

Article for ODG July 2024

**Clubs from all six Districts and the State
Recognized at the National Level!**

The top National award is the Award of Merit and one club, Green Hills in Shenandoah District, earned it for their Environmental Education Project with Youth – the one involving the Boxerwood Nature Center. Additional clubs and districts received Certificates of Appreciation, indicating their award applications were received and evaluated.

The State Website and the Old Dominion Gardener magazine each earned Certificates of Appreciation.

In **Blue Ridge District**, the Westchester Garden Club earned the Certificate of Appreciation for their Newsletter.

Buckingham /Dillwyn in the **South Central District** earned the Certificate of Appreciation for their Beautification Project: decorating a Historic Building.

In the **Tidewater District** Colonial Heritage Garden Club's Floral Design Program received the Certificate of Appreciation. The District itself earned the Green Rosette Ribbon for their Standard Flower Show "Fall Reflections".

In the **Southwest District**, Seasons IV received the Certificate of Appreciation for their Horticulture Education for Youth application. Abington received two certificates – one for their Education for Youth program and the other for National Garden Week activities.

The **Shenandoah District** Newsletter, *Shenandoah Sharings* received the Certificate of Participation as did five clubs. Culpeper was recognized for their Membership Awareness award; as was Green Hills for their Landscaping of an Historic Marker. Green Hills also earned the high honor, the Certificate of Merit for their Environmental Education Project with

Youth. Madison was recognized for their website, their newsletter and two of their student poets. Cedar Run's third grade poet was also recognized. Lake of the Woods received certificates for three awards: Digital Media Presentation for their Winter Wonderland, Permanent Community Improvements, and their Educational Publication: a Garden Tour.

Piedmont District earned the most Certificates of Participation. Violet Bank for their Beautification Project – decorating the Violet Bank Museum. Oxford was recognized for their Beautification Project- of the Manwood Temple of Masons. Town & Country received the certificate for their Roadside Plantings. Sleepy Hollow received three: for their Publication: the Year End Look Back, Floral Design, and their Community Project with Native Plants/Wildflowers. Thomas Jefferson received one for Environmental Education Project with Youth and another for Landscaping Public Grounds. Hilliard Park received three: National Garden Week, Therapy Garden with Habitat for Humanity and Landscaping Religious Grounds. Rappahannock Garden Club of White Stone received a Certificate of Participation for their Club Brochure. Salisbury Garden Club earned eleven Certificates of Participation for the following: for Community Gardens, a Plant together Project; for Therapy Gardens at Spring Arbor Nursing Home; for Membership Awareness; for their Newsletter, for their Membership Brochure, for their Website, for National Garden Week, for their Horticulture Education for Youth Project; and for their Environmental Education Project with Youth. Most impressive!

These Virginia clubs and districts are to be commended for such impressive achievements. Congratulations!

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