

PLEASE NOTE: Only WSFGC members are eligible to apply unless otherwise stated in the award description.	COMPLETE THE WSFGC APPLICATION form (GA #128, revised 2019). Submit the original form (3 pages only) to the appropriate State Awards Chairman by the deadline set by WSFGC. Exceptions: Flower Shows, Presidents Awards that apply to Flower Show entries, Publications, Publicity Press Books, Member Award of Honor, Award of Excellence. If submitting by mail, include original copy. Keep one copy for your records.			
Name of Award	Award Criteria	Entry Due Date	Date Entry Submitted	Award Rec. Y or N
American Gardener / Organic Gardening / Edible Gardening (several categories - see WSFGC book)	Recognizing garden clubs and individuals who grow their own vegetables, fruits and other food items, and donate to help with food hunger. A Certificate of Merit to those who apply with one club chosen to advance to the National Garden Clubs "Plant and Feed America Award program." Eligible for NGC Plant & Feed America Award.	Dec 1		
Arbor Day	Arbor Day in our state is the second Wednesday in April. This day is set aside to plant trees and shrubs to beautify our surroundings and to conserve natural resources. Districts and clubs are encouraged to make a planting in a public place where others may enjoy it.	Dec 1		
Arboreal/Botanical Gardens	Certificates and ribbons are offered for outstanding work in: A. Establishing a new Arboretum or Botanical Garden B. Assisting by work or financial contributions	Dec 1		
Award of Achievement	This award is the top award offered to an individual in our state. The winner may be sent on to the Pacific Region of Garden Clubs for consideration for the NGC Award of Honor. The applicant must be nominated by their District.	Dec 1		
Bird Conservation	1) Award to a club promoting law enforcement relative to bird protection and a comprehensive program of activities for bird protection and welfare within their membership including education programs, furnishing food, water and nesting sites, creation of habitat and individual sanctuaries. 2) Award may be given to an individual who creates and/or promotes a year-round bird sanctuary in her/her own garden. Chair awards the monetary award and sends eligible entries to NGC for further competition.	Dec 1		
Community Beautification (several categories - see WSFGC book)	A Beautification project in a city, town, or a neighborhood, done on a continuing basis or as a one-time event. Eligible for NGC Award of Merit plus \$100.	Dec 1		

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Community Enhancements	No criteria provided. Use WSFGC Application Form (GA #128, revised 2019).			
Environmental Awareness	***need info... listed in TOC but no details in book.	Dec 1		
Garden Club Growing Project	Requirements: 1. Members must all grow the same plant. 2. Club's choice of plant. 3. Projects can be one year (annuals, bulbs, corms, etc.) or 2 years (perennials, biennials, etc). 4. Culture must be part of monthly club programs.	Dec 1		
Horticulture Achievement	This award may be given to a garden club member in recognition of expertise in the field of horticulture, for efforts in disseminating knowledge throughout a large area, and the ability to motivate and inspire others in the field of horticulture.	Dec 1		
Horticulture Essay	For garden club members and high school gardeners. The best essay of not less than 300 words or more than 500 words on growing shrubs, plants or trees will receive a check at the WSFGC Convention. Some essays may be chosen for publication in Washington Garden & Design. Essay should be sent in a folder.	Dec 1		
Hybridizer Award (odd numbered years)	A check for \$100.00 may be presented in odd-numbered years at the WSFGC convention to a Washington State resident for outstanding achievement in hybridization. Recipient may receive the award only once and need not be a garden club member. In the case of a new variety being developed, a statement from the respective Plant Society should be included with the Book of Evidence. All available documentation relative to the achievement must also be included. The contest will be judged by a committee of experienced horticulturists using rules for the particular entry.	Dec 1		
Marianne Larson Club Newsletter	This traveling silver award may be given annually to the Garden Club whose newsletter is judged the most outstanding in the State. (See "Publication Award" for requirements.) The Publication Awards Chairman will notify Presidents Award Chairman of the winner.	Dec 1		
Roberta Lothian Environmental Awareness	A traveling silver punch bowl may be awarded to the club with the best overall program concentrating on Environmental Awareness. Conservation/Environmental Concerns Chairman will notify Presidents Awards Chairman of winner of Roberta Lothian Award.	Dec 1		

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Joyce Lounsberry Garden Therapy	This Traveling Award is available annually to a club for the most outstanding work using Active Garden Therapy as an aid in the rehabilitation of physically or mentally challenged individuals, either or both youth and seniors. A Book of Evidence must include a list of materials used, clear photos of the completed work, a description of the Garden Therapy process, and where the therapy took place. See additional definitions in the Therapy Gardens Chairman section of this Directory. The award ribbon will be a peach-colored rosette. <i>Active Therapy – involving physically or mentally challenged persons in garden related activities such as gardening, field trips, study of birds, nature and conservation.</i>	Dec 1		
Shirley Monger Wildflower	These traveling silver awards may be given to a garden club member, Club, or District for the best overall project or program on wildflower preservation. Wildflowers and native plants must predominate in all projects. Submit WSFGC Award Application Form (GA #128, revised 2019), written description of project, planting diagram with listing of plants (common and botanical names), pictures (at least one before and one after) and publicity, if any. There are two awards— one for programs, and one for projects.	Dec 1		
Pollinator Conservation (several categories - see WSFGC book)	Awarded for an outstanding comprehensive program for the protection and welfare of Pollinators, such as creating a garden in a public or private space or schools; habitat protection, protection of migratory routes, public education, establishment of pollinator gardens at a school or community site, or other. If qualified, the winning entry may be sent to NGC for entry into conservation award. 1. Programs: may be a single program or series of programs on wildflower education for clubs or youth groups. 2. Projects: may include plantings at rural highways, urban highways and rest stops, and establishing wildflower gardens, memorial gardens, etc.			
Therapy Gardens	Therapy Gardens use garden-related activities as an aid in the recovery and rehabilitation of physically and/or mentally challenged individuals. They may be homebound persons, nursing home residents or students in special schools. Garden Club members can provide such persons the opportunity to participate in programs of horticulture and related activities such as growing plants, the artistic use of plants and other natural materials, the study of birds, nature and conservation. Active participation by these persons promotes the most therapeutic benefit.	Dec 1		

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Website / Social Media	Certificate of Merit will be given for the most outstanding website promoting the sponsoring club or group of clubs and WSFGC, NGC objectives. Site must have some portion available for viewing by the public to be considered for an NGC award. Give address, who maintains site, and how often updated, and cost. Submit Membership books and WSFGC awards form (#128 revised 2019) to this Chairman. • MP-3A Website designed and managed by club member/members • MP-3C Website professionally designed • Include club size designation (i, ii, iii, or group of clubs)	Dec 1		
Wildlife Conservation	Awarded to the most comprehensive and effective projects and educational programs with the focus on wildlife protection and welfare. This may include; creating a habitat in a public, school, or in private gardens. Including habitats or gardens specific to the natural population being supported; sanctuaries, migratory routes, public education projects or programs, legislative activities or other worthy conservation efforts. If worthy the winning entry by a club or district may be sent to NGC for further competition and a \$100 award.	Dec 1		
Jeanette Pruin Youth Involvement	Traveling silver awards may be given annually to a club or district for an outstanding comprehensive program or onetime event involving youth at any level. The High School and Junior/Intermediate Youth Chairmen will submit the best entry from their age level to the Presidents Awards Chairman, who will select the winning entry. 1. One time event 2. Continuing program	Dec 15		
Poetry Contest / youth K-9 (several categories - see WSFGC book)	Purpose: excite and encourage our Youth to express and explore their creative thoughts through different types of poetry. NGC's Poetry Contest enables our Youth to embrace their creativity through the art of writing. Be imaginative and join the winners to see your poetry in a printed booklet! See WSFGC book for criteria.	Dec 15		
Recycled Sculpture, NGC Youth Contest	This contest celebrates creativity and environmentalism by combining them into one activity. Children in 4th through 8th grade are asked to create a sculpture using recyclable, reused, or reduced materials. The sculpture must be able to fit on to an 8 ½ inch by 11 inch sheet of paper. Entries should include as many photographs that can be printed on the back of the 8 ½ by 11 inch entry form. Two 4x6 photos are advised. See WSFGC book for details.	Dec 15		
Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl Poster Contest (grades 1 -5)	First through Fifth grade students are invited to demonstrate their understanding of fire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl. See WSFGC book for criteria.	Dec 15		

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Youth Involvement (Dorrie Carr)	Junior/Intermediate - \$20 each for these 6 awards. To a Senior Club contributing the most outstanding service toward gardening among youth. 1. a. Sponsoring a Junior/Intermediate Club. Or b. School projects, youth fairs, etc. To a Junior/Intermediate Club for: 2. Total program for one year 3. Horticultural activity 4. Flower Show 5. Conservation or Recycling project Submit WSFGC Application Award Form (GA #128, revised 2019). Chairman will notify Presidents Awards Chairman of the winning entries for the Jeanette Pruin Youth Involvement Award.	Dec 15		
Yearbook	Requirements: Three copies of yearbook in convenient sized envelope, with one copy of WSFGC Award Application Form (GA #128, revised 2019) paper clipped to envelope.	Dec 15		
Membership Awareness	A club, district or state garden club needs to show the most innovative activity or activities, or the most outstanding effort to increase public visibility that increases membership. The application must show how they have made the public aware of the mission and activities of garden clubs. This includes membership brochures, leaflets, or any other publication used as well as any publicity received. (Printed materials, and materials for electronic publication plus publicity articles may be attached in their entirety to the application and are not counted as part of the three-page limit.)	Dec 15		
Convention Horticulture (several categories - see WSFGC book)	Open only to Districts at WSFGC Convention. Exhibits are to be set up and judged at convention. \$30 may be awarded to the winning District in each category; 2nd place \$20; 3rd Place \$10. Container-grown plants must have been in exhibitor's possession 90 days except for multiple plantings, which must have been in exhibitor's possession at least six weeks. All specimens must be named, giving genus and species, and variety/cultivar added when available.	?		
Horticulture Competition Award	***need info... is this the same as the Convention Horticulture?	?		
Publication Award (several categories - see WSFGC book)	Electronic and/or hardcopy submissions permitted of newsletter(s), manuals, leaflets/flyers, handbooks, etc. Please refer to WSFGC book for details.	?		

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Betty Belcher Horticulture	Available to a WSFGC member only. This is an award for Excellence in Horticulture. Selection at a Standard Flower Show makes the exhibitor eligible to apply for the traveling silver trophy given annually at the WSFGC Convention. Grower may enter any number of times with different specimens and from different shows. Only one nominee per show is permitted. Each Book of Evidence must contain the Betty Belcher Horticulture Award Application Form, supplied by the Flower Show Chairman. Book of Evidence is sent to the WSFGC Horticulture Awards Chairman, who will notify the Presidents Awards Chairman of the winner.	Feb 1		
Corsages	Chairman will be available to assist Garden Clubs with programs on making corsages, and the inclusion of corsages in flower shows.	Feb 1		
Honor Club	The honor club award recognizes the club that offers its membership a balance of programs, projects, and activities that support the goals of NGC. Attendance and participation in district and state events, attending NGC schools, donations or various type/s including scholarships, natural disasters, etc. Complete the new Honor Club form revised 8/1/2023 available online or from this chairman or your district award's chairman. Points earned will be divided by the number of members in the club for a proportionate representation of participation. The highest-scoring Honor Club earns the Violet Gose President's Club Achievement Award.	Feb 1		
Landscape Design	Two \$25 awards donated by Washington Consultants Council These awards are for a residential design for an entrance, garden feature or other residential area. Please see WSFGC book for all eligibility requirements.	Feb 1		
Pat Crawford Arbor Day	Available to clubs only. A traveling silver award may be presented to a garden club for the best Arbor Day project. Submit WSFGC Application Form (GA #128, revised 2019). Arbor Day Chairman will notify Presidents Awards Chairman of the winner.	Feb 1		
President's Award (several categories - see WSFGC book)	Use WSFGC Awards Application Form (GA #128, revised 2019) unless otherwise noted in award description. Applications and Books of Evidence should be sent as noted in each award. Check individual award for Book of Evidence requirements. Presidents' Traveling Trophies must be returned to this Chairman on or before the State Board Meeting just prior to Convention.	Feb 1		
Recycling Awards (several categories - see WSFGC book)	These awards are for exhibits in a flower show that display the best use of recycled items in the creation of beauty and/or originality.	Feb 1		

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Terry Critchlow Photography	A traveling frame may be awarded annually to the most outstanding photo entered in a NGC Flower Show. Only one nominee per show is permitted. Photo must score 95 points or more to qualify. Book of Evidence must include the Terry Critchlow Award Application, supplied by the Flower Show Chairman. Scale of points page 131 of the Handbook for Flower Shows. The award ribbon will be a small blue on blue rosette.	Feb 1		
Phyllis Danielson Table Setting	Awarded for the most outstanding table settings in a Table Section of a Small Standard Flower Show or a Standard Flower Show. The show must have a minimum of three classes in the Table Section with any combination of Functional, Exhibition or Petite (Functional and/or Exhibition) table classes with four entries per class. Winners of Blue ribbon exhibits scoring 95 or more are eligible. Awards will be in (1) Functional, (2) Exhibition and (3) Petite (Functional and/or Exhibition) Table Settings.	Feb 1		
Berta Deming Blue Ribbon	May be given to the person with the most blue ribbons earned in Standard Flower Shows. Exhibitor must be a member of WSFGC. The same person may not win the award in consecutive years. Blue ribbons can be earned in horticulture, design or special exhibits divisions. Submit a WSFGC Awards Application Form (GA #128, revised 2019), a list of all shows entered, and the number of ribbons won in each division (first, second, third) to Presidents Awards Chairman. Judging is based on 60% horticulture and 40% design/ special exhibits or the reverse. Second and third place ribbons will be counted to break ties.	Feb 1		
Lois Donahue WSFGC Award of Achievement	A certificate and \$50.00 may be awarded to a WSFGC member who has made a noteworthy contribution toward NGC objectives. These include horticulture, therapy gardens, civic beautification, flower shows, birds, wildflowers, junior and high school gardening or any worthy contribution within the state of Washington. Nominations for this award will be made by the nominee's District in a letter (no more than five single-sided pages) of recommendation to the Presidents Awards Chairman.	Feb 1		
Carolyn Erickson All Fresh Design	A traveling sculpture may be awarded annually to the most outstanding design, using all fresh plant material, in the entire Design Division of a Standard Flower Show. The fresh plant material must be dominant in the design. Decorative wood is not permitted. (Refer to Tricolor Rules, Pages 43, NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, rev 2017) Only one nominee per show is permitted. Design must score 95 or above. A Book of Evidence is required using the Carolyn Erickson All Fresh Design Award Application Form, supplied by the Flower Show Chairman. The award ribbon will be a hot pink rosette.	Feb 1		

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Joann Goldman Artistic Craft Award	Available to a WSFGC member only. This award of excellence is for an Artistic Craft exhibited in the Special Exhibits Division of a Standard Flower Show. Selection at a Standard Flower Show makes the exhibitor eligible to apply for the traveling silver trophy given at the WSFGC Convention. The application form is supplied by the Flower Show Chairman. The Book of Evidence shall include completed JoAnn Goldman Artistic Craft Award Application Form, one clear close-up color photograph taken at the show, list of plant material/s, accessories and/or features used, and a paragraph describing the Artistic Craft.	Feb 1		
M. Certina Goody Civic Achievement	Available only to clubs. This traveling silver award may be given to the best state project for Community Beautification. Community Beautification Chairman will notify Presidents Awards Chairman of the winner.	Feb 1		
Violet Gose Club Achievement	This traveling silver bowl may be given to the highest scoring Honor Club application. The Honor Clubs Chairman will determine the winner and notify the Presidents Award Chairman.	Feb 1		
Judith Juno Petite Design	Award is available only to a WSFGC member. The highest scoring Petite Design in a NGC Standard Flower Show is eligible. One nominee per show is permitted. Nominee may apply for the award by submitting a book of evidence using the Judith Juno Petite Award application form. Include one clear photograph and a detailed description of the design including plant material with horticultural nomenclature. This traveling award is a petite acrylic container. The award ribbon will be a small rosette of emerald green and pale peach.	Feb 1		
Carol Klingberg Educational	This is an award for the best Educational Exhibit in a Standard Flower Show. Winning a show award makes the exhibitor eligible to apply for this traveling silver trophy given annually at the WSFGC Convention. The Book of Evidence must contain the Carol Klingberg Educational Award Application Form supplied by the Flower Show Chairman.	Feb 1		
Ann Murray (Mabry) Judges Council Educational	A traveling silver trophy may be awarded to a District Judges Council for a single project making the most outstanding educational contribution to garden club members or the public. Submit WSFGC Application Form to the Presidents Awards Chairman.	Feb 1		
Marva Lee Peterschick Arboreal Flowering Shrub & Tree (see WSFGC book for more details)	Available only to a WSFGC member. This is an award for Specimen Excellence in flowering trees and shrubs. Selection at a Standard Flower Show makes the exhibitor eligible to apply for the traveling crystal bowl given annually at the WSFGC Convention. Grower may enter any number of times with different specimens and from different shows. Only one nominee per show is permitted.	Feb 1		

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Glad Reusch Corsage	Requires one or more of the following three categories. 1. One corsage workshop for club members 2. Club sponsored demonstration/workshop for youth groups 3. Clubs working with senior citizens and senior facilities Corsage Chairman will notify the Presidents Awards Chair of winner.	Feb 1		
Pollinator Power Poster Contest, K-12	This contest is to encourage the appreciation of pollinators. There is a \$10.00 cash award for the best pollinator poster in each grade level, K-12. Computer posters accepted and judged separately. See WSFGC book for details.	Feb 1		
Ellen B. Swenson Flower Arrangement (see WSFGC book for more details)	Available to a WSFGC member only. A traveling metal sculpture may be awarded annually to the most outstanding arrangement in a Standard Flower Show. The highest-scoring arrangement entered will not necessarily be the winner, and the same designer may not be chosen two years in succession. Selection at a Standard Flower Show makes the exhibitor eligible to apply for the trophy, given annually at the WSFGC Convention.	Feb 1		
Brynn Tabasco Recycled Art (contact chair for scale / size of art information)	Award is available to a WSFGC member only. This traveling trophy may be awarded annually to the best indoor or outdoor work of art created using mostly recycled materials. The WSFGC Application Form (GA #128, revised 2019) must include a list of the materials used, a description of the creative process, and a clear photo of the completed work of art. The scale of points for Recycling Awards will be used to judge this award. This award entry need not have been entered in a flower show.	Feb 1		
Margaret Titlow District Flower Show Staging	This award may be given annually to a District for outstanding overall staging of a Standard Flower Show. The award is a traveling silver coffee and tea service. Book of Evidence will include detailed information about theme, staging, overall staging and a floor plan. At least three colored photographs of the staging must be included.	Feb 1		
June Willard Flower Show Staging	Traveling trophies may be given annually for outstanding overall staging of a Standard Flower Show to: A. A Single Club B. Combined Clubs (fewer than 5) The Book of Evidence will include detailed information about theme staging, overall staging and a floor plan. At least three color photographs of the staging must be included.	Feb 1		

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Helen Wolff Club Program	Two traveling silver trophies may be given for club programs judged most outstanding in NGC objectives. Categories: 1. Clubs with 29 or fewer members 2. Clubs with 30 or more members. Qualifications: 1. Program should stimulate interest in gardening. 2. Program is to be presented at a single meeting and may be given by one or more persons. 3. Program must be adaptable for presentation to other clubs of comparable size. Requires at least three topics on the same subject (two may be brief).	Feb 1		
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