

**South Central District
2017-2019 Awards List**

SCD AWARDS CHAIRMAN Mitzi Cassidy 434.793.5324 cassidymitzi@gmail.com

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** at the District Level 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 – FOR USE BY DISTRICT AWARDS CHAIRMEN ONLY

- 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 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 6 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).

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT CLUB AWARDS

SC-1 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. **(S-14, SAR #2; NGC # EC-4)**

SC-2 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. **(S-15, SAR #3, NGC #EC-5)**

SC-3 ORGANIC GARDENING PRACTICES (NEW AWARD)

\$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. **(S-16, NGC # EC-7 A)**

SC-4 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. **(S-17, SAR # 5, NGC # EC-1 or EC-3)**

SC-5 WATER (NEW AWARD)

\$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. **(S-18, SAR # 21, NGC # EC-6 A)**

SC-6 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. **(S-19, NGC # EC-2)**

SC-7 "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. **(S-21, SAR # 10 or 14, NGC # NPW-1)**

SC-8 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. **(S-22, NGC #NPW-2)**

SC-9 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.

(S-23, NGC # NPW-3)

SC-10 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. *(S-24, SAR #4; NGC # CS-2 A or B)*

SC-11 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. *(S-25, SAR #19, NGC # L-1, L-2, L-3)*

SC-12 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. *(S-26, SAR #4 or SAR #16, NGC # L-4 or L-6)*

SC-13 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. *(S-27, SAR #14, possibly NGC-# CB-1)*

SC-14 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 *(SC-28, possibly SAR-13, NGC # CS-1 B)*

SC-15 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. *(S-29, SAR #8A; NCG # HP-1)*

SC-16 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. **(S-30, NCG # HP-2)**

SC-17 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-31)**

SC-18 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. **(S-32, SAR # 6 or 7, NCG # G-3)**

SC-19 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. **(S-34, SAR #11A; NCG # MP-2)**

SC-20 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. **(S-35, NCG # CS-5)**

SC-21 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-37)**

SC-22 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. **(S-38, SAR #25, NCG # YR-2)**

SC-23 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. **(S-39, SAR #25, NCG # YR-1 A)**

SC-24 "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-40)

SC-25 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. (S-41, SAR # 25, NGC # Y-2 A)

CLUB AWARDS - PUBLICATIONS AND PROMOTION

SC-26 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.

(S-42, 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.

SC-27 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. (S-43, 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. (S-43, 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. (S-43, 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.

SC-28 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. (*S-44, 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.

SC-29 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. (*S-45, 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). Attach copy of flower show schedule to award application. See NGC web site for new rules effective January 1, 2018.

SC-30 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. (*S-46 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). Attach copy of flower show schedule to award application. See NGC web site for new rules effective January 1, 2018.

SC-31 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. (*S-47, 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.

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.

SC-33 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 **(Y-1, NGC # Y-6)**

SC-34 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)**. **(Y-2, SAR #33)** Do not use VFGC/NGC award application.

SC-35 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)**. **(Y-3, 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"

SC-35 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**). Do not use VFGC/NGC award application. For more information, see NGC website under youth contests/poetry contest. (**Y-4**)

2017-2018 Theme: "Let it Grow"

2018-2019 Theme: "Pop Goes the Seed"

SC-36 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**). (**Y-5, 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.

SC-37 " 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-6**)

SC-38 "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. (**Y-7**)