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PACIFIC REGION GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Awards Year 2025 -- AWARD RULES

(Note: Rules to be updated in the summer of 2026 for the 2026 Awards Year)

AWARDS YEAR: January 1 to December 31, 2025. All awards may be applied for annually, if merited, unless otherwise noted.

ELIGIBILITY: Only National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) members are eligible to apply for Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. (PRGC) awards unless otherwise noted. Members are member garden clubs, plant societies, councils, districts, state garden clubs, and Individual members of the PRGC.

COVER SHEET AND APPLICATION: PRGC adopted NGC's format (cover sheet and three-page application) for award submissions. PRGC's cover sheet (one page that does not count as part of the application's allowable three pages) contains topics to be addressed on the three-page application, along with any other supporting information, photographs, landscape plan, etc.

- The fillable cover sheet is available on the PRGC website and from the State Awards Chairmen.
- The application is limited to three pages, using only the front side of each page (exceptions noted).
- Entries will not be returned. Make copies before forwarding.
- Entries are to be sent to the State Awards Chairman unless otherwise noted.
- The State Awards Chairmen forward entries to the appropriate PRGC Judging Chairmen.

AWARD DEADLINES: MARCH 1. All entries are sent by State Awards Chairmen to the appropriate PRGC Judging Chairmen listed under each award number. Entries must be received by **MARCH 1**. Exception: Member Award of Honor, due JANUARY 1. Send entries via mail or electronically. Yearbooks and publications must be sent via mail.

YOUTH CONTEST DEADLINES:

- **Youth Poetry Contest:** Entries due to PRGC Youth Poetry Contest Chairman **Beverly Kluth** by **FEBRUARY 1**.
- **Youth Sculpture Contest:** Entries due to PRGC Sculpture Contest Chairman **Norma Curtis** by **FEBRUARY 1**.
- **Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest:** Entries due to PRGC Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Chairman **Michele Blomberg** by **FEBRUARY 24**.
- **Pollinator Poster Contest:** Entries due to Youth Pollinator Poster Contest Chairman **Terry Crithlow** by **MARCH 1**.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING ENTRIES: STATE AWARDS CHAIRMEN

It is the responsibility of the State Awards Chairmen to send entries to the appropriate PRGC Chairmen. First-place state-winning entries in each category are to be sent to the appropriate PRGC Chairmen by **March 1**; note exceptions.

- Complete a PRGC cover sheet and submit with an application (3-pages allowed, front side only).
- When one project is eligible for various awards, submitting exact duplicate applications is not acceptable. A separate application must be created for each award.
- Keep one copy of the entry for your records. It will not be returned.
- Yearbooks – Complete a PRGC cover sheet and submit with an application if the required information does not fit on the cover sheet. Attached the cover sheet and application to the inside front cover.

- Publications: Complete the cover sheet and create an application. Secure these to the outside of an envelope. Place a second copy of the cover sheet and application inside the envelope with the entry. Printed publications or printed copies of those prepared for electronic distribution are acceptable.
- Youth Contests: First-place entries in each category should be submitted to the appropriate PRGC Chairmen by the PRGC deadlines.
- State Chairman must send a complete list of all entries to the PRGC Director by **March 1**.

CATEGORIES BY SIZE:

Garden Club applications shall be judged according to the size determined by the number of members on whom NGC and state dues are paid, including active, associate, inactive, and honorary memberships.

- a) **Small Club:** 29 members and under
- b) **Medium Club:** 30-59 members
- c) **Large Club:** 60-99 members
- d) **Extra Large Club:** 100+ members

State Garden Club applications shall be judged according to the size determined by the number of members on whom NGC dues are paid, including garden club members, affiliates, state life members, etc.

- a) **Small State:** 500 members and under
- b) **Medium State:** 501-4000 members
- c) **Large State:** 4001+ members

AWARD CERTIFICATES: First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention certificates may be awarded. Certificates will be presented at the PRGC Convention when held prior to state conventions. *Certificates will be emailed to the State Awards Chairman when the PRGC Convention is held after state conventions. An entry must score 90 or more points to be awarded first-place recognition.

RETURN OF MATERIALS: State Presidents are responsible for collecting their entries and certificates at the close of the PRGC Convention. See * above.

AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS

Award #1 – PUBLISHED ARTICLE, PAMPHLET, OR BOOK -- Judging Chairman **Kim Rosenlof**

For a published article, pamphlet, or book by a garden club member on one of the following:

- A) **Education** – information promoting the objectives of NGC, PRGC, or state. **NGC #MAE-4F**
- B) **Horticulture** – information on a single plant, group of plants, shrubs or trees, including plant care, feeding, etc. (Members of a plant society are also eligible.) **NGC #MAE-4G**
- C) **Floral Design** – information promoting interest among members, and flower show judge and student judges. **NGC #FD-2**

AWARDS FOR CLUBS, PLANT SOCIETIES, COUNCILS, OR DISTRICTS

AWARD #2 – NEWSLETTER OR OFFICIAL PUBLICATION -- Judging Chairman **Kim Rosenlof** **NGC #MAE-4**

For a newsletter or official publication. Submit one issue published during the awards year. Printed publications or hard copies of those prepared for electronic distribution are acceptable.

- A. Club
- B. District/Council/Guild
- C. Plant Society

AWARD #3 – YEARBOOK -- Judging Chairman **Tiffany Olley**

For a yearbook. Submit one copy.

- A. Club (under 20 members)
- B. Club (20-29 members)
- C. Club (30-44 members)
- D. Club (45-69 members)
- E. Club 70-99 members)
- F. Club (100-299 members)
- G. Club (over 300 members)
- H. District
- I. Plant Society, Council, or Guild

AWARD #4 – ANY OTHER PUBLICATION -- Judging Chairman Tanja Swanson

For any other publication that is membership-related, published during the awards year. Submit one copy.

- A. Club
- B. Plant Societies/Council/Guild
- C. District

AWARD #5 – ANY OTHER PUBLICATION -- Judging Chairman Tanja Swanson NGC #MAE-4G

For any other publication, excluding membership-related publications, published during the awards year. Submit one copy.

- A. Club
- B. Plant Societies/Council/Guild
- C. District

AWARDS FOR STATES

AWARD #6 – STATE NEWSLETTER OR OFFICIAL PUBLICATION -- Judging Chairman Kim Rosenlof NGC #MAE-4

For a state newsletter or official publication. Submit one copy published during the awards year. Printed publications or printed copies of those prepared for electronic distribution are acceptable.

- A. Small State: 500 members or less
- B. Medium State: 501-4000 members
- C. Large State: 4001+ members

AWARD #7 – STATE YEARBOOK OR DIRECTORY -- Judging Chairman Kim Rosenlof

For a state yearbook or directory. Submit one copy.

- A. Small State: 500 members or less
- B. Medium State: 501-4000 members
- C. Large State: 4001+ members

AWARD #8 -- ANY OTHER STATE PUBLICATION -- Judging Chairman Kim Rosenlof NGC #MAE-4G

For any other state publication that is published during the awards year. Submit one copy.

- A. Small State: 500 members or less
- B. Medium State: 501-4000 members
- C. Large State: 4001+ members

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT AWARDS

AWARD #9 -- CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT -- Judging Chairman Pat Clayes NGC #CE-5

For any worthwhile community beautification project, including memorial gardens. First-place winners may not apply again for the same (continuing) project for two years but may apply for another activity or project.

- A. Small Club (under 29 members)
- B. Medium Club (30-59 members)
- C. Large Club (60-99 members)
- D. Extra Large Club (100+members)
- E. District

AWARD #10 – BLUE STAR/GOLD STAR LANDSCAPING -- Judging Chairman Robin Pokorski NGC #CE-7

For any worthwhile Blue Star Memorial Marker beautification project. The project may be a replacement of a destroyed or long-neglected landscape. First-place winners may not apply for the same (continuing project) for two years but may apply for another activity or project.

- A. Small Club (under 29 members)
- B. Medium Club (30-59 members)
- C. Large Club (60-99 members)
- D. Extra Large Club (100+members)
- E. District

AWARD #11 – FUNDRAISING PROJECT OR EVENT -- Judging Chairman Pat Clayes

For an event held to raise funds for any worthwhile garden club project. May be a one-day event or a continuing project. Publication and sales of cookbooks, calendars, etc. are not eligible for this award but may be entered in "Any Other Publication."

- A. Club, Plant Society, Council, or Guild
- B. District
- C. State

AWARD #12 – GARDEN THERAPY -- Judging Chairman Judy Unrine NGC #G-3

For any worthwhile activity or service project (active or sedentary) designed to help the physically or learning-challenged. First-place winners may not apply again for the same (continuing) project for two years but may apply for another activity or project.

- A. Club B. Plant Society C. State

AWARD #13 – MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN -- Judging Chairman Bernadette Sterry NGC #MAE-1

For a year's program or one workshop/event designed to increase membership.

- A. Club B. Plant Society C. State

AWARD #14 – FLOWER SHOW -- Judging Chairman Vickie Liskey NGC FS 1-16

For a flower show (any type) – does not require a Book of Evidence. Send a copy of the flower show schedule and the Achievement Award Evaluation forms. Judged using NGC's Scale of Points for Flower Shows. See the NGC *Handbook for Flower Shows* for the description of a Flower Show.

- A. Club B. Council, Plant Society or Guild C. District

AWARD #15 – FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE -- Judging Chairman Vickie Liskey

For a flower show schedule. Submit one copy. Judged using NGC's Scale of Points for judging Flower Show Schedules.

- A. Club B. Council, Plant Society or Guild C. District

AWARD #16 – NATIVE FLORA EDUCATION -- Judging Chairman Sheila Parcel NGC #CE-6

For native flora education. May be awarded for notable environmental preservation and enhancement with emphasis on wildflowers and native plants in your area.

- A. Club B. District C. State

AWARD #17 – YOUTH ACTIVITIES -- Judging Chairman Lisa Cosand NGC #YW-2

For a year's **horticulture** program or one workshop/event involving activities with youth education.

- A. Club B. District

AWARD #18 -- YOUTH ACTIVITIES -- Judging Chairman Lisa Cosand NGC #YW-4

For a year's **environmental** program or one workshop/event involving activities with youth education.

- A. Club B. District

SOCIAL MEDIA
Social Media/Website

AWARD #19 -- SOCIAL MEDIA -- Judging Chairman Kim Rosenlof and Peggy Ahola (send entries to both)

For the most outstanding social media site promoting the sponsoring organization and NGC objectives. Include on the application: the social media address, who maintains the site, the frequency of updates, and the cost. Ease of navigation will be considered while judging from the address given.

- A. Club B. Plant Society, Council or Guild C. District D. State

AWARD #20 – WEBSITE -- Judging Chairman Kim Rosenlof and Peggy Ahola (send entries to both) NGC #MAE-2

For the most outstanding website promoting the sponsoring organization and NGC objectives. A portion of the site must be available for viewing by the public. Include on the application: website address, who maintains the site, frequency of updates, and cost. Ease of navigation will be considered while judging from the address given. The NGC Scale of Points for judging websites will be used.

- A. Club B. Plant Society, Council or Guild C. District D. State

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

AWARD #21 -- NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK -- Judging Chairman _____ **NGC MAE-5**

The award is given for the best overall promotion of National Garden Week. Entry to show community awareness throughout the entire week and include local and/or state proclamations.

- A. Club B. Plant Society, Council or Guild C. District D. State

ARBOR DAY PROGRAM

AWARD #22 -- ARBOR DAY PROGRAM -- Judging Chairman **Stephanie Pickern**

The award is given for the best overall promotion of Arbor Day. Entry to show community awareness throughout the entire week and include local and/or state proclamations.

- A. Club B. Plant Society, Council or Guild C. District

NGC MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR

Deadline: **January 1** to PRGC

MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR -- Judging Chairman **Peggy Olin** **NGC #SR-4**

May be awarded to one NGC member in each Region 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 an NGC state garden club who has never been a member of NGC's Board of Directors. Eligibility and rules are listed on NGC's website.
- A book of evidence should be submitted not to exceed five pages. Obtain the application form from your State or PRGC Awards Chairman. Entries are submitted to your State Awards Chairman by your state's deadline. State Awards Chairmen forward one entry to the PRGC Judging Chairman by **January 1**.

Note:

PRGC Awards Chairmen, please send the information of your winners, along with pictures and descriptions, to **Jennifer Moreland**.

Any award that has no Judging Chairman, send entries to PRGC Director **Tanja Swanson**.

SCALE OF POINTS FOR ALL PRGC AWARDS

Exception: Flower Show, Publications, and Yearbooks

Presentation: 5 Points – neat, concise, includes all required information on the cover sheet and application (application not to exceed three printed pages, front side only).

Achievement: 65 Points – scope of project; need and fulfillment; benefit; accomplishments; comprehensiveness of work; activities to attain goals; evaluation of goals reached; educational value; prior planning; brief history if continuing project; financial report; other.

Participation: 15 Points – size of club. Involvement of members, community, government, agencies, professionals, youth, residents in facilities, others – not all of these have to be involved.

Record or Documentation: 15 Points – supporting data (as applicable): clear, well-labeled and neatly attached before and after photographs; landscape plan (does not have to be professionally drawn); financial report; letters of appreciation; community awards; newspaper/magazine articles, etc.

TOTAL: 100 POINTS

SCALE OF POINTS FOR PUBLICATIONS

Except Yearbooks

Cover sheet must be completed. Add any additional information on an application (allowed up to three pages, front sides only).

Presentation: 5 Points – brief description of the publication.

Achievement: 65 Points – educational; informative; accuracy; clarity of subject; quality of printing; photography; and/or graphics; general appeal; indicates a member of NGC and PRGC (if applicable).

Promotion of NGC Objectives – 15 Points

Record or Documentation – 15 Points – number of copies distributed/sold; how distributed; financial information; cost of publishing; price if sold; market exposure.

TOTAL 100 POINTS

SCALE OF POINTS FOR YEARBOOKS

	Points
Book Structure: practical, durable, convenient size, neat	2
Cover: organization name, town, state, year, appealing design	2
Title Page: name, town, state, year, number of dues-paying members, affiliations (PRGC, NGC, District, etc.)	2
Website/Facebook Page (if any)	1
Table of Contents: numbered and content on each page listed	1
Pages: in any order most useful to the members in a logical order	
Roster: complete member address, telephone number, email address	2
NGC information: President's name, address, email address, theme, projects, Headquarters information, website, Facebook page	1
PRGC information: Director's name, address, email address, theme, projects, website address, Facebook page	1
State information: President's name, address, email address, theme, projects, website address, Facebook page	1
District information: Director's name, address, email address, theme, projects, website address, Facebook page	1
Calendar of Events: dates and locations of district, state, PRGC, and NGC meetings	2
Programs: reflect a variety of NGC goals and objectives	
1) At least eight per year	3
2) List date, time, location	3
3) Speakers' names, qualifications, program titles	3
4) Variety of styles (slide, lecture, PowerPoint, tours, hands-on)	12
Variety of speakers	14
Variety of program topics	14
Projects: list new and/or continuing projects	15
Description of project – chairman, location, how members participate	
Donations (if applicable)	

TOTAL 100 POINTS