

FGCV Awards

Revised March 2016

Applications and materials for State Awards must be received by the State Awards chairman by April 15.

1. Yearbooks

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| a. Clubs under 20 members | d. Clubs 45-69 members |
| b. Clubs 20-29 members | e. Clubs 70-99 members |
| c. Clubs 30-44 members | f. Clubs 100 or more members |

Scale of Points

Format

- A) Book structure _____ 3 points
- 1) Convenient size, durability, neatness
- B) Arrangement of contents _____ 12 points
- 1) Cover: name of club, town, state, year . If permanent binder cover is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information on cover and so note. (2)
 - 2) Title page: name of club, town, state, number of members, membership in NGC, New England Region and FGCV. Other organizational memberships may be shown on the title page or elsewhere (2)
 - 3) Subsequent pages: names and addresses of NGC president, regional director and state president, club president, club officers, club membership roster with complete mailing addresses with zip codes and telephone numbers including area codes. If most of the members have the same zip code, this may be stated and include only the different ones in the membership roster. The same is true for the area code. (8)
- C) Options: club's choice to include bylaws, fund raising, roll call. NGC/Region/State themes: club theme, if used, should be evident throughout the book. (0)
- Programs (indicate if special interest club, i.e. Horticulture only, Design only) _____ 50 points
- 1) At least 7 meetings per year (3)
 - 2) Date of meeting, place of meeting, time of meeting (3)
 - 3) Speaker's name, qualifications (brief), program title (4)
 - 4) Programs, workshops, tours furthering NGC's goals and objectives: give a brief word description (lecture, slides, demonstration,, hands-on workshop) (40)
 - a) Variety of program topics (theme not required) (14)
 - b) Variety of styles of programs (lectures, slides, power point, tours, etc) (12)
 - c) Variety of speakers (specialists, members, panel, etc) (14)
- D) Club Projects (judged upon scope of projects) _____ 35 points
- Projects involve actual membership participation that benefit the community and further NGC goals and objectives (does not include fund-raising or social activities.)
- 1) List continuing and new participating projects (15)
 - 2) Give brief word description of projects: location, how others benefit, how members are expected to participate, chairman, etc. List donations: amount, in-kind donations, to whom, sale of state/NGC products (Vision of Beauty Calendars, state cookbook). (20)

TOTAL 100 points

3. A Garden Club's work in the following fields:

- a. Civic Beautification
- b. Anti-litter

- c. Anti-pollution
- d. Junior Gardeners (design or horticulture)
- e. Conservation (green spaces or natural resources)
- f. Environmental Education of the public through the news media, club programs and projects
- g. Environmental Education assistance to schools
- h. Roadside Development
- i. Community Interest: books to the library (a minimum of five), or improvement of community, or assisting other organizations to improve your community in some way
- j. Public Exhibits of garden club interests and concerns
- k. BEST ONGOING PROJECT that has merit

4a. Sponsoring individuals other than garden clubs in fields stated in #3.

4b. Sponsoring groups other than garden clubs in fields stated in #3.

4c.. Sponsoring an individual WITHIN a garden club in fields stated in #3.

5. If you feel that your club has done some special project especially well and you find that the material does not fit into any of the categories in #3, but does meet NGC objectives, please submit it as #5.

7. The Mabel Schwartz Junior Conservation award for the best project by a junior group.

- a. A group may be an established department of a garden club or may be organized solely for the purpose of this award. The group must, however, work under the sponsorship of a member club of the FGCV.
- b. The word "conservation" is to be interpreted in its broadest sense: i.e., clean-up and green-up, nature trail planting of all kinds, or any related projects will qualify.

8. The President's Award for Historic Preservation by Pamela C. Hebert, a past president of the FGCV.

- A. Save or restore an historic structure or landmark.
- B. Preserve an ancient cemetery or private burial ground.
- C. Restore or plant a garden to. An award of \$50.00 will be given to the club with the best project, if worthy.

9. The Harriet A. Canfield Conservation Award by the Rutland Garden Club in memory of Harriet Canfield.

- a. Creation, improvement or preservation of a wildlife habitat.
- b. Identification and labeling of flora in a public park or on a nature trail, etc.
- c. Clean-up or restoration of hiking trails, pond areas, stream beds, etc.
- d. Planting, labeling, and maintenance of trees on an appropriate site.
- e. Include photo documentation.
- f. . Scale of points: SCOPE: (Purpose, goals, plans, financing) 30 points, VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY (short and/or long term benefits, impact on and involvement with the general public) 40 points.

10. Golden Trowel Award

- a. Each club may recommend and receive an award for a person or group who made extraordinary contributions of time and talent to furthering the aims of garden club.
- b. The award may be given to garden club members or non-members.
- c. A one pages description (or less) of the contributions of the individual or group must be submitted to the Awards Chairman.
- d. A trowel and a Certificate of Merit will be presented to the winner.

11. Landscape Award for Business

- a. EACH club is eligible to recommend one business in its area which has made an effort to use plants to improve the appearance of its premises.
- b. A one page (or less) description of the landscaping efforts and pictures should be submitted to the Awards Chairman.
- c. A Certificate of Merit will be presented to each winner.

12. The Horticulture Award. A silver Revere bowl which was presented by Mrs. Theodor SchreyeThe bowl will be awarded each year to a member of the FGCV who has received the most blue ribbons for horticulture in FGCV flower shows. The top horticulture awards, Award of Merit, Arboreal Award, and Collectors Showcase Award, will each count as an additional blue ribbon. People may be nominated by their club presidents based on the shows they entered that year.

13. The Louise Murray Award. A pewter plate will be awarded to a member of the FGCV who in one year, between May 1 and April 30, has accumulated the greatest number of awards of ANY kind for designs exhibited at any FGCV flower show. The plate may be kept for one year and must be returned to the Awards chairman at the next Annual Meeting.

Point System for Awards

Non-Standard Flower Show

- 1. Honorable Mention-1 First Place-6
- 2. Third Place-2 Best in Show-6
- 3. Second Place-3

Small Standard Flower show

- Honorable Mention-2 First Place-8
- Third Place-4 Best in Show-10
- Second Place-6 Sweepstakes Award-10

Standard Flower show

- Honorable Mention-2 Tricolor-10
- Third Place-4 Award of Distinction-10
- Second Place-6 Designer's Choice-10
- First Place-8 Table Artistry Award-10
- Petite Award-10 Holiday Excellence award-10

14. Ruth Dodge Flower Show Educational Award. A cash award awarded to the member club presenting a Standard Flower Show with the greatest overall educational value as determined by a committee of four to include the Flower School Chairman, Awards Chairman, Finance Chairman, and Judges' Council Chairman.

- Educational value 30
- Interest to viewers 20
- Uniform and educational signs and tags 5
- Must pertain to some facet of flower show work or 5
- NGC objectives

Clear and concise presentation	5	
Staging	5	
Attractive presentation	5	
Adequate lighting	5	
Neat and uncluttered	5	
Adaptation and conformance to theme	5	
Originality and uniqueness of exhibit	10	Total 100

15. Jean Merriam Williams Flower Show Schedule Award

A plaque and Certificate of Merit will be presented for the best flower show schedule in Vermont. A copy of the schedule must be included.

Scale of Points:

Format 10

A. Schedule Structure - practicability: convenient size, easily legible

B. Necessary Information

a. Title page: name and location of club, place and time of the show, admission fee or free to the public

b. Subsequent pages: clear wording of the divisions and classes

Required Divisions for a Standard Flower Show

All requirements from the Handbook for Flower Shows, 2005 edition

State and National Objectives Required for an Award Show 20

A. Educational - designed to instruct (10)

B. Sponsored Groups (5)

C. Other State and NGC Objectives (5)

Rules - concise rules using specific wording and correct terminology 40

A. General Rules (10)

a. Should include necessary information for exhibitors, judges and the public

B. Rules Governing Awards (10)

a. Awards determined by the standard method

b. List of top awards and the classes eligible for them

C. Design Rules (10)

a. Should include specific information on limitation of materials permitted, artificial flowers, etc.

b. Scale of points to be used

c. Number of entries per class

D. Horticulture Rules (10)

a. Should include labeling, length of stems, pot size, possession rule

b. Entries will be judged according the scale of points in the Handbook of Flower Shows, 1997 edition

Theme 10

A. Distinction and Originality (5)

B. Use of Theme throughout Schedule (5)

Total points 100

16. Standard Flower Show

The show must follow the rules of the National Garden Clubs (NGC) and receive at least an average of 80% on the judging. A show which receives at least 95% is eligible for a NGC award.

When planning a Flower show for an award, the show committee must notify the Awards chairman of the date at least one month in advance.

A Book of Evidence for a Flower Show Award must include:

a. Title page

b. Table of contents

c. Two schedules of the show

- d. At least one publicity item before or after the show with the date and name of the newspaper
- e. Photographs of winning designs, winning horticulture specimens and winning exhibits. The winning horticulture specimens may be grouped together in a picture.
- f. Photographs of the theme staging and overall views of the staging of each division must be included.
- g. Judges' evaluation sheets (supplied by the Awards chairman)
- h. Floor plan
- i. Brief financial report

* Required only when club is applying for a NGC award. Please consult pp. 48 and 49 of The Handbook for Flower Shows, 2005 edition, for other requirements for NGC awards.