

# **Shenandoah District Awards**

## **2023-2025**

**Flower Show Achievement Awards remain the same as before  
(Continue to use blue book of evidence for Flower Show Achievement Awards  
and Publicity Press Book Awards. Submit 3 copies of the award applications  
on paper plus 1 copy by email (Note, several youth contests are due earlier)  
to the Awards Chairman by Dec. 1st**

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**For information on State, Regional and National Awards  
indicated in parenthesis, visit these web sites:**

**State: [www.viriniagardenclubs.org](http://www.viriniagardenclubs.org) click on Awards**

**South Atlantic Region: [www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org](http://www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org)**

**National: [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)**

**Note the size categories:**

**i Small Club: 20 members or less**

**ii Medium Club: 21-50 members**

**iii Large Club: 50 + members**

**iv Two or more clubs – New in 2023, two or more clubs may**

**work together on an award project. There is no longer and extra-large club  
category**

**SPD-1 FLOWER SHOW** –three awards will be offered for shows staged through Dec.1 of 2024

\$10 may be awarded to a club in each size group (small, medium and large) in the following three categories. It may be any type of NGC flower show presented by a single club. Complete the VFGC cover sheet/application form and simply attach a page with the requested information.

a. For the clubs who are having their first ever flower show. The date the club was founded will be considered. (small, medium, large).

b. For the clubs who have gone the longest since having a flower show (small, medium, large)

c. For the clubs who have the most, new participants exhibiting in their club's flower show. (small, medium, large)

**SPD-2 "PLANT AMERICA, FEED AMERICA "** \$10 may be awarded to a club in each size group (small, medium and large) for members who grow their own vegetables, fruit or other produce and donate to a local food bank or any other organization that helps fight food insecurity. Complete the VFGC cover sheet/application form and attach a page showing the total weight of produce donated for the period ending Dec. 1, 2024.

**D-3 BIRD, BUTTERFLY, WILDLIFE SURVIVAL**

**\$10** may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv two or more clubs) for conducting the most comprehensive and effective project for pollinator, bird, or wildlife protection and welfare. This may include habitats or gardens specific to the natural population being supported, sanctuaries, migratory routes, public education project or program, legal and legislative activities or other. **(S#15, SAR # 2 or 3, or possibly SAR SP 1, NGC #EC-3 see VFGC website or NGC Awards Handbook pg 20 for point score rubric)**

**D-4 BLUE STAR MEMORIAL LANDSCAPING**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club, iv two or more clubs) for the most outstanding Blue Star Memorial landscaping project done by a club. The landscaping project may include a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker (1A), a Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker (2A), or a Blue Star Memorial Marker (3A) at a National Cemetery or Veterans Administration Medical Center. The marker and landscaping may be a 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 for a destroyed or long neglected landscape. (S #5, SAR # 19, NGC #CE-7, (2) for district)

**D-5 CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION/ACHIEVEMENT**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club, iv two or more clubs) for a distinguished civic or conservation work making permanent improvement 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# CE-2)

**D-6 CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENTAL**

\$10 may be awarded to a single garden club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv two or more clubs) 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-2)

**D-7 FLORAL DESIGN PROGRAM (new 2021)**

**\$20 may be awarded to a club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club; iv two or more clubs) for the most outstanding program or workshop teaching floral design to club members and/or the public. Three single sided page limit (plus cover sheet) applies. **(S#21, SAR # 20 A or B; See VFGC website or NGC Awards Handbook pg. 23 for point score rubric (NGC # FD-2))**

**D-8 HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv two or more clubs) for an historic preservation project; such as a trail, park, cemetery, garden or grounds around a historic building. (S #29, SAR #8, NGC #CE-9 A or B)

**D-9 HORTICULTURE THERAPY**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv two or more clubs) with the most outstanding program working with physically or learning challenged in nursing homes, schools, prisons, etc. (S # 31)

**D-10 HORTICULTURE THERAPY GARDEN PROJECT**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv two or more clubs) for establishment of a garden/s to benefit the physically or learning challenged, residents in a nursing home, school, prison, 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, NGC #G-3)

**D-11 LANDSCAPE DESIGN FOR THE COMMUNITY**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv two or more clubs) for the most outstanding project in landscaping the grounds of a school, church, hospital, library, civic center, park, waterfront, or other public building. Application must include a detailed report of plants, history, costs and publicity as well as landscape plan. (S #26, SAR #4, NGC #CE-8)

**D-12 LITTER/RECYCLING/RECLAMATION**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv two or more clubs) for the most outstanding activity/project on litter prevention, reclamation and/or recycling. Emphasis on a clean community, e.g. a yearlong program, organizing recycling program, or establishing community composting site. (S #19a, SAR #17)

**D-13 MEMBERSHIP**

\$10.00 may be awarded to the club (i small; ii medium; iii large) with the highest percentage of new members (percentage increase based on dues paid between Feb. 1 of the previous year to Jan. 31 of the current year. Use S#33 as a reference. No list of new members is required. No application is required. The State Treasurer will furnish the names of the clubs with the highest percentage increases for each size group to the state membership chairman. The name of the winning club in each size group will be sent to the VFGC Awards Chairman by Feb. 15. (S# 33)

**D-14 NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK**

\$10.00 may be awarded to the club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv two or more clubs) for the best overall promotion of National Garden Week. Emphasis on showing community awareness throughout the entire week and may include local and/or state proclamations. (S #34, SAR #10, NGC # MAE-5)

**D-15 NATIVE PLANTS – CIVIC PROJECTS**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a garden club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv two or more clubs) for establishing wildflower gardens, memorial gardens, or the restoration of historic gardens with emphasis on plant material native to your region. (S # 22, NGC # CE-5)

**D-16 PENNY PINES**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club with the most donations in a calendar year to the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Penny Pines program. VFGC Penny Pines District Chairman should report to the VFGC Awards Chairman and the District Awards Chairman by March 15, 2021. No Award application required. (S # 35)

**D-17 PLANT TOGETHER COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT**

\$10.00 may be awarded to the club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv two or more clubs) 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. (S# 28, NGC # CE 1-A,B,C, or D)

#### **D-18 ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv two or more clubs) 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 #11, possibly NGC # CE-4A or B)

#### **D-19 STANDARD FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE - SINGLE CLUB**

\$10.00. may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club) for the clearest, most accurate, specific and comprehensive flower show schedule for any type of NGC flower show. (S# 45, SAR #24A)

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). As of Jan. 2018 new rules went into effect, found on pages 135 – 138 of the 2017 edition. Attach copy of flower show schedule **as given to the judges** to award application.

#### **D-20 STANDARD FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE - TWO OR MORE CLUBS OR COUNCIL**

\$10.00 may be awarded to **clubs** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club) for the clearest, most accurate, specific and comprehensive flower show schedule for any type of NGC flower show. (S# 46, SAR #24B)

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). As of Jan. 2018 new rules went into effect, found on pages 135 – 138 of the 2017 edition. Attach copy of flower show schedule **as given to the judges** to award application.

#### **D-21 TREE PLANTING/ARBOR DAY**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv two or more clubs) with the most outstanding tree planting activity and/or promotion of conservation and preservation of trees and/or Arbor Day. (S-14,SAR # 1)

#### **D-22 WEBSITE**

\$10.00 may be awarded to club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv two or more clubs) for the most outstanding website promoting the sponsoring organization and NGC objectives. Submit application on paper. Do not answer all the questions on the NGC Award Application Form. Do give website address, who maintains site, how often updated, and cost. Ease of navigation will be considered. No website will receive an award for two consecutive years. (S #47, SAR # 21, NGC # MAE-2)

Scale of Points for the Website Award can be found on the VFGC Awards web page.

## YOUTH RELATED

### **D-23 YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv two or more clubs), for the most concentrated project/activity to improve our total environment such as soil, water, energy, air and/or natural resources, involving youth. (S #38, SAR # Y-1, NGC # YW-9)

### **D-24 YOUTH HORTICULTURE EDUCATION**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a garden club (i small; ii medium; iii large, iv two or more clubs) for the best promotion of gardening among youth. (S # 39, SAR# Y-1, NGC # YW-8)

## YOUTH CONTESTS

See [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) under YOUTH or the Fall Issue of *The National Gardener* for complete Youth Contest rules and details.

\*\*\* Note the Youth Contests Y-1 and Y-2 are due November 1 to Rebecca Yates. Y-3, Smokey Bear Woodsy Owl posters are due Jan. 7, 2024 to Toni Shreve.

#### **(D) Y-1. ESSAY CONTEST**

\$10.00 may be awarded to a student. Open to all high school students. Essay of 600 - 700 words on the topics listed below. Winner is then eligible for state and regional competition. **(SAR) offers a \$200. Award. See the SAR website for information on the essays.** (State Y-3, SAR #Y-3)

**Due Nov. 1 2023-2024 Title:** "What are the benefits of planting natives?"

**Due Nov. 1 2024-2025 Title:** "How can the planting of natives be encouraged and increased?"

#### **(D) Y-2. POETRY CONTEST**

\$10.00 may be awarded to the winners of all grade levels (K-9<sup>th</sup> grade) (Special Education (K-9<sup>th</sup> grade). Students must follow NGC rules. District winners are sent to State and State winners are sent to the SAR chairman. (State Y-4, SAR# Y-4)

**Due Nov. 1 2023-2024 Theme:** "I Spy With My Little Eye, Something Green Outside-Celebrating Our Green World"

**Due Nov. 1 2024-2025 Theme:** "My Garden Has Vegetables to Spare, that I Can Share-Helping Fight Hunger by Sharing Vegetables From Our Garden."

#### **(D) Y-3 SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTERS**

\$10.00 may be awarded to the poster winner of each grade level (Grades 1-5). The 5 District winners will be sent on to the State Chairman, where they will be eligible for State, Regional, and National competition. Club presidents are sent the Poster Contest rules and deadlines by the District Youth Activities Chair in September. Send your club's 5 poster winners to Toni Shreve at 152 Cambridge Way, Warrenton, VA 20186-2868 by **Jan. 7, 2023**. No application form required. (S Y -2, SAR # Y-6)

#### **(D) Y-4 HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROJECT**

\$25 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. (NGC # YW-7)

## CLUB PUBLICATIONS AND PROMOTION

### D-25 Club Membership Brochure

\$10.00 may be awarded to a garden club (i small; ii medium; iii large) for creating the most unique club promotional brochure for promoting membership. Enclose one copy of brochure and one application form inside envelope. Secure second copy of application form to outside of envelope. (S # 42-5, NGC # MAE-4 E, F, & G)  
Scale of Points for the Club Brochure Award can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage or the NGC Awards Handbook for point score rubric.

### D-26 Club Newsletter

- A. \$10.00 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii 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 # 18, NGC # MAE 4A**)
- B. \$10.00 may be awarded to a **club** (i small club; ii medium club; iii large club) publishing a newsletter of 3-12 pages – at least three issues. (**S # 43, SAR # 18, NGC # MAE 4B**)  
(**NGC # MAE 4 A – D please see VFGC website or NGC Awards Handbook pg 39 for point score rubric**)

New as of summer or 2023 -Submit **ONLY ONE** sample issue via email. **No longer accepting paper copies of newsletters.** Remember to complete cover sheet/application form and at least one additional page addressing the items on the point score rubric.

### D-27 Club Yearbook

\$10.00 may be awarded to the club with best yearbook in each of the following categories, determined by number of members for whom VFGC dues are paid. Yearbook must be from current club year. No envelope necessary. Securely clip two copies of the completed application form to the inside cover. (S # 44, SAR # 22,)

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 the Club Yearbook Award can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage (Awards, click on Scale of Points for Awards) or in the VFGC Yearbook.

### D-28 Club Scrapbook

#### A. Traditional

#### B. Digital

\$10.00 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large) for the best overall scrapbook citing club activities for each **calendar** year, 2023 and 2024. It may contain

photos, receipts, newspaper articles, etc., in support of club activities. Please show how visible your garden club is in your community. There is no page limit, and clubs may use the binder or scrapbook of their choice. Do be creative. You may submit your scrapbook entry to the District Awards Chairman at the following March District Board Meeting. If you are not able to do so, please contact the District Awards Chairman to make other arrangements. This is a district award only.

- 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 Scrapbook award:**

Events are in chronological order	5
Wording is neat and legible	10
Photographs are clear	20
Cover relates to Club	5
Layout is attractive	40
Quantity of Material	<u>20</u>
100 total points possible	