

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION AWARD GUIDELINES (2022-2023)

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PLEASE STUDY NGC Award requirements for 2021-2023 on the [NGC](#) website.

SCR requirements may be found on the [SCR](#) website.

Your state publication or website will have your state award requirements. Double check the deadlines, states may have different deadlines.

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Only federated garden clubs, members of federated garden clubs, and groups of federated clubs in good standing are eligible to apply or sponsor applicants.
2. **AWARDS YEAR:** Jan. 1st through Dec. 31 of the same year constitutes an Award Year.

SCR Director's Award entries are due Dec. 1, 2022, (second year of term) sent to SCR Chairman: Nancy Rana, 350 Plantation Drive East, Heber Springs, AR 72543- 501.206.7401 email: nancygmrana@gmail.com

3. **SUBMIT AWARDS TO: All Awards** to NGC and SCR must be submitted through your State Awards Chairman. (Check your state requirements, some states require submission through the District Awards Chairman.) For State Awards, check your state awards document for submission information, it varies with each state, some awards are submitted through the district and others are submitted to specific chairman for specific awards, others go directly to your State Awards Chairman.
4. **ENTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR BOTH NGC AND SCR AWARDS:** Awards that are eligible for both NGC and SCR Awards require two separate entries prepared by the club, indicating at the top of the Award Application, which entry is for NGC and which entry is for SCR.
5. **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ENTRIES TO NGC: Adult NGC Award** entries are submitted to NGC Awards Chairman (deadline Jan. 15), **by the State Awards Chairman** (check your state deadline for submission to your State Awards Chairman), with a listing of entries attached. **(SCR does not send Adult Award-winning entries to the NGC level). NGC rules state that entries must be sent to NGC by State Awards Chairman.**
6. **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ENTRIES TO SCR: Adult SCR Award** entries must be judged in each state. Winning entries are then submitted **by the State Awards Chairman** (check your state deadline for submission to your State Awards Chairman), with a listing of entries attached, to the SCR Awards Chairman (deadline January 30).
7. **ENTRY FORMS ARE FOUND ON THE NGC WEBSITE. PLEASE, use these forms for each Entry. Write SCR in the upper right corner for SCR Awards.** Only one [1] 1st place winner from each state in each Contest. Do not submit [your] Judging sheets for the entry. Competing state entries will be judged for SCR using the NGC scale of points.
8. **LENGTH OF ENTRY:** An entry may not exceed 3 pages, using front of paper only. Publications are the exception. No plastic sheet protectors allowed. No loose materials. Keep a copy of the entry for your club records. Entries will be given to SCR Director at the Conventions.

9. **CONTEST** winners in your state for Youth: Poetry, Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Posters, Bird Posters, Sculpture, etc., are sent to appropriate SCR Youth Chairmen, listed on the SCR Website. Do NOT send to SCR Awards Coordinator.
The SCR Youth Award Coordinator will send appropriate entries to the national level and a list of winners to the Awards Chairman to enter in the Awards Book.
10. **CONTINUING PROJECTS:** *Entries must document and show significant work in the current awards year.*
11. **AWARDS:** Monetary awards are offered only for designated awards. **Only 1st place winners scoring 90 or above on the scoring rubrics are eligible to receive cash awards.** **SPONSORS** are listed with the Contest.
10. **CATEGORIES:** Clubs and states are in categories according to the number of dues paying members. They are as follows:

For the 2021 Awards year and beyond, the NGC Awards were changed in several categories. To align with the NGC categories, the size groups will change to reflect the NGC changes.

Award size groups are:

	Clubs	States
Small	1-20 members	1-55 clubs
Medium	21-50 members	56-149 clubs
Large	51+ members	150 + clubs

Club Yearbooks will use the same groups as listed above.

All NGC Contests and Judging requirements may be viewed and downloaded from [NGC website](#)

See the NGC Awards Program for scoring rubrics for Awards!!!

SCR 1st place, \$25 AWARD to a Single Club

NGC also divided the awards into 8 different categories to make it easier to identify available awards. SCR Award categories will follow the same categories as NGC. All the awards are eligible for both NGC and SCR except those awards beginning with SCR, and they are only available through the SCR. Remember SCR does not send Awards to NGC, only the State Awards Chairman sends Awards to NGC.

The [NGC Award Application Cover Sheet](#) can be found by clicking on the link herein. Use it for both NGC and SCR Awards.

Even though some of the Awards require specific scoring rubrics, the [NGC Awards Program General Scoring Rubric](#) can be found by clicking on the link herein.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS

CE-1 COMMUNITY CONCERNS: *Sponsored by: Fred & Coleen Hinker* given for the most outstanding community or religious garden project that provides green space, and/or opportunities for social gatherings, meditation, beautification, education, recreation or the growing of food.

CE-5 CIVIC DEVELOPMENT: *Sponsored by Isabel Olsen* given for the most outstanding beautification project in a city, town, or neighborhood done on a continuous basis or as a special one-time event. Habitat for Humanity Projects as well as Decoration of Historic Buildings may be included.

CE-8 LANDSCAPE DESIGN: *Sponsored by: Suzy Andrego* given for the most significant contribution in designing a landscape plan, planning the project, and carrying out the plan.

SCR-1 ARBOR DAY DEDICATION: *Sponsored by: Idalia Agular* presented for a dedication ceremony for the planting of tree/s. May be part of a new or continuing project, e.g., public buildings, highway or esplanade beautification, schools, other civic buildings. Application must show community involvement and educating the public about importance of trees. Invite some of the following: Mayor, public officials, Park & Recreation officials, FFA youth, Scouts, etc. Special consideration will be given to more unusual or unique dedications.

ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION:

EC-1 PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT: *Sponsored by: Melanie Spence* given to those conservation activities considered overall excellent and well-balanced. Includes activities such as conservation education, legislative activities, conservation field projects, natural resource development such as watershed, erosion control, reforestation, wildlife refuge, etc.

FLORAL DESIGN:

FD-2 FLORAL DESIGN PROGRAM: *Sponsored by: Peggy Moreland* given for the most outstanding program or workshop (exclusive of NGC Schools and Symposiums) teaching floral design to club members and/or the public. Here is the [FD-2 Floral Design Program Specific Scoring Rubric](#).

FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT:

SCR-2 SINGLE GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE: *Sponsored by: Judy Grotts* presented for a well-prepared Flower Show Schedule. To be judged by [NGC #29H Scale of Points](#) for Evaluating Flower Show Schedules.

SCR-3 MULTIPLE GARDEN CLUBS FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE: *Sponsored by Barbara Baker* presented for a well-prepared Flower Show Schedule. To be judged by [NGC #29H Scale of Points](#) for Evaluating Flower Show Schedules.

GARDENS:

G-1 CONTAINER GARDENING: *Sponsored by: Sherrie Eoff* given for the most outstanding container or containers of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, or a combination thereof. Here is the [G-1 Specific Scoring Rubric](#).

MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT & EDUCATION:

MAE-3 DIGITAL MEDIA PRESENTATION: *Sponsored by: Nancy Voyles* given for the best presentation recorded and submitted on any type of digital media supporting any of the following NGC objectives: History/Archives, private or public Garden Tours, Flowers Shows, Projects, Programs, or other. Here is the [MAE-3 Specific Scoring Rubric](#).

MAE-4 PUBLICATION AWARD: presented for outstanding publications by (A) a club or (B) group of clubs or state. Printed publications or those prepared for electronic distribution are acceptable entries. **Newsletters or state Publication/bulletins must be published 3 times per year or more.**

MAE-4 A-(1) Newsletter: (1-3 pages) Single Club *Sponsored by Carolyn McCabe* (1-3 pages)

MAE-4 A-(2) Newsletter: (1-3 pages) Group of Clubs *Sponsored by Sandra Bradberry*

MAE-4 B-(1) Newsletter: (3-12 pages) Single Club *Sponsored by Rose Schultz*

MAE-4 B-(2) Newsletter: (3-12 pages) Group of Clubs *Sponsored by Donna Marsheck*

MAE-4 A-(3) State Publication/Bulletin: (example-Gardener publications) *Sponsored by April Pratt*

MAE-4 E-(1) Manual or Handbook: A Single Club *Sponsored by Betty Edwards*

MAE-4 E-(2) Manual or Handbook: B Group of Clubs *Sponsored by Betty Edwards*

MAE-4 F-(1) Brochure: Single Club *Sponsored by Shirley Tetreault*

MAE-4 F-(2) Brochure: Group of Clubs *Sponsored by Rose Knight*

MAE-4 G-(1) "How-to Tips for Gardeners" Single Club *Sponsored by Suzy Andrego*

MAE-4 G-(2) "How-to Tips for Gardeners" Group of Clubs *Sponsored by Christine Longthorp*

Here is the [MAE-4 Specific Scoring Rubric](#).

MAE-5 NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK: *Sponsored by: Nancy Rana* given for the best overall promotion of National Garden Week. Entry to show community awareness throughout the entire week and include local and/or state proclamations.

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\$25 will be presented to the 1st place winner in each category of (1) and (2).

SCR-4 YEARBOOK AWARD: Small Club: *Sponsored by Gwen DeWitt*; **Medium Club:** *Sponsored by Gwen DeWitt*; **Large Club:** *Sponsored by Gwen DeWitt*. The club size categories for Yearbooks are listed on page 2 of this guide. State Awards Chairman sends one Yearbook winner from each category to SCR Awards Chairman for judging. Judging will use the Yearbook Scoring Rubric found at the end of this document.

SCR-5 OUTSTANDING YEARBOOK THEME: *Sponsored by Linda Lawson & Rose Knight* presented to a club for the most creative use of a theme carried throughout the programs for the year, incorporating the objectives of NGC. Yearbook must be submitted that was in effect for the awards year. Creativity and originality of theme will be considered. Correlation between theme and all club programs, projects, activities should be evident.

SERVICE & RECOGNITION:

SR-6 MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR recognizes those NGC members, whose volunteer efforts, during a period of five years have made outstanding contribution/s to club and community in one or more of the following areas: *Civic Development, Conservation, Design, Horticultural Therapy, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Youth Activities, All Around Excellence*. **ELIGIBILITY:** Any member of a state garden club, who has never served as a member of the NGC Board of Directors, including State

Presidents. Guidelines and the Member Award of Honor Application Form may be found on the NGC Website, www.gardenclub.org. Complete the form, send to your **state Awards Chairman by January 1st**. State Awards Chair sends the application to the **SCR Awards Chair by February 1st**. The SCR Awards Chair will submit to the NGC Chairman by **February 20th**. The winning person in our region will receive an invitation to attend a function at the NGC Convention, and will be presented a certificate, a pin, and the book of evidence that was submitted. All four of our states are encouraged to send in an application for this award.

SCR SWEEPSTAKES AWARD: *Sponsored by Sarah McReynolds* This award is given to the winner of the most First Place awards received at the Awards Banquet during the SCR convention. You do not prepare an application for this award. It is determined by the SCR Awards Chairman.

YOUTH WORK:

YW-1 YOUTH PROGRAM AWARD of \$50: *Sponsored by Jim & Linda Lawson* presented to a club best meeting the challenge of youth during the awards year. Must show direct work with youth, e.g., series of environmental meetings; Adopt a School; a complete program for youth (nature hikes, Flower Show, sponsored contest), or through High School, Intermediate or Junior Gardener activities.

SCR-7 OUTSTANDING JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB YEARBOOK THEME: *Sponsored by Donna Marsheck* presented to a club for the most creative use of a theme carried throughout the programs for the year, incorporating the objectives of NGC. Yearbook must be submitted that was in effect for the awards year. Creativity and originality of theme will be considered. Correlation between theme and all club programs, projects, activities should be evident.

This NEW Award may be the Yearbook for a Junior Garden Club, or those programs included in the sponsoring Garden Club's yearbook.

SCR DIRECTOR'S PROJECT AWARDS: "Fun with Pollinators"

Sponsored by: Director Rose Knight. Application is made in the second year of the Director's term. [Forms included in this document] All applications must be submitted to SCR Director's Project Chairman, Nancy **Rana**, 350 Plantation Drive East, Heber Springs, AR 72543 **Phone:** (501) 206-7401 **E-mail:** nancygmrana@gmail.com **Deadline: December 1, 2022.**

Rose's project is designed to promote work with youth garden clubs and other youth groups/organizations. Pre-K-12 eligible.

\$100 Presented to the club sponsoring the best Youth Pollinator Garden.

\$100 Presented to the club sponsoring the best Youth Pollinator Project (Construction of Bat Houses, Mason Bee Houses, etc.)

Resources include:

- Power Pollinator Book available for download from www.gardenclub.org
- Plant America Grants and Youth Pollinator Grants sponsored by [NGC](http://www.ngc.org) and described on the website.

Who May Apply: Any individual garden club that is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc., and South-Central Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc,

Application Deadline: Chairman must receive on or before December 1, 2022, via e-mail.

How to Apply: The application will be on the [SCR](http://www.scr.org) website, in "*The Communicator*" and available through the State Presidents.

Program Criteria: Involving and educating youth in our community on critical issues about pollinators, total involvement and participation by club members and youth from youth garden clubs, schools, or youth organizations. A report (not to exceed three pages) describing the project including photos must be submitted to the Chairman.

Yearbook Scoring Rubric

PRESENTATION:

6 Total _____

NGC Cover sheet included with all sections completed	2	
Booklet practical and easy to read	2	
Cover attractive and includes club information	2	

CONTENT:

15 Total _____

Title page	2	
Table of contents	2	
Membership roster	2	
List of Officers and Committee Chairman	2	
Name of NGC, SCR, State and Regional Presidents and themes	2	
Calendar of Events	2	
Other items	3	

PROGRAMS:

40 Total _____

Variety of program topics	10	
Variety of program types	10	
Variety of speakers	10	
Yearbook theme evident in program titles	10	

PROJECTS: (10 points each project up to 3 projects)

20 Total _____

Description	3	
% of member participation	3	
How funded	2	
One time or continuing	2	
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% of member participation	3	
How funded	2	
One time or continuing	2	

PROMOTES NGC OBJECTIVES:

15 Total _____

Promotes Gardening, Horticulture and/or Environmental Concerns	3	
Promotes Gardening with Nature	3	
Promotes National Garden Week	3	
Promotes Penny Pines and/or Running Waters	3	
Promotes some other NGC Objective	3	

DOCUMENTATION:

4 Total _____

Financial report	2	
Awards received the previous year	2	

100 Total _____