGC #CS-1, NPW-1B

**PD-14 OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS, NATURE TRAILS** – \$20 may be awarded to a garden club (i. small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) for establishing outdoor classrooms, nature trails, wildflower walks, etc. with the emphasis on wildflowers and native plants. (S # 23; NGC-#74A) New NGC # NPW-3

### PD-15 SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT - WHITE ROSETTE

- A. May be awarded to a single member club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) for outstanding work furthering NGC objectives and projects throughout club year or special project not provided for in another NGC Award. (S # 35; ~~NGC#7A~~) New NGC # CS-5
- B. May be awarded to a single member club for outstanding work for projects or objectives of VFGC.

### Youth

**PD-16 YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION** –\$20 may be awarded to a club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) for the most comprehensive program in the field of environmental education involving youth. (S # 38; SAR #25, NGC #55J) New NGC # Y-2(A) Grades 1-3, Y-2(B) Grades 4-6, Y-2(C) Grades 7-9, Y-2(D) Other

**PD-17 YOUTH HORTICULTURE EDUCATION** – \$20 may be awarded to a garden club (i. small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) for the best promotion of gardening among youth; based on belief that youth should be educated and work with adults to become future horticulturists. (S # 39; SAR # 25, NGC #8) New NGC # YR-1(A) Single member YR-1-(I ,ii, iii, iv (B) Group of member club (councils or districts, etc.) YR-1(C) State Garden Club (i,ii ,ii, iv)

**PD-18 “THE SAVED SEED”** -- \$20 may be awarded to a single garden club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) for the best project utilizing “The Saved Seed” book with youth. The project must involve more than reading the book to children and must demonstrate connecting children with nature. (S-40)

**PD-19 POLLINATOR GARDENS** \$20 may be awarded to the club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) with the best project of planting pollinator gardens with youth. These gardens may be container gardens. Gardens may be in public or private locations. (S-41, SAR #25, New NGC # Y-2A)

### Publications

**PD-20 CLUB MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE** – \$20 may be awarded to a single garden club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) for a club creating the most unique club promotional brochure for promoting membership. (S# 42(5); NGC #13-5A): See VFGC Awards webpage for Scale of Points for brochures. Submit entry in an envelope with one application secured to the outside and one inside the envelope. MP-1 New and replaces #44 Publicity Press Book (Requires book of evidence) Garden Club Membership NGC #PUB-2

#### PD-21 CLUB NEWSLETTER

- A. \$20 may be awarded to a garden club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) publishing a one-page newsletter – at least 3 times per year under one-editorship or management. Submit only 1 copy of three different issues and state number issues published per year. (S # 43-A; SAR # 9A; ~~NGC #12~~ New NGC # PUB-1-1A)
- B \$20 may be awarded to a single garden club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) publishing a newsletter of 3-12 pages – at least three issues. Submit only 1 copy of three different issues and state number issues published per year. (S # 43-B; SAR #9-B; NGC #12-2A) New NGC # PUB-1-2-A)
- C. \$20 may be awarded to a single garden club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) publishing a newsletter of 13-24 pages – at least three issues. Submit only 1 copy of three different issues and state number issues published per year. (S # 43-C; NGC #12-2A) New NGC # PUB-1-3-A)

**See VFGC Awards webpage for Scale of Points for newsletters.**

### PD-22 CLUB YEARBOOKS - ORANGE ROSETTE

- \* **YEARBOOKS** – complete the necessary information on the NGC Application Form. Do not answer the questions. Firmly clip two copies of the completed application form to the inside front cover (send only 1 yearbook). No envelope necessary.
- \* **PUBLICATIONS:** Submit entry for #S-8 (District Newsletter), #PD-20 (Club Membership Brochure), #PD-21 (Club Newsletter) in an envelope with one Application Form secured to outside and one enclosed inside envelope.
- \***CATEGORIES BY SIZE** – GARDEN CLUB applications shall be judged according to size determined by number of members on whom NGC and state dues are paid, including Active, Associate, Honorary, etc.

#### SIZE of Club.

May be awarded to the best yearbook in each of the following categories, determined by number of members on whom VFGC dues are paid. Yearbook must be from current club year. No envelope necessary. (S # 44; SAR #26A; NGC # 16A) ( New 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

\* See VFGC Awards webpage or VFGC Yearbook for the Scale of Points for yearbooks. see VFGC website for requirement.

## Flower Shows

**PD-23 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE** – \$20 may be awarded to a single garden club (i small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) for the clearest, most accurate, specific and comprehensive flower show schedule for a standard flower show. (S # 45; SAR #15A) See VFGC Awards webpage for the Scale of Points for Flower Show Schedules and requirements. Contact Piedmont District Phillipa Smith, Flower Show Schedule Evaluation Chairman: 804-748-6216

VFGC Flower Show Schedule/Evaluation Chairman Betsy Klein: Book of Evidence  
[b.klein@jetbrodband.com](mailto:b.klein@jetbrodband.com)

**PD-24 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE** – TWO OR MORE CLUBS – \$20 may be awarded to two or more clubs or council for the clearest, most accurate, specific and comprehensive flower show schedule for a standard flower show. (S # 46; SAR #15B) See VFGC Awards webpage for the Scale of Points for Flower Show Schedules and submission requirements. Contact Piedmont District Phillipa Smith, Flower Show Schedule Evaluation Chairman: 804-748-6216

VFGC Flower Show Schedule/Evaluation Chairman Betsy Klein: Book of Evidence  
[b.klein@jetbrodband.com](mailto:b.klein@jetbrodband.com)

## Social Media Promotion

**PD-25 WEBSITE** – \$20 may be awarded to a club (i. small, ii medium, iii large, iv extra-large) for the most outstanding website promoting the sponsoring organization and NGC objectives. Provide on NGC Awards Application Form your website address, who maintains site, how often updated, and cost. Ease of navigation will be considered while judging from the current site.

\*See VFGC Awards webpage for the Scale of Points for Websites. (S #47, SAR #22, ~~NGC #63-1A or #63-2A~~)

MP-3(A) Website designed and managed by club.

MP-3 (B) Social media page professionally managed by club

MP-3 (C) Website professionally designed

MP-3 (4) Social media page professionally designed

Include size description for club(I ,ii, ii, iv or groups of clubs v and state(i ii iii, iv)

## Youth

**Youth Activities Advisor:** Submit questions and entries to Pat Merson, 11231 Woodland Pond Parkway, Chesterfield, VA 23838-3934, Phone 804-796-1132  
 e-mail [prwtm@aol.com](mailto:prwtm@aol.com)

**PD-26 SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTERS** – A \$10 award will be awarded to winners in grades 1-5. (Y # 2; SAR #33) Do not use VFGC/NGC award application. See Piedmont district Website for details. Pat Merson-Piedmont District Chairman

**PD-27 YOUTH POETRY CONTEST** – Certificates will be awarded to winners of all grade levels (K-9 grades and Special Education K-9 grades). Students must follow NGC rules. (Y # 4, SAR #30) Do not use VFGC/NGC award application. For more

information, see NGC website under youth contests/poetry contests. Contact-TBA .

2017-2018 Theme: **“Let It Grow”**

**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. Eligibility: any member of a State Garden Club, who has never been a member of NGC Board of Directors, including State Presidents. Do not use VFGC/NGC award application form. Submit a Book of Evidence no more than 6 pages (one side only) by December 1. Overall VFGC winner will be submitted to South Atlantic Region (SAR) to compete for the Member Award of Honor.

\*See VFGC Awards webpage for more information on the Member Award of Honor

NGC # SR-3

### **New Piedmont District Awards ( NPD)**

**NPD-1 (S – 18, SAR-21) Water is NGC # EC-6-A \$20** for the most outstanding project with an emphasis on water conservation and/or clean water.

**NPD-2 (S –16) is NGC # EC-7-A Organic Gardening Practices-\$20** for the most outstanding project emphasizing and employing the use of organic materials in a gardening project or educational activity.

**NPD-3 SAR-17 “PLANT IT PINK” Award- \$20** will be awarded for the most outstanding and innovative NEW project by a club or council emphasizing the planting of PINK gardens using pink flowers and/or foliage to make the public aware of the fight against breast cancer.