

CAR-SGC Perennial Bloom Award Update Clarification:

Though the DEADLINES and time frame for the CAR-SGC Perennial Bloom Award have been changed, the application form and criteria remain the same.

An updated application form has been requested, but until it is received, please refer to and use the CAR-SGC Perennial Bloom Application Form that can be accessed from the Awards page of our GCFP Website. (pagardenclubs.org)

These are the DEADLINE DATE CHANGES:

- 1.** Clubs are to choose their Perennial Bloom candidate and forward their candidate's application to their District Director/Awards Chair* by **MARCH 1ST**.
- 2.** Each District Director/Awards Chair*, after reviewing all Club applications, must select ONE winner from their district's entries, and send this application to the GCFP Awards Chair by **MARCH 15TH**.
- 3.** Each State Awards Chair will select ONE State Winner and send that application to the CAR-SGC Perennial Bloom Chair by **APRIL 1ST**.

*District Directors should inform their district clubs whether applications are to be forwarded to the District Director or District Awards Chair. (Not every District has an Awards Chair.)

Forward applications of District Winners electronically to the GCFP Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry, at gcfpawardsslowry@gmail.com.

Our GCFP 2023 Perennial Bloom winner will be announced at our convention this spring. Our 2022 Perennial Bloom will also be honored at this time.

The 2022 and 2023 CAR-SGC Perennial Bloom Winners will be announced at the CAR-SGC Annual Convention that will be held in October 2023.

In choosing your club's candidate, consider the criteria that was shared with me by the CAR-SGC Perennial Bloom Chair: "Look for the support the candidate has provided to their club and community through the years, then branch out to District and State involvement. The support given to a club is the basis of our organization. If a member gives support, encouragement, time and effort to their particular club, often they provide the springboard for other members to become more involved."

A Reminder about the Forget Me Not Award:

The Forget Me Not Award is now a District Award. Each District Director/Awards Chair will determine application deadlines and when the honor will be awarded in their District. In order to acknowledge each district's honoree in the Fall KG Online, each Forget Me Not's information and photo should be submitted to the GCFP Awards Chair by **AUGUST 1ST**.

Photos are requested for acknowledgement in the KG Online.

Photo Do's and Don'ts:

Do use a flattering head-shoulders shot with subject looking at the camera

Do pick a neutral background-avoid backgrounds with objects that may “sprout” from the subject’s head

Don’t use a group photo or a candid shot

Don’t send a picture of the subject wearing sunglasses

Photos taken by cell phones are perfectly acceptable (if they adhere to the above criteria)

Prepared by Sheri Lowry, GCFP Awards Chair

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