XΙ

ΧI

V

ı

ΧI

## 2024 AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT THE GCFP 2025 CONVENTION

Marilyn Small, GCFP Awards Chair, Uwchlan Garden Club, I Sheri Lowry, Co-Chair, The Garden Club of Johnstown, VI

#### 2024 PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS

Issued by GCFP President Leeanna Ryba

Chosen to receive this Presidential Citation because you have performed above and beyond expectations. Thank you for your dedication to the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania.

Karen Wychock, Convention Chair Trevose Horticultural Society

ΧI

Ginger Hunsicker, Convention Co-Chair Norristown Garden Club

Diane Pratt, Convention Co-Chair Norristown Garden Club

Barbara Andrus, Plant-A-Tree Chair The Heritage Garden Club

Nancy Cuttic, Past District I Director Uwchlan Garden Club

JoAnn Fogelman, Membership Chair

McEwensville Garden Club

Sandra Hendricks, Scholarship Chair McEwensville Garden Club

Diane Hughes, Nominating Committee Chair Great Meadows Garden Club Χ

Marjorie Sears, Seed Money Chair Old York Road Garden Club

Diane Quinn, Program Resources Chair

Emmaus Garden Club 11/111

Gaynor Hanna, Burpee Seeds

Trish Fiel, Burpee Seeds

## SPECIAL CLUB FEDERATED **ANNIVERSARIES**

Clubs celebrating 50, 60, 75 and 90 years

50: The Littlestown Area Garden Club IV 75: Allentown Garden Club

11/111 Blair Garden Club VΙ

VΙ 90: The Garden Club of Johnstown Oil City Garden Club VIII Uwchlan Garden Club

> Clubs celebrating 50, 75, and 100 Year Anniversaries receive a \$100 award.



GCFP -	NGC	COMMU	NITY F	NHAN	ICFMFN1

**COMMUNITY GARDENS** - partnering with

another organization

Medium Club

1<sup>st</sup> Southern Butler Co. GC

IΧ

PERMANENT COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS

Medium Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Southern Butler Co. GC.

ΙX

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS** 

Largest donated produce from a community garden with which the club is involved

Large Club

1<sup>st</sup> Parkland GC

II/III

ΙX

**ROADSIDE PLANTINGS** 

Medium Club

1st Butler GC

**BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT** 

A-1 Special One-Time Event

Medium Club

1<sup>st</sup> Southern Butler Co. GC

IX

GCFP - NGC

**ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION** 

WILDLIFE SURVIVAL

Large Club

1st Shaler GC

IX

GCFP - NGC FLORAL DESIGN AWARDS

FLORAL DESIGN PROGRAM

Large Club

1<sup>st</sup> Uwchlan GC

"Monthly Floral Design"

2<sup>nd</sup> Parkland GC

II/III

Τ

"That Floral Touch"

GCFP - NGC MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT AND EDUCATION

**MEMBERSHIP AWARENESS** 

Large Club

1<sup>st</sup> Shaler GC IX 2<sup>nd</sup> Parkland GC II/III

DIGITAL MEDIA PRESENTATION

Large Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Moon Township GC

ΙX

"Recycling 101"

Volume 7 Issue 1 May 2025 Page 2

NGC HORTICULTURE EDUCATION TO YOUTH		GCFP HORTICULTURE AWARDS		
Large Club 1 <sup>st</sup> Parkland GC II/III		CLUB HORTICULTURE ACHIEVEMENT		
	11/ 111	For an outstanding series of horticulture		
NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK		programs presented throughout the year.		
Large Club 1 <sup>st</sup> Shaler GC	IX	Uwchlan Garden Club		
Medium Club	IA	- Muchani Gardor Clob		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Southern Butler Co. GC	IX	HORTICULTURE EXCELLENCE		
WEBSITE		Honoring the most outstanding		
Chair - Janet Fassbender, The Country Gard	danars I	horticulturist of the garden club		
Large Club	ociicis, i	federation of Pennsylvania.		
1 <sup>st</sup> Parkland GC	11/111	Eleanor Tickner		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tusca Ridge GC	IX	The Country Gardeners		
Medium Club	D. (			
1 <sup>st</sup> Southern Butler Co. GC	IX	SILVER SEAL AWARD		
Large Club Professional Design 1 <sup>st</sup> The GC of York	IV	Awarded to an individual other than a garden club member, or to an organization other than a garden club, for special contri-		
THE GC OF TORK	1 V	butions toward the advancement of the work of garden clubs.		
PUBLICATIONS		Musselman Greenhouses, Inc.		
Chair - Joyce Peterson, The GC of Forest H	ills, VII	/ MUSSELMAN E		
3-12 Page Newsletters - Medium Club		Gettysburg Garden Club IV		
1 <sup>st</sup> The GC of Forest Hills	VII V	CASHTOWN, PA		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Standing Stone GC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Green Thumb GC	V IV	GCFP CLUB PROGRAM AWARDS		
	IV	Recognizing an outstanding, original, garden-related		
3-12 Page Newsletters - Large Club		program presented at a single meeting by		
1 <sup>st</sup> Uwchlan GC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Patton GC	I IV	one or more club members.		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Town & Country GC of Lancaster	IV	A. Horticulture  Large Club		
•		1 <sup>st</sup> Elizabeth Henderson		
<b>13-24 Page Newsletters - Large Club</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> The GC of York	IV	Tusca-Ridge GC IX		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Butler GC	IX	Native Plants Garden		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Penn-Cumberland GC	IV	E. Flower Arranging		
		Large Club		
13-24 Page Newsletters - District 1 <sup>st</sup> District I - "The First Bloom"	1	1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Valerie Burgess</b> , Uwchlan GC – I		
2 <sup>nd</sup> District VI - "Seedlings"	VI	Monthly Floral Design		
3 <sup>rd</sup> District IX - "Nine's News"	IX	I. Birds, Butterflies, etc.		
Over 24 Pages Newsletter - Large Club		Medium Club		
1 <sup>st</sup> Moon Township GC	' IX	1st Deb Christopher and Patti Schildkamp		
1 Tiodi Township GC	17.	Weeders & Seeders of Ligonier VI "Marvelous, Mystical Moths"		
GCFP AWARDS		K. Workshop		
GCFP CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT AWA	ARDS	Large Club		
		1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Kirk Brown</b> , Parkland GC II/III		
MYRREL R. OVERDORF		"Designing Planters"		
COMMUNITY ACTION AWARD		GCFP CAR-SGC OUTSTANDING		
For a member whose achievements in his/her community		EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT AWARD		
have brought honor to the recipient and to their club.		Awarded for an educational exhibit that relates		
Deb Barhight		to our national objectives.		
Parkland Garden Club	11/111	Sharon Richardson and Marilyn Small Uwchlan Garden Club		

Uwchlan Garden Club, I "The Role of Water at Longwood Gardens"

## GCFP KEYSTONE GARDENER/KG ONLINE LITERARY AWARDS

Awarded for an original garden-related poem or composition published in the Keystone Gardener or KG Online.

#### Original Poems

#### Jean Washburn Branco

Norristown GC "Crystal Lake Morning" & "Grandmother's Violets"

#### Original Article

#### Sharon Richardson

Uwchlan GC "Year-Round Buffet for Your Pollinators"

#### **GCFP CLUB MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

\$100 Awarded to the existing club in each size category with the greatest number of new members in the calendar year

#### Small Club - Up to 20 Members

#### The Garden Club of Montrose, II/III

6 New Members!

#### Medium Club - 21 to 50 Members

#### Verona Garden Club, VII

13 New Members!

Large Club - 51+ Members

#### The Garden Club of York, IV

34 New Members!

#### CAR-SGC AWARDS

#### GCFP CAR-SGC CLUB YEARBOOK AWARDS

Iris Cisarik, Chair - The GC of Forest Hills, VII

Under 2	20 Members:	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Elk Valley Garden Club	VIII
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joyful Bloomers GC	VII
	1embers:	
1 <sup>st</sup>	The Heritage GC	V
$2^{nd}$	Burrellton GC	VII
$3^{rd}$	Waterford GC	VIII
30-44 I	Members:	
1 <sup>st</sup>	The GC of Forest Hills	VII
$2^{nd}$	Standing Stone GC	V
	Pucketos GC	VII
45-69 N	Members:	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tusca-Ridge GC	IX
$2^{nd}$	The GC of Munhall	X
$3^{rd}$	Patton GC	VI
70-99 I	Members	
	Hazleton Area GC	11/111
$2^{nd}$	Emmaus GC	11/111
$3^{rd}$	Martha Washington GC	X
	00 Members:	
1 <sup>st</sup>	The GC of York	IV
- nd		

2<sup>nd</sup> Penn-Cumberland

## **GCFP CAR-SGC** PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK AWARD

Chair - Becky Zeeger, Uwchlan Garden Club, I Recognizing winning books of evidence exhibiting quality, quantity, and diversity of coverage in the print media promoting garden clubs and NGC goals and objectives.

Large Club 1<sup>st</sup> Penn-Cumberland GC IV 2<sup>nd</sup> Norristown GC XΙ Tie 3<sup>rd</sup> Gettysburg GC IV

## **GCPF CAR-SGC** FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

11/111

Chair, Margie Bucci, Indiana GC, VI

#### Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

Medium Club

1<sup>st</sup> Wildflower GC VIII "Here Comes the Bride"

#### Standard Flower Show

3<sup>rd</sup> Parkland GC

Medium Club

1<sup>st</sup> Littlestown Area GC IV "Through the Decades - Flowers In Fashion" 2<sup>nd</sup> Hazleton Area GC II/III"KaBloom...an Explosion of Nature and Creativity" 3rd Valley GC, "Let's Party" Χ

#### Large Club

1<sup>st</sup> Trevose Horticultural Society XΙ "Bee Inspired" 2<sup>nd</sup> Martha Washington GC Χ "Celebrate 90!" 3<sup>rd</sup> Penn-Cumberland GC IV "Nature's Bounty...from your home, heart & harvest"

#### NGC FLOWER SHOW BOOK OF EVIDENCE

Chair - Deb Stumpf, Indiana Garden Club, VI

#### Standard Flower Show

21-49 Members

1<sup>st</sup> Valley Garden Club Χ "Let's Party"

#### 50-99 Members

IV

1<sup>st</sup> Trevose Horticulture Society XII "Bee Inspired" 2<sup>nd</sup> Martha Washington GC Χ

"Celebrating 90" 3<sup>rd</sup> Hazleton Garden Club II/III"KaBloom...an Explosion of Nature

and Creativity"

#### Club Horticulture Specialty Show

1<sup>st</sup> Wildflower Garden Club VIII "Summer in the Alleghenies"

#### GCFP SPECIAL RECOGNITION STATE AWARDS

Recognizing outstanding achievement in one of the following fields of interest

#### A. Beautification of Community Areas

Large Club

1<sup>st</sup> Uwchlan Garden Club, I

Medium Club

3<sup>rd</sup> Hazleton Area Garden Club, II/III

#### C. Tree Plantings, Arbor Day Activities

Large Club

1<sup>st</sup> Parkland Garden Club, II/III

Medium Club

1<sup>st</sup> Southern Butler Co. Garden Club, IX

#### D. Holiday Project or Event

Large Club

1<sup>st</sup> Parkland Garden Club, II/III

## E. Plant Sale, Garden Mart, Herb Fair

Large Club

1<sup>st</sup> Shaler Garden Club, IX

Medium Club

1<sup>st</sup> Indiana Garden Club, VI

#### F. Garden Tour

Medium Club

1<sup>st</sup> Southern Butler Co. Garden Club, IX

#### 2024 GCFP PERENNIAL BLOOM

Honoring a long-time club member whose continuous support of our goals and objectives makes our clubs grow and bloom.



#### **KAY JOHN**

Garden Club of Clarion County, VIII

For over 41 years, Kay has been a devoted, dedicated, and highly-valued member of the Garden Club of Clarion Co., District VIII, GCFP, CAR-SGC, and

NGC.

A Master Gardener and member of the Penn State Extension Clarion County Advisory Council, she participated in the PA Native Bee Monitoring project and has been recognized with two different awards.

The many hats she has worn with her club include President, Vice-President, Board of Gardeners, Awards Chair, Youth Chair, Flower Show General Chair, and Judges Chair.

A member of the Erie Area Judges Council, she is a Life Judge, Council Chair, and three-time judge at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

As a life member of NGC, CAR-SGC, and GCFP, her involvement toward the goals and objectives of these organizations is impressive, including District VIII Director and several major chair positions, several GCFP board member positions, and a two-time CAR-SGC Continuing Projects and Penny Pines Chair.

#### F. Garden Tour Large Club

1<sup>st</sup> Shaler Garden Club, IX

2<sup>nd</sup> Emmaus Garden Club, II/III

3<sup>rd</sup> Uwchlan Garden Club, I

## H. Other Project or Event Promoting GCFP Objectives

Medium Club

1<sup>st</sup> Southern Butler Co. Garden Club, IX "Horticulture Therapy"

2<sup>nd</sup> Weeders and Seeders GC of Ligonier, VI "Scarecrow Recycling Contest"

Large Club

1<sup>st</sup> Parkland Garden Club, II/III "Horticulture Therapy"

#### SR-4 MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR

Recognizing five or more years of outstanding contributions and all-around excellence to club and community.



#### **NANCY CUTTIC**

Uwchlan Garden Club, I

Over the last 15 years, Nancy has demonstrated her creativity, organization, progressive ideas, and leadership through her involvement in programs, projects,

and events, implementing duties with great success while promoting NGC goals and objectives.

During her club presidency, she spearheaded the restoration of the gardens of a historic one-room schoolhouse and the Blue Star Marker in King of Prussia that had become neglected. She also developed and implemented a program for 2nd and 3rd graders at a local elementary school to work with pumpkins and seeds based on the NGC book *The Saved Seed*.

As District Director, she successfully increased membership and participation with innovative ideas for meetings and worked with two non-federated clubs to join the GCFP.

Co-Chairing the 2022 GCFP Convention in Malvern, again tested her deft skills for a very successful end result. While serving in her various positions, her work was rewarded by having won many District, GCFP, and NGC awards for her clubs.

A member of three judges councils, Nancy has completed Flower Show School, competing and winning in both horticulture and design in flower shows.

For her community, she helps to plant seasonal flowers, serves on the Landscape Committee, and offers monthly flower arranging workshops. She has also been chosen by President Pat Wolanski to Chair the State Garden Party Garden Tour in 2026.

#### GCFP/CAR-SGC YOUTH CONTESTS

Chair - Chris Hawthorne, Ingomar Garden Club, IX

#### Youth Poetry Contest

"My Garden Has Vegetables to Spare That I Can Share"

Grade K			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Savannah Black	Pucketos GC	VII
$2^{nd}$	Seven Swann	Pucketos GC	VII
Grade 1			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ahlijah Wagner	Pucketos GC	VII
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ryder Stone	Pucketos GC	VII
$3^{rd}$	Everett Haslett	Pucketos GC	VII
4t <sup>h</sup>	Anthony Reddix	Pucketos GC	VII
Grade 3			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ameeya Ringold	Pucketos GC	VII
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lincoln Murray	Pucketos GC	VII
Grade 4			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Melody Bryant	Pucketos GC	VII
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aliza Costantino	Pucketos GC	VII
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leroy Libengood	Pucketos GC	VII
4 <sup>th</sup>	Greyson Imm	Pucketos GC	VII
Grade 5			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lily Christopher	Ingomar GC	IX
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mia Kavic	Ingomar GC	IX
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kieran Li	Ingomar GC	IX
4 <sup>th</sup>	Maretta Bender	Ingomar GC	IX
Grade 6			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Lana Longstreet	The York GC	IV
Grade 7			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Austin Galloway	Tusca-Ridge GC	IX
Grade 8			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lilliana Bixler	Tusca-Ridge GC	IX
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jackson Selepac	Tusca-Ridge GC	IX
$3^{rd}$	Mikenna Keber	Tusca-Ridge GC	IX

# GCFP SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

Chair, Betty Grossheim, Puketos GC, VII "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"

	,	
Grade 1	Fiona Osborne, Parkland GC	11/111
Grade 2	Fiolia Osooille, Faikiailo GC	11/ 111
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harlow Siegel, GC of Clarion Co. Anaaya Kumar, Parkland GC	VIII II/III
Grade 3	Alladya Kullial, Palkialiu GC	11/111
1 <sup>st</sup>	Brilee Weibel, Parkland GC	/
Grade 4	Andrew Scovel, GC of Clarion Co.	VIII
Grade 5		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Afsheen Y. Arafath, Moon Twp. GC	IX
2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dia Chada, Moon Twp. GC Haley Gallagher, Parkland GC	IX II/III
	, , ,	•

#### 2024 GCFP GOLD SEAL AWARD



Honoring a member whose efforts toward the advancement of garden club work have had far reaching influence.

#### **TONYA YOUNG**

The Garden Club of York, IV Town & Country GC of Lancaster

Tonya received a beautiful necklace with a 14K gold engraved charm.

A born leader and recently installed as GCFP's 1st Vice-President, Tonya has worn many hats throughout her garden club years and continually encourages clubs to gain new members.

As a member of The Garden Club of York since 2007 and Town and Country Garden Club of Lancaster since 2019, Tonya's involvement and efforts toward the advancement of club, district, state, region, and national garden club's goals and objectives are impressive.

From serving as GC of York's president, chairing the annual Garden Faire - raising record sales, providing floral design instruction and workshops, serving as District IV Director, and providing multiple Zoom education sessions and workshops, including the 2021 "Zooming into Spring" Convention, she was deservedly awarded several club laurels and a District Director Citation.

She has served GCFP not only as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President but also as Wildflower Chair, Symposium Chair, Co-Chair of the 2024 Annual Convention, and received four GCFP Presidential Citations.

Her work for CAR-SGC includes being the 2021-23 Facebook Chair, the 2022 Conference workshop speaker, and representing GCFP at the 2024 Conference Design Challenge. She presented in 2022 on the NGC's Workshop Wednesday series and made a personal trip to NGC headquarters in 2024 to further her knowledge of the organization. She actively promotes NGC Schools and encourages all members to attend meetings and conventions.

Her community work includes her involvement with the York State Fair since 2001, and she currently assists the Director of Horticulture in planning and organizing the entire horticulture exhibit and securing judges. She has also served as Vice-Chair of Horticulture Judges for the Philadelphia Flower Show and has presented programs for garden clubs across the state and in Maryland.

Tonya is eager and ready to step in where needed. Her positive energy and willingness to serve the organization are certainly commendable.

## 2024 GCFP SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Chair - Sandra Hendricks, McEwensville Garden Club, V

#### The Dorothy A. Hermani Scholarship of \$1,000 **Emily Phillips** of Elizabethtown

Town & Country Garden Club of Lancaster, IV Emily is a freshman at Messiah University studying Biological Sciences and has won many academic awards. She gave academics her highest priority and earned the highest grade that a student has ever earned in her Professor's AP Biology Class. "A career fighting against the effects of climate change is a chance to leave a brighter future for the generations to come. Improving the planet means improving the life of every person on Earth. That is what I strive for with a degree in Environmental Science." GPA 4.0.

### The Marjorie E. Hamblin Scholarship of \$1,000 Elizabeth Hope Bruner of Blairsville \* Indiana Garden Club, VI

She is a junior at Penn State University majoring in Forest Ecosystem Management. Her long-term goal is to become a forester or work in wildland firefighting to protect, conserve, and preserve our forests within Pennsylvania. She has joined two wildland firefighter crews to volunteer with the Dept. of Conservation & Nat. Resources in their efforts to contain PA wildfires, in hopes to impact future of tree harvesting as well as forest conservation. GPA 3.94.

#### The Catherine H. Kenworthy Scholarship of \$1,000 Sam Conti of Pittsburgh

The Garden Club of Forest Hills, VII Sam is a junior at Ohio Wesleyan College studying Biological Sciences. His goal is to restore and protect different habitats to keep our planet healthy. His Ph.D. advisor has been impressed with his potential and recommends him wholeheartedly without reservation for Plant Physiology. GPA 3.52.

## The Lois Dupre' Schuster Scholarship of \$1,000 Madelyn Sloane Dowd of Pittsburgh

The Garden Club of Forest Hills, VII Madelyn is a freshman at the University of Pittsburgh majoring in Environmental Engineering. Her goals are working with water management, hydroponics, aquaculture, or anything to help the ecosystems. She is described as incredibly motivated, bright, patient, and hard working. GPA 4.0.

## The Miriam A. Steel Scholarship of \$1,000 Makenzi Christine Reed of Wrightsville

The Garden Club of York, IV Makenzi is a junior at Elizabethtown College studying Environmental Science. She plans a career as a Wildlife Ecologist with a focus on conservation. She is a Social Media Manager for SEEDS Ecology Club and loves kayaking and hiking. She painted two storm drains in York City to raise awareness for water pollution and won People's Choice. She is a very active student. GPA 3.82.

#### The Constance H. Smith Scholarship of \$1,200 lan Jason Nagel of Carroltown

The Patton Garden Club, VI lan is a senior at Cambria Heights School District in Carrolltown, ranking 4<sup>th</sup> in a class of 118, with a 4.0 GPA. He will be starting classes in the fall at Juniata College studying Biology. Education will provide him with opportunities to reach his goals to help his community.

#### The Edith Clemmer Steinbright Scholarship of \$1,000 Katherine Laura Butzler of Jersey Shore

McEwensville Garden Club, V Kate is a senior at the Jersey Shore Area High School, ranking 22nd in a graduating class of 179 with a GPA of 3.9. In the fall, she will be attending York College of Pa. to study Civil Engineering. She has excellent leadership and communication skills and a friendly demeanor.

## The Jacqueline A. Davis Scholarship of \$1,000 Chloe Jayne Baughman of Reedsville

Mifflin County Garden Club, V

Chloe is a sophomore at Penn State studying Agriculture Sciences. She is pursuing her degree in Horticulture with an Entomology minor. Several letters from her teachers stated how Chloe demonstrated her ability to analyze and integrate complex and diverse ideas as well as her creativity and interest in learning and an obvious love for the plant world. GPA 3.8.

#### The Katherine L. Rieger Scholarship of \$1,000 Joseph John Romano, Jr. of Frederick \*\*

Upper Perkiomen Valley Garden Club, II/III John is a junior at the University of Delaware, studying Plant Breeding and Genetics. Qi Mu, Ph.D., Joseph's professor, is of the opinion is that Joseph is in a great growth trajectory as a plant genetics researcher, with projected graduate-level training in the future. He had no doubt that Joseph would become one of the future leaders in the agriculture research fields. He is equipped with the necessary academic prowess, research skills, and dedication to make a significant contribution to our field. GPA 4.0.

## The Mary Alice Wheeler Scholarship of a \$1,000 Jenna Nicole Sassaman of Selinsgrove

McEwensville Garden Club. V

Jenna is a junior at Penn State University studying Agriculture Sciences and Extension Education. She enjoyed her study abroad in Belize last year and experienced educating students in the village. The students were fascinated to take a seed, plant it, and add water, and a small plant would grow. These kids reminded her how much she loved outdoor education, which prompted her to want to become an agriculture teacher. GPA 3.72.

- \* Application sent to CAR-SGC for further consideration
- \* \* Application sent to NGC for further consideration

Volume 7 Issue 1 May 2025 Page 7

#### **Scholarships Continued**

## The Louise Dimmick Scholarship of \$1,000 Katie Elizabeth Salsgiver of Oil City

Titusville Area Garden Club, VIII

A freshman at Pennsylvania College of Technology, Katie is pursuing a degree in Landscaping and Plant Production. Her long-term goal is to grow flowers sustainably, own a flower farm, and run a floral design business. "Her passion and drive in this industry are truly inspirational." GPA 3.8.

## The Jane Layman Scholarship 4-Year - \$1,000

Conditional on an annual 3.0 GPA

John Clark Bruner of Blairsville

Indiana Garden Club, VI

In the fall, John will be a freshman at Penn State Dubois studying, Wildlife Technology. GPA 4.0

# The Marilyn L. Whitmore Scholarship of \$1,000 Alexandra Elisabeth Noble of Biglerville

Pottstown Area Garden Club, II/III

Alexandra is a sophomore at Penn State Berks studying Agricultural Sciences and plans a career as a Plant Geneticist. Through genetic research, she plans on helping farmers and companies improve their crop production. Alexandra is extraordinarily smart and inquisitive, with a fantastic outlook on her choice of major. She has balanced her schoolwork with employment and has big goals for herself as she continues her education at PSU. GPA 3.96.

#### 2024 AWARD STATISTICS

Marilyn Small, Chair, Uwchlan GC, I and Sheri Lowry, Vice-Chair, GC of Johnstown, VI

Our GCFP Award Program recognized the extraordinary efforts of our individuals, clubs, and districts during 2024 at our 2025 Convention. The dedication, creativity, knowledge, and hard work shared in the award applications truly showcased the efforts of our GCFP members to accomplish NGC goals and objectives.

- 46 of our 105 GCFP clubs received at least 1 award.
- 22 First-Place winners were forwarded for CAR-SGC award consideration.
- 21 First-Place winners were forwarded for NGC award consideration.
- 29 Youth Contest Awards
- 157 certificates were awarded.

#### 2024 GCFP COMPREHENSIVE AWARD

Awarded to the district whose clubs and individuals received the most GCFP awards in the current award year

#### Congratulations to District II/III

Earning 21 Individual, Club, and District Awards!

#### DISTRICT AWARDS BREAKDOWN

District II/III	21 Awards	District V	10 Awards
District IX	20 Awards	District VII	9 Awards
District IV	18 Awards	District XI	8 Awards
District I	14 Awards	District X	7 Awards
District VI	12 Awards	District VIII	7 Awards

#### TOP CLUBS

ı	Uwchlan GC	12 Awards
/	Parkland GC	10 Awards
IX	Southern Butler Co. GC	8 Awards
IV	GC of York	6 Awards
IX	Shaler GC	5 Awards
VII	Forest Hills GC	4 Awards
IV	Penn Cumberland GC	4 Awards
V	McEwensville GC	4 Awards
IX	Norristown GC	4 Awards

#### 2024 YOUTH CONTEST COMPREHENSIVE AWARD

#### Congratulations to District VII

Earning 12 Youth Contest Awards!

District VII 12 Awards - Pucketos GC

District IX 10 Awards
4 Ingomar GC
4 Tusca-Ridge GC
2 Moon Township GC

District II/III 4 Awards - Parkland GC
2 Awards - GC of Clarion Co.

District IV 1 Award - The GC of York



Thank you to all of the club members who shared their outstanding members' accomplishments, and submitted their club's projects and volunteer efforts. Our GCFP members are truly impressive, hardworking, devoted volunteers!



## 2025 Seed Money for PLANT AMERICA, While Keeping PA Beautiful

Marjorie Sears, Chair, Old York Road Garden Club, XI

#### **District I**

Garden Club of Bala Cynwyd The Country Gardeners Elverson Garden Club Four Seasons Garden Club Spade and Trowel Garden Club Uwchlan Garden Club

#### District II/III

Bethlehem Garden Club Emmaus Garden Club Hazleton Area Garden Club Parkland Garden Club Upper Perkiomen Valley Garden Club

#### **District V**

Standing Stone Garden Club

#### **District VI**

Weeders & Seeders Garden Club of Ligonier

#### **District VII**

Burrellton Garden Club The Garden Club of Forest Hills Joyful Bloomers Garden Club Garden Club of Monroeville Murrysville Garden Club

#### **District VIII**

Gospel Hill Garden Club Lawrence Park Garden Club Wildflower Garden Club

#### **District IX**

Kennedy Garden Club Moon Township Garden Club Shaler Garden Club Southern Butler Co. Garden Club Tusca-Ridge Garden Club

#### **District X**

Giant Oaks Garden Club Great Meadows Garden Club The Garden Club of Munhall Uniontown Flower Club

#### **District XI**

GC of Bristol Borough
Countryside Gardeners
Four Lanes End GC
Gardeners of the Crooked Billet
Norristown Garden Club
Old York Road Garden Club
Our GC of Philadelphia and Vicinity
Swedesford Garden Club
Trevose Horticultural Society

#### 2024 CONVENTION TRASH TO TREASURE WINNER

Naser and Marsha Chowdhury, GCFP Trash to Treasure Chairs

The 2025 GCFP Trash to Treasure contest was held on April 6, 2025, in King of Prussia, PA. All of the entries were very highly creative and diverse while staying within the theme of the contest, "Revolutionary Birdhouse."

#### Congratulations to:

1st Place: Rick Layman, Pam Paules, Carole Wanzer, Ann DeMille

Garden Club of York, IV

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jane Sutera, Diane Jacobs, Sandy Plotts, Pottstown Area Garden Club,

District II/III

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Nancy Cuttic**, Uwchlan Garden Club, District I HM: The Wildflower Garden Club, District VIII





