

GCFF MAJOR AWARD LISTINGS

GOVERNOR'S TROPHY **(At this point, the winning club receives an engraved vase to keep, and the Silver Bowl and Trophy to enjoy for the year.)*

2018* M - Shaler Garden Club, IX
2019 L - Norristown Garden Club, XI
2021 M - Southern Butler County Garden Club, IX
2022 L - Uwchlan Garden Club, I
2024 M - Heritage Garden Club, V

These are the engravings on the Silver Governor's Trophy Bowl and Tray:

(Side 1)
Governor's Trophy
Philadelphia Flower Show
for
The Most Meritorious Amateur Exhibit
Awarded to
The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania
By
Governor John S. Fine
March 29, 1954

(Side 2)
The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania
AWARD TO
The Garden Club of the Year

(Side 3)

1955 Carrie T. Watson Garden Club
1956 Garden Club of Springfield
1957 Garden Club of Drexel Hill Springfield
1958 Bethlehem Garden Club
1959 Garden Club of Springfield
1960 Garden Club of Harrisburg
1961 Westminster Garden Club of Erie
1962 Bethlehem Garden Club
1963 Ridley Manor Garden Club
1964 The Garden Club of York
1965 The Garden Club of Springfield
1966 Bethlehem Garden Club
1967 Allentown Garden Club
1968 Norristown Garden Club
1969 Penn Cumberland Garden Club
1970 Bethlehem Garden Club

.....
(Side 3)

1971 The Garden Club of Springfield
1972 Town and Country Garden Club of Lancaster
1973 The Penn Cumberland Garden Club
1974 The Garden Club of Bala-Cynwyd
1975 The Penn-Cumberland Garden Club

1976	The Chambersburg Garden Club
1978	The Penn-Cumberland Garden Club
1979	The Bethlehem Garden Club
1980	The Garden Club of Bala-Cynwyd
1981	The Penn Cumberland Garden Club
1982	Martha Washington Garden Club
1983	Murrysville Garden Club

.....

(Column 1)

These are the winners engraved on the Silver Tray

1984	Duboistown Garden Club
1985	Murrysville Garden Club
1986	Penn Cumberland Garden Club
1987	Garden Club of Harrisburg
1988	The Garden Club of Springfield
1989	The East Hills Garden Club
1990	Evergreen Garden Club
1991	Penn Cumberland Garden Club
1992	Four Seasons Garden Club of Kennett Square
1993	Evergreen Garden Club
1994	Murrysville Garden Club
1995	Bethlehem Garden Club
1996	Four Seasons Garden Club of Kennett Square
1997	Bedford County Garden Club
1998	Murrysville Garden Club

.....

(Column 2)

1999	Norristown Garden Club
2000	Giant Oaks Garden Club
2001	Wyomissing Hill Area Garden Club
2002	Allentown Garden Club
2003	Murrysville Garden Club
2004	Pottstown Garden Club
2005	Allentown Garden Club
2006	Murrysville Garden Club
2007	Allentown Garden Club
2008	Town and Country Garden Club of Lancaster
2009	Norristown Garden Club
2010	Parkland Garden Club
2011	Ingomar Garden Club
2012	Valley Garden Club
2013	The Garden Club of Johnstown
2014	Norristown Garden Club
2015	Hazleton Area Garden Club
2016	Penn-Cumberland Garden Club
2017	Town and Country Garden Club of Rices Landing

GOLD SEAL AWARD

1976	Mrs. Michael Snyder	
1978	Mrs. Hery Dougherty	
1979	Mrs. Joe Lawless	
1981	Ernesto Drinker	Ballard Garden Club
1982	Ruby Woods	Penn Hebron Garden Club
1983	Mrs. Elmer Warner	
1984	Ruth Boyles	Fox Chapel Garden Club, IX
1986	Jane Dole	Evergreen Garden Club, VI
1989	Jean Williams	Evergreen Garden Club, VI
1990	Bertha Reppert	Penn-Cumberland Garden Club, IV
1991	Mary Smith	Pucketos Garden Club, VII
1992	Sandy Manthorpe	The Garden Club of Springfield, I
1993	Helen French	Duboistown Garden Club, V
1994	Gail Corle	Bedford Garden Club, VI
1996	Eileen Packer	Garden Club of Harrisburg, IV
1998	Dorothy Hermani	Milton Garden Club, V
1999	Myrrel Overdorf	The Garden Club of Johnstown, VI
2000	Helen Reed	Four Seasons Garden Club of Kennett Square, I
2001	Kay Leto	Four Seasons Garden Club of Kennett Square, I
2002	Georgianna Papale	Garden Club of McKeesport, VIII
2003	Peggy Waters	
2004	Lois Dupre Shuster	Somerset Garden Club, VI
2005	Sylvia Tucker	Erie Area Judges Council, VIII
2010	Grace Mitchell	Martha Washington Garden Club, X
2011	Viola Takacs	Parkland Garden Club, II/III
2012	Marcy Cunkleman	Evergreen Garden Club, VI
2013	Spencer A. Manthorpe, Esq.	The Garden Club of Springfield, I
2014	Kathleen Pottmeyer	Murrysville Garden Club, VII
2015	Angie Raitano	Valley Garden Club, X
2016	Barbara Lotito	Murrysville Garden Club, VII
2017	Haddie Weber	Home Gardeners Guild, VII
2018	Mary Jo Schlomann	Uwchlan Garden Club, I
2019	Vina McLeod Rudolph	Martha Washington Garden Club, X
2020	Linda Southerling	Four Seasons GC of Kennett Square, I
2021	Sharon Richardson	Uwchlan Garden Club, I
2023	Marilyn C. Backus	Garden Club of Monroeville, VII
2024	Tonya Young	The Garden Club of York, IV

SILVER SEAL AWARD

1985	William Swain & William DeArmert	Meadville Garden Club
1986	Sheffield Lions Club	Sheffield Evening Garden Club
1989	Frank Ganez	The Garden Club of Springfield, I
	Kenneth Shull	Garden Club of Bala Cynwyd, I
1990	Eat'n Park Restaurant	University Park Garden Club, VII
	Mrs. Burton Bowser	Burrellton Garden Club, VII
1991	Valley News Dispatch of Tatentum	
1992	Brian O'Neill	

1996	Robert Peters	Biglerville Garden Club, IV
2000	Dan and Kathy Dahlkemper	Erie
2001	Michael B	
2003	Ron Salt	
2004	Fran Abate	
2006	Dr. Robert G. Traver	Uwchlan Garden Club, I
2007	Jeff Carey	
2008	James and Jane Conklin	Garden Club of McKeesport, VII
2009	Kathryn Cunningham-Hall	Four Seasons GC of Kennett Square Sponsor, I
2011	Sarah and Stephen	
2013	The Color Guard of District I	District I, Sponsor
2014	Sue Tantsit	
2016	George Weigel	
	Jason S. Kilgore	
2018	Lorin Meeder	Southern Butler County Garden Club, Sponsor, IX
2019	Tammy Watychowicz	Garden Club of Monroeville, Sponsor, VII
2020	Doug Oster	Southern Butler County Garden Club, Sponsor, IX
2022	Abbey Nilson*	Shaler Garden Club, Sponsor, IX
2024	Musselman Greenhouses	Gettysburg Garden Club Sponsor, IV

* NGC SR-1 Award of Excellence for Non-Members

MEMBER OF HONOR AWARD

1995	Martha Miller	Murrysville Garden Club, VII
1998	Diane Weil	Greybrooke Garden Club, VII
1999	Elise Payne	Garden Club of Bala Cynwyd, I
2000	Dorothy Yard	Waterford Garden Club, VIII
2001	Frances Simeone	
2002	Beverly Byerly	
2003	Sally Foster	
2004	Marguerite Hannon	
2005	Fritz Milnick*	Shaler Garden Club, IV
2006	Shelley Cummins Nilson*	Shaler Garden Club, IX
2010	Mary Pope	Edgewood Garden Club, VII
2014	Eileen Hoover	GC of Harrisburg & Penn-Cumberland GC, IV
2015	Dorothy York	Monroeville Garden Club, VII
2016	Julie Dandoy	Butler Garden Club, IX
2017	Joann Wilson	Tusca-Ridge Garden Club, IX
??	Barbara Schmidt	Norristown Garden Club, XI
2018	Joan Lenhardt	Norristown Garden Club, XI
2019	Judith L. Schaffer	Pucketos Garden Club, VII
2020	Jill Evans	Norristown Garden Club, XI
2021	Leslie Anthony	Shaler Garden Club, IX
2022	Sharon Richardson*	Uwchlan Garden Club, I
2023	Karen Szoke	Gettysburg Garden Club, IV
2024	Nancy Cuttic	Uwchlan Garden Club, I
2025		

*Winner of CAR-SGC Member Award of Honor

GCFP PERENNIAL BLOOM—Instituted in 2012

2012	Mary Cramer	The Blair Garden Club, V
2017	Mary Jo Gardill*	The Garden Club of Johnstown, VI
2019	Karen Faust	Butler Garden Club, IX
2020	Susan Semple	Shaler Garden Club and Greybrooke Garden Club, IX
2021	Barbara Campbell*	Parkland Garden Club, II/III
2022	Audry Stengel	Pottstown Area Garden Club, II/III
2023	Liz Snowdon*	The Outdoor Gardeners, XI
2024	Melanie Markowski*	The Green Thumb Garden Club, IV
2025	Kay John*	Garden Club of Clarion County, VIII

*Winner of CAR-SGC Regional Perennial Bloom Award

OPERATION WILDFLOWER AWARD

1985	Presque Isle Garden Club, VIII
2023	Bonnie Kushnerick Country Gardeners, I

ELIZABETH POTTS AMIDON HORTICULTURE AWARD

1981	Lynn Decker	Ingomar Garden Club VII
1982	Mrs. John Yarema	Emmaus Garden Club, II
1983	Mrs. Francis Smith	Evergreen Garden Club, VI
1985	Jane Dole	Evergreen Garden Club, VI
1986	Linda Weinbrenner	Spade & Trowel Club, I
1989	Mildred Schipper	So. York County Garden Club, IV
1990	Geraldine Colgan	Evergreen Garden Club, VI
1991	Estella Everist	Martha Washington Garden Club, I
1992	Michael Bowell	Berwyn Garden Club, I
1993	Dr. Lee & Virginia Grover, II	
1994	Joanne Walkovic	The Country Gardeners, I
1995	Eleanor Charles	Susquehanna Garden Club, V
1996	Dr. William Bender	Chambersburg Garden Club, IV
2004	Mary Dixon	
2005	Emily MacCadden	Garden Club of Munhall, X
2006	Elizabeth Kassab	The Country Gardeners of Lima, I
2021	Linda Johnson	Southern Butler County Garden Club, IX
2022	Sharon Richardson	Uwchlan Garden Club, I

CLUB HORTICULTURE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1989	Bethlehem Garden Club, II
1990	Mifflin Co Garden Club, V
1991	Duboistown Garden Club, V
1994	The Country Gardeners, I
1995	Murrysville Garden Club, VII
1997	Murrysville Garden Club, VII
1999	Bethlehem Garden Club, II
	Penn-Cumberland Garden Club, IV

2000		Murrysville Garden Club, VI
2022	Medium Club	Southern Butler County Garden Club, IX
	Large Club	Weeders and Seeder GC of Ligonier, VI
2023	Club	Shaler Garden Club, IX
2023	Individual	Helene Reid, Uwchlan Garden Club, I
2024	Large Club	Uwchlan Garden Club, I

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/RESTORATION AWARD

1984	Meadville Garden Club, VIII	
1997	Edgewood Garden Club, VII	
1998	Garden Club of Bala Cynwyd, I	
2002	J. Helen Hidek	
2005	Betty Naylor	
2018	Ronny Kosempel	Old York Road Garden Club, XI
2020	Marilyn Backus	Garden Club of Monroeville, VII
2021	Mary Whitesel	Uwchlan Garden Club, I
2022	Marda Craig	Old York Road Garden Club, XI

HORTICULTURE EXCELLENCE AWARD

1997	Bernice Kramer and Louise Kramer, Lawrence Park Garden Club, VIII	
1989	Mrs. Nicolas Maiorielle	II
1990	Mary Kay Gibson	VI
1991	Doris Froning	I
1992	Ethel Gorsuch	Berwyn Garden Club, I
1993	Rita Sullivan Smith	Bethlehem Garden Club, II
1994	Bettie Nutter	Giant Oaks Garden Club, VII
1995	Grace Mitchell	Martha Washington Garden Club, VII
1998	Bernice Kramer	Lawrence Park Garden Club, VIII
	Louise Kramer	Lawrence Park Garden Club, VIII
2000		Fox Chapel Garden Club, VII
2008	Marsia Campagna	GC of McKeesport, VIII
2009	Della Leslie Griffiths	Shaler Garden Club, IX
2018	Judith Schaffer	Pucketos Garden Club, VII
2020	Emily Schnarr	Old York Road Garden Club, XI
2021	Libby Espey	Wayne Woods Garden Club, I
2023	Pam Walsh	Uwchlan Garden Club, I
2024	Eleanor Tickner	Country Gardeners, I

MYRREL R. OVERDORFF COMMUNITY ACTION AWARD

1981	Myrrel Overdorf	District VI
1982	Louise Sturdevant	District VIII
1983	Susan H. Balla	
1985	Mrs. Francis Smith	
1986	Jane Dole & Jean Williams, Evergreen Garden Club, VI	
1989	Alma Struble	Spade & Trowel Club, I
1991	Lois Shuster	Somerset Garden Club, VI
1992	Eileen Packer	Garden Club of Harrisburg, VI
1993	Ethel Badiali	Evergreen Garden Club, VI

1994	Ann Scarlett	Spade & Trowel Club, I
1995	Rea Reese	Garden Club of Harrisburg, VI
1997	Doris Jones	Edgewood Garden Club, VII
2002	Dodie Mahlenk	
2003	Mary Jane Hick---	
2004	Katherine C	
2005	Martha Miller	Murrysville Garden Club, VII
2006	Mae Steere	Gardeners of the Crooked Billet, XI
2008	Cathy Holby	Tusca-Ridge Garden Club, IX
2009	Della Leslie	
2017	Emily Schnarr	Old York Road Garden Club, XI
2018	Grace Mitchell	Martha Washington Garden Club, X
2021	Flora Sue Weber	Parkland Garden Club, II/III
2023	Betsy Meyer	Gettysburg Garden Club, IV
2024	Debbie Barhight	Parkland Garden Club, II/III

CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1975	Norristown Garden Club, I
1976	Mountain Laurel Garden Club, VII
1978	Over 50 – Westminster Garden Club, VIII Under 50 – Gateway Garden Club, VII
1996	Pucketos Garden Club, VII Fairview Garden Club, VIII
1997	Garden Club of Johnstown, District VI
1998	Bethlehem Garden Club, II Penn-Cumberland Garden Club, IV

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT OR IMPROVEMENT

1997	Medium Club Charleroi Garden Club, VII Large Club Barden Club of McKeesport, VII
------	---

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1997	Valley Garden Club, VII
------	-------------------------

CONSERVATION AWARD

1975	Emmaus Garden Club, II
1997	Murrysville Garden Club, VII

LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARD

1996	Fox Chapel Garden Club, VII
------	-----------------------------

MRS. MAXWELL W. STEEL YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1993	Bedford Co. Garden Club, VI Four Seasons Garden Club of Kennett Square, I
1994	Four Seasons Garden Club of Kennett Square, I
1995	Four Seasons Garden Club of Kennett Square, I

1996	Four Seasons Garden Club of Kennett Square, I
1997	Garden Club of Harrisburg, IV Bedford County Garden Club, VII Susquehanna Garden Club, V
1998	Garden Club of Harrisburg, IV
2023	Cheryl Brumbaugh Norristown Garden Club, XI

FORGET ME NOT AWARDS

2018

I	Sarah Farnsworth	County Gardeners of Lima
II/III	Elizabeth Betty Hassler	Garden Club of Reading
IV	Melanie Markowski	Green Thumb Garden Club
V	Vivian Hall	The Heritage Garden Club
VI	Angela McDonnell	Weeders and Seeder GC of Ligonier
VII	Joyce Peterson	Garden Club of Forest Hills
VIII	Dot Beatty	Gospel Hill Garden Club
IX	Kathy McHugh	Shaler Garden Club
X	Janice Yeaton	Valley Garden Club
XI	Audrey Williams	The Outdoor Gardeners

2019

I	Sally Smith	Wayne Woods Garden Club
II/III	Arlene Deskus	Monroe County Garden Club
IV	Betty Holloway	Biglerville Garden Club
V	Janet Dierks	Susquehanna Garden Club
VI	Vicki McCahan	Bedford Garden Club
VII	Shirley Brody	Garden Club of Monroeville
VIII	Annie Knepp	Titusville Garden Club
IX	Carole Dickson	Butler Garden Club
X	Grace Mitchell	Martha Washington Garden Club
XI	Eleanor Schleicher	The Outdoor Gardeners

2020

I	Jane Nyiri	Garden Club of Springfield
II/III	Jeanne Partel	Parkland Garden Club
IV	Cornelia Saltzman	Gettysburg Garden Club
V	Rosalie Miller	Duboistown Garden Club
VI	Mary Lou Colussy	Patton Garden Club
VII	Camille Erb	Murrysville Garden Club
VIII	Dolly Devine	Gospel Hill Garden Club
IX	Tess Schwartz	Southern Butler County Garden Club
X	Angie Raitano	Valley Garden Club
XI	Liz Snowdon	The Outdoor Gardeners

2021

I	Kathy Deutsch	Uwchlan Garden Club
II/III	Rose Parry	Emmaus Garden Club
IV	Dana Gilmore	Littletown Area Garden Club

V	Carole Heilig	Standing Stone Garden Club
VI	Angela McDonnell	Weeders and Seeders GC of Ligonier
VII	Jean Nader	Pucketos Garden Club
VIII	Ruth Shindledecker	Gospel Hill Garden Club
IX	Polly Berginc	Butler Garden Club
X	Vina McLeod Rudolph	Martha Washington Garden Club
IX	Judith Swanson	Gardeners of the Crooked Billet

2023 Forget-Me-Not Award is now a District Award.

District Winners to be acknowledged in the KG Online Fall Issue.

I	Linda Horner	Elverson Garden Club
II/III	Tracy McKay Sabocheck	Garden Club of Reading
V	Lois Kyper	Standing Stone Garden Club
VI	Pat Hartman	Indiana Garden Club
VII	Margie Wolff	Murrysville Garden Club
IX	Shelley Nilson	Shaler Garden Club
X	Diane Hughes	Great Meadows Garden Club
XI	Jane Comroe	Norristown Garden Club

2024

I	Vanessa Peterson	Elverson Garden Club
II/III	Becky Short	Emmaus Garden Club
IV	Eileen Hoover	Linglestown Community Garden Club
V	Sandra Hendricks	McEwensville Garden Club
VI	Nancy Bittner	Somerset Garden Club
VII	Iris Cisarik	The Garden Club of Forest Hills
VIII	Shirley Loose	Garden Club of Clarion County
IX	Beth Buttermore	Tusca-Ridge Garden Club
X	Marie Meuller	Pleasant Hills Garden Club
XI	Sue Bunkin	Tohickon Garden Club

2025

I	Thea Mahard	Uwchlan Garden Club
II/III	Patti Molitoris	Parkland Garden Club
IV	---	
V	---	
VI	Judy Rach	Somerset Garden Club
VII	Kathleen Frosch	Pucketos Garden Club
VIII	Jackie Landfried	Wildflower Garden Club
IX	Nancy Vincett	Fox Chapel Garden Club
X	Linda Coleman	Martha Washington Garden Club
XI	Marianne Ziegler	Four Lanes End Garden Club

AWARDS CHAIRS

1999-2001 Lillian Fritz
2001-2003 Angie Raitano
2003-2005 Sharon Brown
2005-2007 Donna Davis
2007-2009 Mary Hetrick
2009-2011 Haddie Weber
2011-2013 Angela McDonnell
2013-2015 Joann Wilson
2015-2017 Grace Mitchell
2017-2019 Chris Gresh
2019-2021 Marilyn Backus
2021-2023 Sheri Lowry
2023-2025 Marilyn Small
2025-2027 Marilyn Small
2027-2029

Club

Penn-Cumberland GC, IV
Valley GC, X & LD Soc, VII
The GC of Harrisburg, IV
Presque-Isle GC, VIII
Presque-Isle GC, VIII
Home Gardeners Guild, VII
Somerset GC, VI
Tusca-Ridge GC, IX
Martha Washington GC, X
Hazleton Area GC, II/III
GC of Monroeville, VII
The GC of Johnstown, VI
Uwchlan Garden Club, I
Uwchlan Garden Club, I

Vice-Chair

Anne Collier, The GC of York, IV
Mary Hetrick, Presque Isle GC, VIII
Joy Kempf, Presque-Isle GC, VIII
Lana Kling, Joyful Bloomers, VII
Rose Price, GC of Johnstown, VI
Judith Miller, Tusca-Ridge GC, X

Marilyn Backus, GC Monroeville, VII
Sheri Lowry, GC Johnstown, VI
Sheri Lowry, GC Johnstown, VI

Information taken from KG and KG Online
Sheri Lowry/Marilyn Small, 7/25