



2025 AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT THE 2026 GCFP CONVENTION

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

2026 PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS

Issued by GCFP President Patricia Wolanski

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.

JoAnn Baylis, GCFP Database Manager
 Littlestown Area Garden Club, IV

Barbara Brand, Organizational Studies Co-Chair
 Gettysburg Garden Club, IV

Nancy Cartwright, Flower Show Judges Credentials Chair,
 Penn-Cumberland Garden Club, IV

Nancy Cuttic, Pennsylvania Garden Party Chair
 Uwchlan Garden Club, I

Deb Davis, GCFP Recording Secretary
 Martha Washington Garden Club, X

Joan Engle, Constant Comment Coordinator
 Norristown Garden Club, XI

Bonita Herman, Convention Co-Chair
 Lawrence Park Garden Club, VIII

Cynthia Layton, GCFP Financial Advisor
 Hazleton Area Garden Club, II/III

Christine Leskosky, Advisor and Floral Design and Horticulture Webinar Chair
 Hazleton Area Garden Club, II/III

Sheri Lowry, Awards Vice-Chair and Pennsylvania Garden Party Treasurer
 The Garden Club of Johnstown, VI

Joyce Milberg, Convention Chair
 Titusville Area Garden Club, VIII

Marjorie Sears, PA Garden Party Sponsorship Chair
 Old York Road Garden Club, XI

Marilyn Small, KG Online Editor, Awards Chair, and Pennsylvania Garden Party Tour Book Editor
 Uwchlan Garden Club, I

Karen Wychock, Pennsylvania's Public Gardens Guide
 Trevoise Horticultural Society, XI

Dorothy Yard, Organizational Studies Co-Chair
 Waterford Garden Club, VIII

SPECIAL CLUB FEDERATED ANNIVERSARIES

Clubs celebrating 50, 60, 75 and 90 years

50: DuBoistown Garden Club, V 1976
 90: Pottstown Area Garden Club, II/III 1936

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

GCFP - NGC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMUNITY GARDENS

partnering with another organization

Medium Club

1st Southern Butler Co. GC IX
 Community Garden at Graham Park
 2nd Butler GC IX

PERMANENT COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS

Medium Club

1st Moon Township GC IX
 Fleur de Lune Garden at Robin Hill Park

COMMUNITY FOOD SOURCES

Most outstanding effort to address food insecurity

Large Club

1st Parkland GC II/III
 Green Thumbs Garden Project

BEAUTIFICATION (one time)

Medium Club

1st Southern Butler Co. GC IX
 Veteran's Memorial

GCFP - NGC

ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

WILDLIFE SURVIVAL - Large Club

1st Shaler GC IX
 Pollinator Advocacy Committee

GCFP - NGC FLORAL DESIGN

Large Club

1st Barbara Campbell, Parkland GC II/III
 "That Floral Touch Seasonal Designs"

GCFP - NGC MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT AND EDUCATION

MEMBERSHIP AWARENESS

Large Club

1st Shaler GC IX
 2nd Parkland GC II/III
 3rd The GC of York IV

Medium Club

2nd Southern Butler Co. GC IX

WEBSITE - Chair Janet Fassbender, Country Gardeners, I

Large Club

1st Parkland GC II/III
 2nd The GC of York IV
 3rd Tusca-Ridge GC IX

Medium Club

1st Southern Butler Co. GC IX
 2nd Spade and Trowel Club I



NGC MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT AND EDUCATION

PUBLICATIONS

Chair Joyce Peterson, The GC of Forest Hills, VII

3-12 Page Newsletters - Large Club

1 st Uwchlan GC	I
2 nd Shaler GC	IX
3 rd Penn-Cumberland GC	IV

3-12 Page Newsletters - Medium Club

1 st Standing Stone GC	V
2 nd The GC of Forest Hills	VII
3 rd Ingomar GC	IX

13-24 Page Newsletters - Large Club

1 st Emmaus GC	II/III
2 nd The GC of York	IV
3 rd Parkland GC	II/III

13-24 Page Newsletters - Medium Club

1 st Butler GC	IX
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13-24 Page Newsletters - District

1 st District I - "The First Bloom"	I
2 nd District IX - "Nine's News"	IX

Over 24 Pages Newsletter - Large Club

1 st District X - "The TENDril"	X
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NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

Large Club

1 st Shaler GC	IX
2 nd Parkland GC	II/III

Medium Club

2 nd Southern Butler Co. GC	IX
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NGC HORTICULTURE EDUCATION FOR YOUTH

Large Club

2 nd Norristown GC	XI
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GCFP AWARDS

GCFP CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

HISTORIC RESTORATION AWARD

For a member who has shown dedication to the continuing challenge of reclaiming and/or preserving a historic site.

Carol Klonicki

Heather Club of Edinboro VIII

GCFP HORTICULTURE AWARDS

CLUB HORTICULTURE ACHIEVEMENT

For an outstanding series of horticulture programs presented throughout the year.

Shaler Garden Club IX

ELIZABETH POTTS AMIDON HORTICULTURE

For a member whose efforts towards the advancement of horticulture are so outstanding and far-reaching as to merit being cited as the most outstanding horticulturist of The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania.

Mary Reefer

Butler Garden Club IX

CLUB FLORAL DESIGN ACHIEVEMENT

For a series of outstanding floral design educational presentations in a single calendar year.

Valerie Burgess

Uwchlan Garden Club I

MAXWELL STEELE YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Awarded for a year's outstanding activities that promote club, state, region and national objectives with a school, scout, 4H, or other youth group.

Great Meadows Garden Club X

GCFP CLUB PROGRAM AWARDS

Recognizing an outstanding, original, garden-related program presented at a single meeting by one or more club members.

B. Landscape Design

Large Club

1st **Ellen Northy**

Moon Township GC IX

"Ground Covers -- A Carpet of Color"

2nd Kirk Brown

Parkland GC II/III

"Color for Four Seasons"

D. Indoor Gardening

Large Club

1st **Nancy Smith**, Parkland GC II/III

"Creating a Fairy Garden"

K. Workshops

Large Club

1st **Carrie Schreffler**

Uwchlan GC I

"Succulent Dish Creations"

2nd Carrie Schreffler

Uwchlan GC I

"Mod Podge Vases"

Medium Club

1st **Polly Berginc**, Butler GC IX

"Winter Glow Candlelight Centerpiece"

L. Environmental Concerns

Large Club

1st **Dr. Brenda Smith**

Moon Township GC IX

"Environmental Concerns"



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 Poem

Sue Scholz, Presque Isle Garden Club, VIII
"Bees, Birds, and Butterflies"

Original Article

Patricia Wolanski, Norristown Garden Club, XI
Pat's Points
"The Secret Language of Flowers"

GCFP SPECIAL RECOGNITION STATE AWARD

Awarded for outstanding achievement in one of the following several fields of interest.

A. Beautification of Community Areas

Large Club
1st Uwchlan GC I
Planters at Downingtown Public Library
Medium Club
2nd Spade and Trowel Club I

B. Tree Plantings, Arbor Day Activities

Large Club
1st Tusca-Ridge GC IX

C. Holiday Project or Event

Large Club
1st Uwchlan GC I
Christmas Fair
2nd Norristown GC XI
3rd Fox Chapel GC IX

D. Plant Sale, Garden Mart, Herb Fair

Large Club
1st Uwchlan GC I
2nd Moon Township GC IX
3rd Penn-Cumberland GC IV

G. Youth Activities a. Single

Large Club
1st Moon Township GC IX
Shining Light on the Firefly
2nd Shaler GC IX

G. Youth Activities a. Series

Large Club
1st Uwchlan GC I
Bulb, Salad, and Pumpkin Workshops
2nd Parkland GC II/III

H. Other Project/Event Promoting GCFP Objectives

Large Club
1st Moon Township GC IX
Landslides Presentation
2nd Uwchlan GC I
3rd Tusca-Ridge GC IX
Medium Club
1st Southern Butler Co. GC IX
Big Bugs and Mighty Pollinators

SILVER SEAL AWARD

Awarded to an individual other than a garden club member, or to an organization other than a garden club, for special contributions toward the advancement of the work of garden clubs.



W. Atlee Burpee Co.

Old York Road Garden Club XI

CAR-SGC AWARDS

GCFP CAR-SGC

OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT AWARD

Awarded for an educational exhibit that relates to our national objectives.

Karen Faust

Butler Garden Club, IX

Blue or Gold Star Marker Project Planning

GCFP CAR-SGC

JEAN LADSON

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Awarded to a club presenting the most outstanding garden club work that is not eligible for any other CAR-SGC Award.

Uwchlan Garden Club, I

Annual Christmas Fair

Benefiting the Historic Uwchlan Meeting House

GCFP CAR-SGC CLUB YEARBOOK AWARDS

Chair Iris Cisarik, The GC of Forest Hills, VII

Under 20 Members

1st Town & Country of Rices Landing X
2nd Joyful Bloomers GC VII
3rd Burrellton GC VII

21-29 Members

1st Lawrence Park GC VIII
2nd Heather GC of Edinboro VIII
3rd Waterford GC VIII

30-44 Members

1st Wildflower GC VIII
2nd Standing Stone GC V
3rd Butler GC IX

45-69 Members

1st The GC of Harrisburg IV
2nd Hazleton Area GC II/III
3rd Tusca-Ridge GC IX

70-99 Members

1st Parkland GC II/III
2nd Gettysburg GC IV
3rd Shaler GC IX

Over 100 Members

1st The GC of York IV
2nd Norristown GC XI
3rd Penn-Cumberland GC IV

GCFP CAR-SGC PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK AWARD

Chair Linda Freedman, Old York Road, XI

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 st Gettysburg GC	IV
2 nd Norristown GC	XI

GCPF CAR-SGC FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

Chair Margie Bucci, Indiana GC, VI

Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

Large Club

1 st District VII "Dog Daze!"	
2 nd Gospel Hill GC and Lawrence Park GC, VIII "Celebrating Gardens in Our Community"	

Design Specialty Flower Show

1 st The GC of Forest Hills "Spring Thaw"	VII
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Standard Flower Show

Large Club

1 st Trevoze Horticultural Society "La Dolce Vita"	XI
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Medium Club

1 st Great Meadows GC "Road Trip"	X
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Small Standard Flower Show

Small Club

2 nd Heather Club of Edinboro "Adventures in Wonderland"	VIII
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NGC FLOWER SHOW BOOK OF EVIDENCE

Chair Deb Stumpf, Indiana Garden Club, VI

Standard Flower Show FS-1B

21-49 Members

1 st Great Meadows GC "Road Trip"	X
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Standard Flower Show FS-1C

50-99 Members

1 st Trevoze Horticultural Society "La Dolce Vita"	XI
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FS-11A District/Region Standard Show

<15 Clubs

1 st District IV "Leaping to Destinations"	
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FS-16A Design Specialty Show

21-49 Members

1 st The GC of Forest Hills "Spring Thaw"	VII
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2025 GCFP GOLD SEAL AWARD

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



CHRISTINE LESKOSKY

Hazleton Garden Club, II/III

Chris' unwavering dedication, exemplary leadership, and passionate commitment to the goals and values of the Hazleton Area Garden Club, District II/III, GCFP, NGC, and her community make her exceptionally deserving of this honor.

A member of HAGC since 2001, she has served on and chaired numerous committees and events, with her leadership having a profound impact on the club's growth and success.

A notable contribution has been chairing the club's biannual flower show, and developing and hosting a series of floral design classes. Her floral designs have been featured in NGC's Vision of Beauty Calendar 15 times. Another notable club and community contribution was her work with Hazle Township Supervisors to plan, design, and name the Hazle Township Inspirational Park to beautify the area with trees, PLANTS, and a gazebo.

On the district, state, regional and national levels, she has served on and chaired numerous committees, including District II/III Director, GCFP Financial and Recording Secretary, 2011 Convention Co-Chair, Convention Presentations, Leadership Workshops, and GCFP President 2017-2019 to name a few! She is a Master Flower Show Judge and current Chair of NEAJC, judging prestigious shows including the Philadelphia Flower Show, as well as state shows in Maryland and Delaware, along with presenting floral programs across Pennsylvania.

For her community, Chris has donated countless hours working on procession floats, public gardens, habitat homes, blue star markers, rails to trails, and downtown Hazleton fall decorations.

A life member of GCFP, CAR-SGC, and GCFP, Chris' dedication and remarkable contributions easily merit GCFP's highest recognition.



SR-4 MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR

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



KAREN WYCHOCK

Trevoze Horticultural Society, XI

Karen Wychock is well-known in GCFP and a go-to person to get jobs done. In addition to her illustrious educational career, she is the owner of Times Gone By, a traditional basketry business, and was a featured vendor at the 2025 GCFP Convention Marketplace.

Deeply engaged in horticulture and the arts, she IS past President of the Trevoze Horticultural Society, a member of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and Ikebana International. Since joining Trevoze Horticultural Society in 2009, she has assumed leadership roles at local, district, and state levels.

Serving as Chairperson of the 2025 GCFP Convention in King of Prussia, she created “A Gardening Revolution” experience, blending gardening and colonial history into an inspiring and educational event. She currently serves as GCFP State Judges Council Chair, coordinating six area councils across Pennsylvania, and became an Accredited Life Judge in 2023. From 2021–2025, she also served as Keystone Gardener Editor (print edition), producing six issues, including directory editions for Presidents Sheila Croushore and Leeanna Ryba. Karen worked diligently through the Covid pandemic as District XI Director, and has served on several District XI committees, including Flower Show Chair and Design Program Chair.

For 13 years, her creative contributions as chair of her club’s flower shows were invaluable, having been awarded several GCFP Flower Show and Schedule awards. Her eight years working with youth and senior citizen groups have focused on mentoring and supporting their participation in her club’s annual flower shows. She has conducted numerous design workshops and has been honored by both her club and GCFP presidents. Never slowing down, Karen has participated in and won multiple ribbons in horticulture and design at the Philadelphia Flower Show, while also serving as a show committee member. Her current project is a GCFP Pennsylvania Gardens publication for President Wolanski.

GCFP/CAR-SGC YOUTH CONTESTS

Chair Chris Hawthorne, Ingomar GC, IX
Co-Chair Barb Oswald, Ingomar GC, IX

Youth Poetry Contest

“Plant America for the Next 100 Years”

Grade K	1st Waylon Bender	Ingomar GC	IX
Grade 1	1st Amari Dolby	Pucketos GC	VII
	2 nd Kiyah Peterson	Pucketos GC	VII
	3 rd Savannah Black	Pucketos GC	VII
	4 th Bryn Stromski	Ingomar GC	IX
Grade 2	1st William Stysliger	Pucketos GC	VII
	2 nd Esther Nkemakolan	Pucketos GC	VII
	3 rd Andrew Moore	Ingomar GC	IX
	4 th Dakaray Spiker	Pucketos GC	VII
Grade 3	1st Everly Stromski	Ingomar GC	IX
	2 nd Noelle Sorrels	Pucketos GC	VII
	3 rd Amelia Dzierzynski	Pucketos GC	VII
	4 th Hunter Karafa	Pucketos GC	VII
Grade 4	1st Charlotte Eiseman	Pucketos GC	VII
	2 nd Evelyn Zamule	Pucketos GC	VII
	3 rd Landon Monaako	Pucketos GC	VII
Grade 5	1st Riley Enright	Ingomar GC	IX
	2 nd Hannah Karafa	Pucketos GC	IX
	3 rd Melody Bryant	Pucketos GC	IX
Grade 6	1st Ja’den Johnson	Pucketos GC	VII
	2 nd Leo Dobies	Pucketos GC	IX
Grade 7	1st Ethan Hendershot	Tusca-Ridge GC	IX
	2 nd Josephine Bill	Tusca Ridge GC	IX
	3 rd Maggie Boucek	Tusca-Ridge GC	IX
Grade 8	1st Sofia Bezilla	Ingomar GC	IX

GCFP NGC SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

Chair Betty Grossheim, Pucketos GC, VII
“Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!”

Grade 1	1st Olivia Pawlowicz	Ingomar GC	IX
	2 nd Penelope Mandak	Ingomar GC	IX
	3 rd Lyla Smoley	Ingomar GC	IX
Grade 2	1st Levi Yerger	Parkland GC	II/III
	2 nd Andrew Moore	Ingomar GC	IX
	3 rd Audrey Robinson	Ingomar GC	IX

GCFP NGC SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST Continued

Grade 3	1st Gabby Skrbin	Ingomar GC	IX
	2 nd Dexter Kearns	Ingomar GC	IX
	3 rd Cecelia Makuta	Ingomar GC	IX
Grade 4	1st Reese Catalfamo	Tusca-Ridge GC	IX
	2 nd Baylen Harz	Ingomar GC	IX
	3 rd Sally Williamson	Ingomar GC	IX
Grade 5	1st Chayse Rivera	Parkland GC	II/III
	2 nd Henry Lohr	Ingomar GC	IX
	3 rd Felicity Makuta	Ingomar GC	IX

GCFP NGC YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST

Chair Chris Hawthorne, Ingomar GC, IX
Co-Chair Barb Oswald, Ingomar GC, IX

Grade 4	1st Quinn Briggs	Moon Twp. GC	IX
	2 nd Tyler Rivetti	Moon Twp. GC	IX
Grade 5	1st Maura Teitz	Moon Twp. GC	IX
	2 nd Charlie Cuddy	Moon Twp. GC	IX
	3 rd Makayla Slotten	Moon Twp. GC	IX
Grade 6	1st Ethan Rivetti	Moon Twp. GC	IX
Grade 7	1st Mackenzie King	Moon Twp. GC	IX
	2 nd Frederick Russell	Moon Twp. GC	IX
Grade 8	1st Sofia Bezilla	Ingomar GC	IX
	2 nd Morgan Gould	Moon Twp. GC	IX

GCFP CLUB MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

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

Small Club – Up to 20 Members
Landscape Design Society of PA, VII
6 New Members!

Medium Club – 21 to 50 Members
Presque Isle Garden Club, VIII
8 New Members!

Large Club – 51+ Members
The Garden Club of York, IV
39 New Members!

2026 GCFP PERENNIAL BLOOM

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



NANCY CUTTIC

Uwchlan Garden Club, I

Since 2010, Nancy has been a dedicated, highly valued member of District I and the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania. Her knowledge, expertise, attention to detail, and leadership have been invaluable in directing the success of her clubs, District I, and GCFP.

Becoming an NGC Flower Show Judge in 2025, she is a member of three Judges Councils and has judged numerous shows, including the 2025 Bloomsburg Fair and York State Fair Flower Shows. She is currently working on completing Landscape Design and Gardening Schools.

At the state level, she is currently serving as the 2026 Pennsylvania Garden Party Chair, organizing President Pat Wolanski's vision for a 2026 statewide garden tour. She is also on the GCFP Nominating Committee for District I. Nancy is the recipient of the 2024 Member Award of Honor, and is a recipient of two GCFP Presidential Citations. She chaired the 2022 GCFP Convention in Malvern, organizing an outstanding event for members across the state.

On the District level, Nancy served as District I Director, expanding it by adding two new clubs and initiating the Thanksgiving Floral Design Challenge at the fall meeting. She is the current District I 2026 Longwood Flower Show Design Chair and past District I 2024 Longwood Flower Show Vice-Chair.

On a club level, she served as president of Wayne Woods Garden Club, spearheading two major restoration projects—the historic Old Roberts Schoolhouse Garden and the club's Blue Star Marker landscaping. Her work as Yearbook Chair and Design Co-Chair earned several GCFP awards. Working with youth, for two years, she successfully presented "The Saved Seed" pumpkin project in an elementary school, utilizing the NGC book and earning multiple awards for the project.



2025 GCFP SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Chair Sandra Hendricks, McEwensville Garden Club, V

The Judging Panel chose the following students using the NGC formula:

Academic – 40%, Applicant's Letter – 25%, List of Honors – 10%, Financial Need – 20%, Recommendations – 5%. An additional 5 points are added for relationship to a GCFP Member.

The Edith Clemmer Steinbright Scholarship of \$1,000

Katherine Laura Butzler of Jersey Shore
McEwensville Garden Club, V

Kate is attending Penn College studying Environmental Engineering with a GPA of 3.4. She is a transfer student from York College of Pennsylvania, with studies in civil engineering. She has excellent leadership skills and a friendly demeanor, along with good communication.

The Jacqueline A. Davis Scholarship of \$1,000

Chloe Jayne Baughman of Reedsville
Mifflin County Garden Club, V

Chloe is a junior 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 with an obvious love for the plant world. GPA 3.8.

The Louise Dimmick Scholarship of \$1,000

Zoe Cimo of Phoenixville
Pottstown Area Garden Club, II/III

Chloe is a freshman at Lafayette College in Easton, studying Biology and Environmental Studies. She is interested in conservation journalism or becoming a professor. Zoe has a GPA of 4.0.

The Lois Dupre' Schuster Scholarship of \$1,000

Madelyn Sloane Dowd of Pittsburgh
The Garden Club of Forest Hills, VI

Madelyn is a sophomore 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 very hard-working. Her GPA is 3.746.

The Dorothy A. Hermani Scholarship of \$1,000

Emily Phillips of Elizabethtown
Town & Country Garden Club of Lancaster, IV

Emily is a sophomore at Messiah University studying Biological Sciences and has won many academic awards. She gives academics her highest priority and earned the highest grade that a student has ever earned in her professor's AP Biology Class. With a degree in Environmental Science, she strives for a career fighting against the effects of climate change with a chance to leave a brighter future for the generations to come. Improving the planet means improving the life of every person on earth. Her GPA 4.0.

The Marjorie E. Hamblin Scholarship of \$1,000

Shelby Rose Vernon of York
The Garden Club of York, IV

Shelby is sophomore studying Environmental Science at Susquehanna University. She is considering a path in conservation and wildlife management. Her GPA is 3.9.

The Catherine H. Kenworthy Scholarship of \$1,000

Theresa Lynne Feese of Wellsville
The Garden Club of York, IV

Theresa is a junior at Huntington University studying AgBus-Ministry and Mission. Her GPA is 4.0. Her goal is to plant, teach, and harvest food for families in need along with hosting hands-on workshops showing the tools to conserve the land for future generations.

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

Conditional on an annual 3.0 GPA
John Clark Bruner of Blairsville
Indiana Garden Club, VI

John is a freshman at Penn State DuBois studying Wildlife Technology. He has been very involved in 4-H and the Pennsylvania Governor's Youth Council for Hunting, Fishing, and Conservation. His ultimate career goal after graduation is to apply to the Game Warden Academy with the Pennsylvania Game Commission. John's career aspiration is to become a Pennsylvania Game Warden. His GPA is a 4.0.

The Katherine L. Rieger Scholarship of \$1,000

Liam Jack Ellis of Sewickley
Ingomar Garden Club, IX

Liam is a junior at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, with a double major in Economics and Environmental Policy, pursuing an Arborist Certification in addition to his dual degree. He has a GPA 3.7.

The Constance H. Smith Scholarship of \$1,200

Ian Jason Nagel of Carrolltown
The Patton Garden Club, VI

Ian is a freshman at Juniata College studying Biology. Education will provide him with opportunities to reach his goals to help his community. GPA 3.897.

The Miriam A. Steel Scholarship of \$1,000

Abigail Fetterhoff of Halifax
The Garden Club of Harrisburg, IV

Abigail is a sophomore at Chatham University with a GPA of 3.62. Her intended career in a freshwater stream ecologist.

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Scholarships Continued

The Marilyn L. Whitmore Scholarship of \$1,000

Alexandra Elisabeth Noble of Spring City
Pottstown Area Garden Club, II/III

Alexandra is a junior at Penn State Berks in Reading, studying Agricultural Sciences, and plans a career as a Plant Geneticist. Through genetic research, she plans to help 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.

2025-2026 AWARD STATISTICS

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

Our GCFP Award Program recognized the extraordinary efforts of our individuals, clubs, and districts during 2025 at our 2026 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.

- 44 of our 98 GCFP clubs received at least 1 award.
- 32 First-Place winners (including youth) were forwarded for CAR-SGC award consideration
- 19 First-Place winners were forwarded for NGC award consideration
- 50 Youth Contests
- 186 certificates were awarded



2025 GCFP COMPREHENSIVE AWARD

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

Congratulations to District IX

Earning **36** Individual, Club, and District Awards!

DISTRICT AWARDS BREAKDOWN

District IX	36 Awards	District VIII	12 Awards
District IV	19 Awards	District VII	8 Awards
District II/III	17 Awards	District X	6 Awards
District I	16 Awards	District VI	4 Award
District XI	13 Awards	District V	4 Awards

TOP CLUBS

I	Uwchlan GC	13 Awards
II/III	Parkland GC	10 Awards
IV	The GC of York	8 Awards
IX	Butler GC	7 Awards
XI	Norristown GC	7 Awards
IX	Shaler GC	7 Awards
IX	Moon Twp. GC	6 Awards
IX	So. Butler Co. GC	5 Awards
IX	Tusca-Ridge GC	5 Awards

2025 YOUTH CONTEST COMPREHENSIVE AWARD

Congratulations to District IX

Earning **32** Youth Contest Awards!

District IX	32 Contests
	19 Ingomar GC
	9 Moon Twp. GC
	4 Tusca-Ridge GC
District VII	6 Contests - Pucketos GC
District II/III	2 Contests - Parkland GC

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, hard-working, devoted volunteers!



[Awards Page on the GCFP Website](#)





2026 Seed Money for

PLANT AMERICA: Pennsylvania Celebrates Nature and Embraces the Future

Chair Marjorie Sears, Old York Road Garden Club, XI

District I

Country Gardeners
 Covered Bridge Garden Club
 Uwchlan Garden Club

District II/III

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

District IV

Biglerville Garden Club
 Gettysburg Garden Club
 Penn-Cumberland Garden Club

District V

DuBoistown Garden Club
 Standing Stone Garden Club

District VI

Weeders & Seeders Garden
 Club of Ligonier

District VII

Burrellton Garden Club
 Joyful Bloomers Garden Club
 Garden Club of Monroeville
 Murrysville Garden Club
 Verona Garden Club

District VIII

Heather Club of Edinboro
 Gospel Hill Garden Club
 Wildflower Garden Club

District IX

Ingomar Garden Club
 Shaler Garden Club
 So. Butler Co. Garden Club
 Tusca-Ridge Garden Club

District X

Great Meadows Garden Club
 Garden Club of Munhall
 Town & Country Garden Club
 Uniontown Flower Club

District XI

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



2026 CONVENTION TRASH-TO-TREASURE WINNER

Carol McConnell, Uwchlan Garden Club, I, GCFP Trash-to-Treasure Chair

The 2026 GCFP Trash to Treasure judging was held on April 26, 2026, at the convention in Erie, PA. All of the entries were very highly creative and diverse while staying within the theme of the contest, "A Boat for Your Book." Congratulations to:

1st Place: The Garden Club of York, IV
Rick Layman, Pam Paules, Carole Wanzer, Ann DeMille, Sally Lenker, Tammie Bortner

2nd Place: Presque Isle Garden Club, VIII - **Anne Miller**

3rd Place: Moon Township Garden Club, IX - **Merrienne Cacal**

