

2026 SEEDS OF SERVICE

PRESIDENT'S PROJECT AWARDS

The Seeds of Service Award was originally created by Gail Corle Manna, GCFP President 2011-2013.

These Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania (GCFP) awards are given by the current president in even years as a reward and recognition to clubs for embracing the president's theme.

President Pat Wolanski will recognize programs, projects, and/or events of exemplary volunteer service to individual members and/or clubs that emphasize Seeds of Service incorporating and relating to her theme: "Plant America: Pennsylvania Celebrates Nature and Embraces the Future."

Categories for Recognition

Theme Gardens - Creating meaningful, educational, and inspirational gardens in private or community spaces; i.e., Pollinator & Habitat Gardens, Native Plant & Sustainable Gardens, Red, White and Blue Gardens, Youth Gardens. **Co-Chairs: Marge Eberz and Arlene Harris, Norristown GC, XI**

Service by a garden club or individual member for:

1. community service by creating a Theme Garden (as mentioned above).
2. working with youth to create and maintain a "Sprouts and Seedlings" Youth Garden.

Healing Art - Donating nature-inspired artwork or photography to medical facilities to provide comfort to patients and visitors. Minimum size 12" x 16" or larger depending on display space.

Chair: Barbara Campbell, Parkland Garden Club, II/III

Service by a garden club or individual member for:

1. framing and donating personal photographs of gardens, flowers, or any other nature scenes to medical facilities. **
2. creating and donating nature-inspired original artwork, paintings, pressed flower art, or illustrations to medical facilities. **

Each club/district may apply for and receive up to four awards.

Application: Please write a one/two-page description of the project/event, noting which category it represents, including photos. Submit [Photo Release Form](#) for all individuals, including children.

The description should state: 1) general description of the project; 2) the lasting benefits of these services and the garden club's exposure created from the project or the event; 3) how the project aligns with the Theme Gardens or Healing Art focus; and 4) how the club's involvement increased community engagement and awareness.

Time Frame of Eligibility: All projects occurring from May 1, 2025 to May 1, 2026.

Deadlines: June 15, 2026 - Clubs send applications to your District Director

June 30, 2026 - District Directors send top applicants to

Theme Gardens: Marge Eberz - mte54@verizon.net and
Arlene Harris - areagpers@gmail.com

Healing Art: Barbara Campbell - barbarac45@aol.com

** All artwork should be labeled with: "Donated by The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania's Healing Art Program" with the GCFP and Healing Art logos. Label will be provided upon request.

** Anyone donating personal photographs or original artwork must submit a [Proprietary Release Form](#).

These exceptional projects will be noted in the Keystone Gardener/KG Online, as well as presented with certificates at the GCFP 2026 Annual September District Meetings.