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2023-2025**



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Theme

“Decorate the Deep South with Floral Accents”

Deep South Unified Project

*“Encourage and Host Flower Shows, Place Designs in
Public Places and Create Colorful Plantings”*

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Theme

“Go Green - Plant America”

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2023 – 2025

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DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Welcome to the 2023-2025 Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. Administration! We hit the ground running with our fabulous fun, and educational DSGC Convention in March '23 in Kenner, LA, hosted by the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc. A special thank you to Elizabeth McDougald, Convention Chairman, and her committee members for a job well done. We welcome our Diamonds of the Deep South (State Presidents) with open arms and fully support of their efforts. Our goal is to all work together to improve and enhance our surroundings. We can all learn from each other.

Our Deep South theme is "***Decorate the Deep South with Floral Design.***" Cash awards will be offered for efforts in designated areas. To complement the theme, we will host a Regional Flower Show in Georgia in 2025 with all six states participating. I welcome suggestions, comments, and concerns. Lastly, I truly look forward to working with all of our members and representing DSGC to the best of my ability.

Here's a little background on me —

I moved to Mississippi in 1977 and am co-owner of Cooper Animal Hospital in Greenwood where I worked alongside my veterinarian husband for over 45 years. We have two children and three grandchildren.

I have held numerous offices including Past President of The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, 2015-2017, and numerous board positions with GCM, DSGC, and the National Garden Club over the years. Currently, I am the Garden Clubs of Mississippi State Awards Chairman, a member of the Flower Show Awards Committee, and Interim Treasurer. I am also an NGC Master Flower Show Judge, Gardening Consultant, Landscape Design Consultant, and Environmental Consultant.

Most importantly, I love every aspect of flower shows and truly enjoy promoting others to be creative and develop their design and horticulture talents. In my spare time, like most of you, I enjoy gardening, but also gambling!

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DEEP SOUTH MISSION STATEMENT

The Deep South Region is dedicated to advancing the objectives of the National Garden Club, Inc. and to coordinating the interests and the projects of the six states in the region.

The primary objectives are horticulture, gardening, landscaping, floral design, civic beautification and environmental concerns, with emphasis on fellowship, scholarship, stewardship, and leadership.

Editor's Note: The revised Mission Statement was adopted at the 2014 Deep South Region Convention. The revision was authored by Liz Shaw, assisted by Jan Sillik.

DEEP SOUTH REGION COLLECT

Our Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for the privilege of gardening. We thank You for creating a world filled with plants for enjoyment, pleasure and sustenance. Make us mindful of our responsibility to care for all that You have entrusted to us.

Create in each of us a desire to be good stewards of the environment and to work diligently in the protection of all natural resources.

We pledge to You the potential that is within us to keep planet Earth intact for future generations.

May we hear your Voice, Almighty God, as we seek You in the garden.

Amen.

By: Deen Day Sanders
Adopted March 7, 1989

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INC. CONVENTIONS

| | | |
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| 2024 | Gatlinburg, Tennessee | March 19-20 |
| 2025 | Valdosta, Georgia | March 11-13 |

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. CONVENTIONS

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|------|--|-----------|
| 2024 | Denver, Colorado The Westin Westminster | June 2-5 |
| 2025 | Omaha, Nebraska | May 19-23 |

NGC FALL BOARD MEETINGS

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| 2023 | VIRTUAL | Sept. 21 |
| 2024 | Saint Louis, MO | TBA |

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

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| 2024 | June 2-8 |
| 2025 | June 1-7 |
| 2026 | June 7-13 |

STATE GARDEN CLUB CONVENTIONS

ALABAMA

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|------|---------|-------------|
| 2024 | Opelika | April 14-16 |
| 2025 | TBD | TBD |

FLORIDA

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| 2024 | Jacksonville | April 10-12 |
| 2025 | Jacksonville | April 7-10 |

GEORGIA

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| 2024 | Macon | April 16-17 |
| 2025 | Augusta | April 29-30 |

LOUISIANA

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| 2024 | Lake Charles | April 16-17 |
| 2025 | Alexandria | April 7-9 |

MISSISSIPPI

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|------|---------|-------------|
| 2024 | Pearl | April 16-17 |
| 2025 | Grenada | April 8-9 |

TENNESSEE

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|------|-------------|-------------|
| 2024 | Gatlinburg | March 21 |
| 2025 | Chattanooga | April 21-24 |

SYMBOLS OF DEEP SOUTH REGION STAT



Alabama

Flower: Camellia
Wildflower: Oakleaf Hydrangea
Tree: Longleaf Pine
Bird: Yellowhammer
Butterfly: Monarch



Louisiana

Flower: Magnolia
Wildflower: Louisiana Iris
Tree: Bald Cypress
Bird: Brown Pelican



Florida

Flower: Orange Blossom
Wildflower: Coreopsis
Tree: Sabal Palmetto
Bird: Mockingbird
FFGC: Butterfly: Monarch
State: Zebra Longwing



Mississippi

Flower: Magnolia
Wildflower: Coreopsis
Tree: Magnolia Grandiflora
Bird: Mockingbird
Butter: Spicebush Swallowtail



Georgia

Flower: Cherokee Rose
Wildflower: Wild Azalea
Tree: Live Oak
Bird: Brown thrasher
Butterfly: Tiger Swallowtail



Tennessee

Flower: Purple Iris
Wildflower: Passion Flower
Tree: Tulip Poplar
Bird: Mockingbird
Butterfly: Tiger Swallowtail

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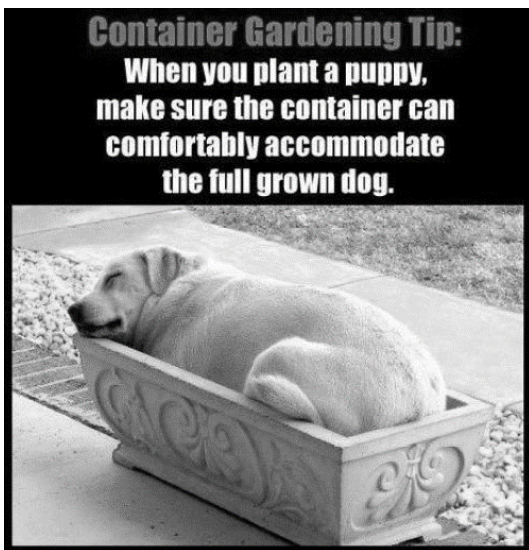
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DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS AWARDS PROCEDURES 2023-2025

Chairperson: DSGC Awards Chair, Roxanna Champagne
roxannachamp@cox.net (337) 298-5099

GENERAL INFORMATION

This document is the complete guide to the application process
and a complete list of awards

APPLICATIONS: *Unless otherwise noted*, all award applications are sent to
DSGC Awards Chairman Roxanna Champagne, 220 Farmington Dr.,
Lafayette, LA 70503 roxannachamp@cox.net (337)-298-5099

NOTE TO ALL DSR AWARDS CHAIRMEN FOR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:
All DSGC Winners must be sent DSGC Awards Chair, Roxanna Champagne, no
later than February 15th for inclusion in the DSGC Awards Book at the DSGC
Convention.

AWARDS YEAR: January 1 to December 31 annually. All awards may be
presented annually, if merited. Any exceptions will be noted.

ELIGIBILITY: Only Deep South Garden Clubs (DSGC) members are eligible to
apply for DSGC awards. Those members are: Individual Garden Clubs, Groups of
Garden Clubs, Individuals, Circles or Councils affiliated with a State Garden Club
Organization. The State Garden Clubs or Federations of any of the six states of
Deep South Garden Clubs - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi,
Tennessee - shall be referred to as State Garden Club Organization. The Deep
South Garden Clubs may be referred to as DSGC. The National Garden Clubs, Inc.
may be referred to as NGC.

National Garden Clubs: Check with National Garden Clubs, Inc. for information on
their awards and contests. (www.gardenclubs.org/awards-and-grants)

AN EXACT APPLICATION AND/OR BOOK OF EVIDENCE CANNOT BE
SUBMITTED FOR MORE THAN ONE AWARD.

THE APPLICATION FORM

The application form is a cover sheet only that contains topics to be addressed
along with any supporting photographs. Forms are available on the DSGC
website www.dsgardenclubs.com/awards

- State Awards Chairs may also use this form for submission to NGC.
- Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer required or allowed. See EXCEPTIONS.
- Applications will not be returned. Exceptions noted
- Applications should always be sent to the DSGC Awards Chair – *unless specifically noted otherwise in the award information.*
- Completed application should include photos and pertinent information
- Awards that require Books of Evidence are listed under complete awards listing
- When mailing award applications and Books of Evidence, ***do not request signature confirmation*** as proof of receipt as this may result in the material being returned to you, and thus becoming ineligible, if the Chairperson is not home.
- Keep one copy of the completed application for your records.
Email Application and Book of Evidence, *unless otherwise stated.*
- A complete list of entries from your state must be included with submissions.
- If your state awards application form has the same requirements as the DSGC application form, the state awards chair may complete the application with the necessary award/contact information and include it with your state's award application form.

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS

Garden Clubs: One application for each size category (based upon membership) for each award may be submitted for evaluation to the DSGC Awards Committee.

State Garden Clubs: One application for any award category may be submitted for evaluation to the DSGC Awards Committee.

CATEGORIES BY SIZE

Garden Club applications shall be judged according to size determined by the number of members on whom NGC and state dues are paid, including Active, Associate, Inactive, Honorary, etc.

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| Small Club: | 1-20 members |
| Medium Club: | 21-50 members |
| Large Club: | 51+ members |

- **Group of member clubs, councils, districts**
- **State Garden Clubs** applications shall be judged according to size determined by number of members on whom NGC dues are paid, including Garden Club Members, Affiliates, State Life Members, etc.

Small State: 1-55 Clubs
 Medium State: 56-149 Clubs
 Large State: 150+ Clubs

DEADLINES

February 1: All applications, *except those noted below*, must be sent by USPS Mail from the State Awards Chairman to the **DSGC Awards Chairman Roxanna Champagne**. **** SEE EXCEPTIONS BELOW.**
 Shipment must include a complete list of applications from the state.

February 15: All DSGC winners must be sent to DSGC Awards Chair Roxanna Champagne for inclusion in the DSGC Awards Book at the DSGC Convention

EXCEPTIONS TO WHOM THE AWARD APPLICATIONS ARE SENT

See application information under each award in the complete awards list that follows.

- Award #1, DSR School Grounds Improvement Award
- Award #15, Junior Garden Club Award
- Award #20, Intermediate Gardeners Award
- Award #27, DSGC Flower Show Schedule
- Award #28, DSGC Small Standard Flower Show
- Award #29, Publicity Press Book
- Award #30, Member Award of Honor
- Award #31, DSGC Yearbook Award
- NGC Poetry Contest
- NGC Youth Sculpture Contest
- Youth Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest
- 2023-2025 DSGC Unified Project – see DSGC website (www.deepsouthgardenclubs.com)

EXCEPTIONS TO THE METHOD OF APPLICATION

- Award #22, Deep South Garden Club of the Year
- Award #26, Deep South Garden Club Mentor of the Year
- Award #28, DSGC Small Standard Flower Show
- Award #29, Publicity Press Book
- Award #30, DSGC Member Award of Honor
- 2023-2025 DSGC Unified Project – see DSGC website (www.deepsouthgardenclubs.com)

EXCEPTIONS TO THE USE OF THREE-RING BINDER AND VINYL SHEET PROTECTORS

- Three-ring binders are accepted in only one category – the **YEARBOOK** category
- Vinyl sheet protectors may be used for Publicity Press Book

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING A BOOK OF EVIDENCE

These are to be mailed.

NOTE: When mailing award applications and Books of Evidence, *do not request* signature confirmation as proof of receipt as this may result in the material being returned to you, and thus becoming ineligible, if the Chairperson is not home.

REQUIRED FOR AWARDS #22, 26, 28, 29, 30 & DSGC UNIFIED PROJECT

- Use a **lightweight, solid color, theme type binder**, size not to exceed 8.5"x11". See rules for individual awards for number of pages required.
NO RING BINDERS.

Label, Outside Cover

- Outside label should include number and name of DSGC Award, size of category, and name of club, city, and state.

Awards Application Form Cover Sheet

- Complete the necessary information on the DSGC Awards Application Form Cover Sheet. Attach with a paperclip a copy of the completed application form to the inside front cover.

Presentation

- Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer required nor allowed.
- Use standard 8.5" x11" paper.
- All material must be attached to pages, no loose material, no pullouts or foldouts.
- Do not add extra information in back pocket.
- Secure all photographs and/or neatly gather other materials.

Written Text

- All text must be typed, concise and follow all requirements in award description and Scale of Points.
- BOE must include text and not just photos with labels.
- Photos may be interspersed throughout text or following text.
- Photocopies are permitted.
- Trim all items neatly.

SCALE OF POINTS

(EXCEPTIONS: Flower Show Achievement Awards, DSGC Garden Club of Year, DSGC Mentor of the Year, DSGC Member Award of Honor, DSGC Unified Project, Publicity Press Books, Yearbooks, Junior Garden Club Award)

Presentation – 5pts: neat, concise, includes all required information on the DSGC Awards Application Form (4 sheets total), or the Book of Evidence, if required.

Achievement – 65pts: scope of project; need and fulfillment; benefit; accomplishment; comprehensiveness of work; activities to attain goals; evaluation of goals reached; educational; prior planning; very brief history if continuing project; financial report; other.

Participation - 15pts: size of club; involvement of members, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, residents in facilities, others. Not all of these must be involved.

Record or Documentation – 15pts: supporting data (as applicable), clear, well-labeled and neatly attached before and after photographs if applicable, landscape plan (does not have to be professionally drawn), financial reports, letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles (if possible), radio or TV script (if possible), etc. Photocopies are permitted.

End of Procedures

DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS AWARDS LIST

All applications are sent to **DSGC Awards Chair Roxanna Champagne**, unless otherwise noted in individual award. The Deadline for inclusion in the Convention awards book is February 15.

1. School Grounds Improvement Award

Donor: The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.

Class A: Less than 30 members

Class B: 31 members or more

State winners must be sent to the **DSGC School Grounds/Outdoor Classroom Chairman, Peggy Tucker, 1848 Mt. Olivet Rd., Hartwell, GA 30643**

wotucker@hartcom.net 706-436-5454 to arrive no later than **January 25**.

An annual cash award of \$25.00 may be awarded to the overall winner. Certificates may be awarded in each Category for the beautification and improvement of the grounds of any school building (old or new). They may be awarded to an individual garden club, council or group of clubs, a garden club circle, or group of circles acting as a sponsor for this project and who are members of their State Garden Club.

2. Historic Preservation and/or Restoration Award

Donor: The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.

An annual cash award of \$25.00 may be awarded to an individual, a club, or group of clubs for a Historic Preservation or Restoration Landscaping project.

3. Public Relations Award

A certificate may be awarded in each category for accomplishments in garden club related activities with one or more non-member groups or organizations in promoting good public relations. These should be projects of the State Garden Club, DSGC, or NGC, Inc. Competition will be judged on ONE selected co-sponsored project in a field such as Conservation, Horticulture, Litter Control, Environment Improvement, Youth Involvement, Historic Restoration, or any other meritorious activity promoting garden club goals which will broaden the scope of public relations. **The identical project is not eligible to win this award for two consecutive years.**

4. Membership Award

Donor: Pamela L. Dowd, in honor of Juanita Allinder

A cash award of \$50.00 will be awarded annually to the State Garden Club with the greatest percentage increase in membership during the year. The winner will be

determined by official membership records of NGC as of October 31, before the Deep South Garden Clubs Convention. No application necessary.

5. Litter Control Award

Donor: Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

A cash award of \$25 may be awarded to a garden club, council or group of clubs affiliated with one of the State Garden Clubs of the DSGC for sponsoring a project in the field of litter control, encompassing such activities as waste reduction, recycling, and endeavors for a quality environment. Youth involvement to be emphasized

6. Bird Award

Donor: Jane Hersey, Eatonton, Georgia

An annual cash award of \$100 may be awarded to a garden club, group of clubs, or individual member of a club for outstanding activity in the protection or care of birds, such as establishing, maintaining, identifying, or marking sanctuaries; or promotion of legislation relative to bird welfare. If sanctuary is by official ordinance (new or maintained), a copy of the ordinance must be included. If it is a continuing project, detail the plans.

7. Tree Planting Award

In Honor of Mrs. Thomas C. Lacey (Virginia), DS Regional Director 1979-1981

Donor: The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.

An annual cash award of \$25 may be awarded to a garden club for the most outstanding tree planting project. Emphasis to be on low maintenance, quality trees suitable to local climatic and ecological conditions. Project may be started at any time but must be completed within the award year in which application is made.

8. Special Achievement Award

In Honor of Annette Stanbery, DS Regional Director 2005-2007

Donor: Ann McCormick

An annual cash award of \$100.00 may be awarded in each category for the most outstanding achievement in ONE of the following: civic development, conservation, beautification, garden therapy, or any other garden club related project. Youth involvement will be an asset. **The identical project is not eligible to win this award for two consecutive years.**

11. Horticulture Award

In Memory of Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin (Ellen)

DS Regional Director 1977-1979; NGC President 1987-1989

11. Horticulture Award (continued)

Donor: Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

An annual cash award of \$25 may be awarded to a garden club for the most outstanding activities in the field of horticulture. The award is given to promote planned gardening activities in the study of horticulture by club members. Membership participation shall be emphasized. Summary outlining year's plan, activities to implement the plan, goals, and results should be included in description of project.

10. Landscape Design Award

Donor: Carol M. Bullard, DS Region Director, 2015-2017

An annual cash award of \$200.00 may be awarded to a garden club, council, or group of clubs in the Deep South Garden Clubs sponsoring the most outstanding activity in the area of Landscape Design. The activity may be in the area of Landscaping Education or in actual project(s) – (a series of related activities /projects promoting Landscape Design).

11. Historic Preservation and Restoration Award

A certificate may be awarded to a garden club, council, or group of clubs for the most outstanding promotion and/or project involving the preservation and/or restoration of a historic building.

12. High School Gardeners Award

A certificate may be awarded to the State Garden Club registering the greatest number of high school gardeners within the Deep South Garden Clubs, according to the DSGC High School Gardeners Chairman as of three (3) weeks before the DSGC Convention. Established procedure for organizing High School Gardeners must be observed. No application necessary.

13. Environmental Education Award

Certificates may be awarded in each category for the most comprehensive program in the field of environmental education with emphasis on Youth. **The identical project is not eligible to win this award two consecutive years.**

14. Butterfly Conservation

Donor: Tricia Mitchell, President, The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., 2017-2019

An annual cash award of \$50 may be awarded to an individual garden club for the most outstanding work in the field of butterfly conservation stressing community involvement.

15. Junior Garden Club Award

Donor: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

An annual cash award of \$25 may be awarded to the highest scoring Junior Garden Club sponsored by a State Garden Club, which, through its own efforts, has been successful in promoting all phases of garden club work. Grades: preschool through sixth. State winners must be sent to **DSGC Junior Gardeners Chairman Diane Harbin, 11 Ridgewood Rd., Rome, GA 706-346-6510 dianejharbin@comcast.net** no later than **January 25**.

Scale of Points

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| Year-round balanced programs (2 or more) | 30 |
| (Flower Show participation or workshop; horticulture workshop, growing projects for individuals; field trips; others) | |
| Conservation (2 or more) | 30 |
| (Nature study, birds, trees, water, field trips, others) | |
| Civic (1 or more) | 20 |
| (Community involvement projects; assisting sponsoring club; anti-litter campaigns; Arbor Day celebration, etc.) | |
| Other | 10 |
| (Garden therapy, world gardening, poster participation, 6-9 meetings with 7 or more members) | |
| Presentation of materials (Include yearbook) | 10 |
| TOTAL | 100 |

16. Adopt-A-Park Award

In Memory of Marilyn Carlton, DS Regional Director 1985-1987

Donor: Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.

A certificate and cash award of \$25 may be offered in each category to an individual garden club for the establishment of city, mini, pocket, or subdivision parks and/or enhancement of specific areas in existing parks.

17. Community Action Award

A certificate may be given annually to a garden club for the most outstanding program/ project relating to garden club objectives. Involvement of community groups to be a major consideration. This may be a continuing project, but the major portion of worthiness must have been accomplished within the year of application. Examples: Arbor Day activities, Blue Star Memorial Marker and or Historical Markers erection/dedication, beautification of community buildings, churches, or cemeteries, etc.

18. Wildflower Award

A certificate may be awarded in each category for the most comprehensive activity in the area of wildflowers. This project shall be a concentrated effort in the protection, planting, growing and/or identification of wildflowers within the Deep South Garden Clubs. **The same project is not eligible to win this award two consecutive years.**

19. Historic Trails Award

*In Memory of Mrs. Charles H. Blanchard (Van),
Past President, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Donor: Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.*

A certificate and a cash award of \$50 may be awarded annually in each category for a worthwhile project of lasting value involving a historic trail such as the Bartram Trail, The Natchez Trace, etc.

20. Intermediate Gardeners Award

*In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Lowe
Donor: Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.*

State winners eligible for Intermediate Gardeners Award must be sent to **Gale Moore, 77 Lakefront Dr., Grenada, MS 38901, 662-417-6198, mogirl103@gmail.com** to arrive no later than **January 25**.

Class A: An annual cash award of \$50 may be awarded to the Overall Winner in the Intermediate Gardeners Award sponsored by a garden club in the region for an outstanding project or program worthy of recognition.

Class B: An annual cash award of \$50 may be awarded to a State Garden Club registering the greatest number of Intermediate Gardeners with the DSGC Chairman as of three weeks before the Deep South Garden Club Convention. (Established procedure for organizing Intermediate Gardeners must be observed.) The award to be calculated on a percentage basis of state membership dues paid to NGC as of October 31. **No application necessary.**

21. Conservation Award

*In Honor of Mrs. Noel T. Cumbaa (Eloise)
DS Regional Director 1991-1993
Donor: The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.*

A cash award of \$25.00 may be awarded to a club for the most outstanding conservation project using "NATIVE" and/or "TOUGH" PLANTS. Project may be started at any time but must be completed within the award year in which application

is made. Consideration given to appropriateness of plant material, quality of project, member participation and community involvement.

24. Deep South Garden Club of the Year

Entries to arrive no later than January 25 to
DSGC Awards Chairman Roxanna Champagne

In Honor of Juanita Allinder, TFGC President, 1999-2001

Donor: Pamela L. Dowd, TFGC President 2015-2017

A cash award of \$50.00 will be awarded to a garden club that excels in the following categories: membership increase, service to members, club programs, projects, members attending club, district, and state meetings and/or sponsored programs.

The garden club shall produce substantiating evidence of the club's accomplishments in the stated categories in the Scale of Points.

A Book of Evidence is required, up to six pages, front and back.

| Scale of Points | |
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| Service | 10 |
| Continuing service provided by club for members | |
| Communications (describe briefly) | |
| Other (describe briefly) | |
| Club Programs (number _____) | 30 |
| Horticulture _____ Design _____ | |
| Environmental Concerns _____ | |
| Special and/or Regional projects _____ | |
| Members presenting programs/ workshops _____ | |
| Describe briefly (include copy of yearbook page showing programs) | |
| Club Representation | 20 |
| Average attendance at garden club meetings _____ | |
| Number attending Spring/Fall district meetings _____ | |
| Number attending environmental or other State Programs _____ | |
| Members attending State Convention _____ | |
| Members attending Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention _____ | |
| Members attending National Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention _____ | |
| Club Project | 30 |
| Describe briefly on one page. Two photos may be included on a second page. | |

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| Club Finances – Funding club activities | 10 |
| Fundraisers (describe briefly) Number _____ | |
| Amount \$ _____ | |
| TOTAL | 100 |

23. Arbor Day Award

A certificate may be awarded to a garden club or group of garden clubs for the most comprehensive program celebrating Arbor Day.

24. Deep South Garden Clubs Life Membership Award

A certificate will be awarded to the State Garden Club with the greatest per capita increase in Deep South Garden Clubs Life Memberships from March 1 to March 1. Winner will be determined by the Deep South Garden Clubs Life Membership Chairman. No application necessary.

25. Roadside Beautification Award

Donor: Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.

A certificate and cash award of \$25 may be awarded for the most outstanding Roadside Beautification project in each category. The beautification project may be continuous but must have reached an advanced degree of completion in the year of application. **This award may be given only once for the same project.**

26. Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. Mentor of the Year

In Honor of Phyllis J. Wood

Donor: Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.

Entries to arrive no later than **Jan. 25** to
DSGC Awards Chairman Roxanna Champagne

An Award may be given to an outstanding Mentor, who as a DSGC garden club member is an individual that often goes above the call of normal garden club duties, assignments and/or activities, one who is known as a loyal member that is always available as a willing adviser giving invaluable assistance and/or support to garden club officers and members across their state and the DSGC.

A DSGC garden club member may be nominated by any DSGC garden club member in the nominee's state by submitting a **Book of Evidence of up to four pages, front and back, detailing how the nominated individual has been a Mentor in garden club work within the state.** Up to three actual photographs or media pictures may be included in the book. Send to your state's Awards Chairman by their deadline. Each State Garden Club shall select one of the nominees to submit to the DSGC Awards

Chairman by the DSGC deadline. An overall DSGC winner shall be selected from those submitted by the State Garden Clubs within the DSGC.

27. DSGC Flower Show Schedule

In Honor of Carol M. Bullard, DSGC Director, 2015-2017

Donor: Design Masters Study Club, Greenwood, Miss.

State winners must be sent to **DSGC Flower Show Schools Chairman Gina Jogan, 6727 Hwy 99, Molino, FL 32577-4048 gvjogan@panhandle.rr.com 850-587-2621** to arrive no later than **January 25**.

A certificate and an annual cash award of \$50.00 may be awarded to the garden club, council or group of garden clubs submitting the **highest scoring schedule** for a Standard or Small Standard Flower Show, including General or Specialized. Use standard DSGC Award Application Cover Sheet. Include completed DSGC Application Form (do not answer questions 1 through 6) and send 1 schedule. Refer to Rules and Requirements as published in *Handbook for Flower Shows*, current edition.

- A. Small Standard Flower Show
- B. Standard Flower Show

28. DSGC Small Standard Flower Show

In Honor of Bonnie T. Borne, DS Region Director 2003-2005

Donor: Mississippi Flower Show Judges' Council

State winners must be sent to **DSGC Flower Show Schools Chairman Gina Jogan, 6727 Hwy 99, Molino, FL 32577-4048 gvjogan@panhandle.rr.com 850-587-2621** to arrive no later than **January 25**.

A certificate and an annual cash award of \$50.00 may be awarded to the garden club, council or group of garden clubs for the **highest scoring** flower show designated as a Small Standard Flower Show. Firmly clip 1 copy of the completed DSGC Application Form Cover Sheet to the inside front cover of the Book of Evidence (10 pages front and back). Refer to Rules and Requirements as published in *Handbook for Flower Shows*, current edition for preparing Book of Evidence.

29. Publicity Press Book

State winners must be sent to **DSGC Publicity Chairman Kathy Sudduth, 33507 U.S Hwy 31, Spanish Fort, AL 36527 kathysudduth@att.net 251-978-0661** to arrive no later than **February 1**. Certificates may be awarded to winning Books of Evidence exhibiting quality, quantity, and diversity of coverage in the print media promoting garden clubs and NGC goals and objectives.

Deadline: to State Chairman by their deadline; first place winners in each category sent to DSGC by **February 1**;

Categories:

A. Single member garden club

1. **Small Club:** 1-20 members
2. **Medium Club:** 21-50 members
3. **Large Club:** 51+ members

B. Group of member clubs, councils, districts

C. Affiliated Garden Center

Requirements for Preparing Publicity Press Book:

1. Label on outside cover: name of award, category, name of club/s, city and state.
2. Submit in report cover or folder; 8" X 11" or 9" X 12". No heavy scrapbooks or oversized portfolios. There is no limit on the number of pages. Plastic page protectors may be used. **No 3-ring binders.**
3. Material must consist of any of the following: newspaper, magazine, newsletter, notices or flyers for one-time event, or any printed publication clippings (e.g. your state or regional official publication, *The National Gardener*, etc.), with the name and date of publication over each article. Clear photocopies are permitted; reduced photocopies of large or lengthy articles are permitted. Downloading of published newspaper articles from the Internet is permitted.
4. No Table of Contents or page numbering necessary. Affix contents in chronological order January 1 through December 31.
5. Clippings evenly cut. No loose clippings permitted.
6. Each published item must contain the name of organization and/or individual/s identified as a member of the organization. Underline first use of name of organization and/or member in each article.
7. Articles should include who, what, when, where etc.; publicity should relate to organization's or individual's projects and/or activities; promotion of NGC objectives and goals.

Scale of Points

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| Presentation: | 15 |
| Meets all requirements, neat. | |
| Quality: | 40 |
| Articles well written; publicity related to projects and/or activities | |
| Quantity: | 25 |
| Articles for each month (take in consideration dark months), use of varied publications and media (newspaper, magazines, newsletters, journals, etc.) | |

Diversity:

TOTAL $\frac{20}{100}$

30. Member Award of Honor

A certificate may be awarded to one member in the region whose efforts during a period of five or more years, has made outstanding contributions to club and community in one or more of the following areas: civic development, horticulture therapy, youth activities, conservation, landscape design, horticulture, floral design, or all-around excellence. Eligibility: any member of a State Garden Club, who has never been a member of NGC Board of Directors, including State Presidents. **A Book of Evidence not to exceed 3 pages is required.** Eligibility and rules are listed on NGC website: "Awards – Member of Honor".

Entries are submitted to State Awards Chairman by **January 1**. (See Award's full details at www.gardenclub.org). State Awards Chairman forwards one entry to DSGC Awards Chairman by **January 25**. DSGC forwards one entry to NGC Member Award of Honor Chairman by **February 20**. The eight Region winners will receive an NGC certificate and be recognized in *The National Gardener*.

31. DSGC Yearbook Award

NOTE: Three-ring binders are accepted. Yearbooks will be recognized at the DSGC Level ONLY. No NGC Certificates will be provided. Club member categories/sizes are listed below.

State winners must be sent to DSGC Yearbook Chairman, Sassy Mauldin, 65 Getwell Rd., Hernando, MS 38632, 662-514-5014, yayamauldin@gmail.com, to arrive no later than January 25.

A. Yearbook (Clubs) NOTE: On the Award Application, the number of members entered will determine the Single Member Garden Club category. Size categories are listed below.

A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for outstanding yearbooks in each of the following categories, determined by number of members, including Life Members, on whom NGC dues are paid. Yearbooks may be accepted for competition on the calendar year or the club year (the same yearbook may be submitted only one time in awards year).

Single member garden club

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Club under 20 members | 2. Club 20-29 |
| 3. Club 30-44 | 4. Club 45-69 |
| 5. Club 70-99 | 6. Club 100-299 |
| 7. Club 300 or more | |

SCALE OF POINTS - A

Format: TOTAL of 100 points

- **Book Structure:** Practical, convenient size for membership, durable, neat. Yearbooks may be stapled, spiral, or 3-ring binders. Material should be well placed with ample margins, and font size suitable for members to read. 2 pts.
- **Cover:** Include name of club, town, state organization, year, and appealing design. If 3-ring binder cover is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information listed above and so note. 2 pts.
- **Title page:** Include name of club, town, state organization, year, number of dues paying members, and affiliated organizations (district, region, NGC, other).
If state and national dues are paid on associate/inactive/honorary members, they are counted in total membership. 2 pts.
- **Table of Contents:** Number the yearbook pages and list topics on Contents Page. 1 pt.
- **Subsequent pages:** In any order most useful to members and best fit for page placement. Information in a club yearbook should be in logical order. National and State information does not have to be in front.
Membership Roster with complete mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses (if applicable). Avoid crowding. Suggestion to save space, "All area codes are ___ and postal zip codes are ___ unless otherwise noted". 2 pts.
List of Club Officers and Committee Chairmen 1 pt.
NGC Information: Name of NGC President with city, state and email address, theme, and projects. List address and phone number of NGC Headquarters in St. Louis. List NGC website address. (Locate above information at www.gardenclub.org) 1 pt.
Other Information: Name, address, phone number, and email of Director, State President, State District Director, Council President (if applicable). List themes for Region Director and State President. List website addresses for state and region. 2 pts.
Calendar of Events: List dates and locations for district/state/region/national meetings and events to encourage members to attend and to eliminate the setting of conflicting dates. 2 pts.
Programs: Topics should cover a variety of NGC goals and objectives such as Birds, Blue Star Memorials, Butterflies, Conservation, Environment, Floral Design, Horticulture, Therapy, Recycling, NGC and State President's

projects, etc. (Indicate if special interest club, e.g. Horticulture only; Design only; Faith based; etc.)

- Meets minimum number of meetings required by state 3 pts.
- List date and time of meeting, location with address 3 pts.
- List name of speaker/s, qualifications (brief), program title 4 pts.
- Variety of program topics (theme not required) 14 pts.
 - Variety of styles of programs (lectures, slides, power point, tours, etc.) 12 pts.
 - Variety of speakers (specialists, members, panel, etc.) 14 pts.

Projects: Projects involve actual membership participation that benefit the community and further NGC Goals and Objectives. Some fund raisers (sale of bulbs, bedding plants, herbs, etc.) may help to beautify the community, as well as produce revenue for clubs. Some fund raisers may help promote NGC Member Services as well as publicize our organization and goals. Certain social activities may lead to membership increase. State such in descriptions.

1. List Continuing and New Projects (a club is not required to have new projects) 15 pts.
2. Give brief word description of projects. Include location, name of chairman, how members participate, list of donations if applicable, in-kind donations if applicable, plans for maintenance if applicable, etc. e.g. Establish a Teaching Garden at Atkins Elementary School, afterschool program with planned curriculum, 4 days a week from 3:30-5:00 p.m., Laurie Benson, Chairman 20 pts.

Options: (no points given) Could fill available space.

Some clubs include bylaws, budget, fund raising, roll call, former club presidents.

Club theme: if theme is used, it should be evident throughout the book.

Themes may be interpreted with monthly program topics and/or titles, graphics, quotes.

Projects do not need to be limited to theme.

NGC Mission Statement, NGC Conservation Pledge, NGC Environmental Mission Statement, NGC Water Conservation Platform, Club Collect List of members who are Life Members in state, region, NGC Awards received previous year

B. Yearbook (Group of Member Clubs, Council, District.)

SCALE OF POINTS – B

FORMAT: TOTAL of 100 points

- **Book Structure:** Practical, convenient size for members, durable, neat. Yearbook may be stapled, spiral, or 3-ring binders. Material should be well placed with ample margins and font size suitable for members to read. 3 pts.
- **Cover:** Include name of organization, state, year, and appealing design. If 3-ring binder cover is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information listed above, and so note. 3 pts.
- **Title Page:** Include name of group, number of clubs involved, affiliations including NGC, region, state, other. Include name of NGC President, Region Director, State President with each affiliation 2 pts.
- **Table of Contents:** Number the yearbook pages and list topics with respective page number. 2 pts.
- **Subsequent Pages:** Order that is pleasing to your organization and best fit for page placement
 - Organizational Information:** List organizational officers and committee chairmen. Include complete mailing addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, and club affiliation for each. List addresses for state garden club website, Region website, and NGC. 10 pts.
 - Calendar of Events:** List meeting dates for your organization, for your state meetings, region, and national meetings, as well as schools, symposiums, and special events. This will eliminate the setting of conflicting dates. 10 pts.
 - Bylaws, policies, and objectives.** 10 pts.
 - Programs:** List meeting topics, include dates, time, and place (give address). Give name of speaker. Indicate if program is a presentation, tour, workshop, sharing activity, etc. 20 pts.
 - Projects:** List projects as continuing or new, including name of chairman, location, and description of project. Indicate if fundraising is a part of the project. (Some fund raisers may help with beautifying the community or education of public, as well as produce revenue for your organization). 20 pts.

Member Club Information: List of member clubs, including club president names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses. Include meeting dates for each club. List total number of dues paying members.

20 pts.

Total 100 pts.

Options: (no points given)

Former presidents, Yearly themes, Collect, Mission Statement

C. Yearbooks for State Garden Club

1. With Advertisements
2. Without Advertisement

SCALE OF POINTS - C

FORMAT: TOTAL of 100 points.

- **Book Structure:** Practical, convenient size for membership, durable, neat. Yearbooks may be stapled, spiral, or 3-ring binders. Materials should be well placed with ample margins and font size suitable for members to read. If 3-ring binder cover is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information listed above, and so note. 2 pts.
- **Cover:** Include name of State Garden Club, year, appealing design. If 3-ring binder cover is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information listed above, and so note. 2 pts.
- **Title Page:** Include name of State Garden Club, year, total membership, number of clubs, affiliation including NGC, region, other. Include name of NGC President, Regional Director, State President with each affiliation. 3 pts.
- **Table of Contents:** Number the yearbook pages and list topics with respective page numbers. 3 pts.
- **Subsequent Pages:** In any order most useful and best fit for page placement.
State Information: List names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of state officers, Committee Chairmen, and District Directors (if applicable). List State President's theme and project/s. List business office address, phone number, and email address, if applicable. List state website address (if applicable). 10 pts.
National and Regional Information: List name, theme, and projects of NGC President. List address, phone number, and email address of NGC Headquarters in St. Louis. List NGC website address: www.gardenclub.org.

and Region website address www.deepsouthgardenclubs.com. List Regional Director's name, address, phone number, email address. Include theme and projects. 10 pts.

Calendar of Events: Include list of state meeting dates, schools, symposia, workshops, and special events. Include national, regional, state and district conventions/board meetings. This will eliminate conflicts in scheduling. 10 pts.

Projects: List projects as continuing or new, including name of chairman, location, and description of project. New projects are not required. 20 pts.

NGC Sponsored Schools: Course information should be listed and explained. 20 pts.

Member Club Information: Roster to include name, address, phone number and email address of each club president (choice of alphabetical, by district, etc.). List Youth Garden Clubs along with a person's name and contact information. List Affiliates and Plant Societies along with a person's name and contact information. 20 pts.

Options: (no points given) **Total 100 pts.**

Budget, Bylaws, Former State Presidents, Duties of Chairmen

List of NGC Consultants and NGC Judges, NGC and Regional Awards

Chairmen with contact information

D. Yearbooks for Clubs/Councils of Judges or Consultants

D. Judges/Consultants Yearbooks

SCALE OF POINTS – D

FORMAT: TOTAL of 100 points

- **Book Structure:** Practical, durable, neat. Yearbooks may be stapled, spiral, or 3-ring binder. Material should be well placed with ample margins and font size suitable for members to read. 2 pts.
- **Cover:** Include name of organization, state, year, and appealing design. If 3-ring binder is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information listed above, and so note. 2 pts.
- **Title Page:** Include name of organization, number of members, affiliation including NGC, region, state, other. 3 pts.
- **Table of Contents:** Number the yearbook pages and list topics with respective page numbers. 3 pts.

- **Subsequent Pages:** In any order most useful and best fit for page placement.

Organizational Information: List Officers and Committee Chairmen (club affiliations optional). 10 pts.

National and Regional Information: List name, address, and email address of NGC President, Regional Director, and State President. List website of NGC, Region and State. 10 pts.

Calendar of Events: Include list of national, regional, and state conventions, schools, and special events. 10 pts.

Policies and Objectives: Include policies and objectives of organization. (Bylaws, history are optional). 10 pts.

Member Information: Include membership roster with complete addresses, email, telephone numbers. (Status, refresher dates, club affiliations optional). 10 pts.

Projects: List projects as continuing or new, including name of chairman. State location and description of project, sponsored courses, donations. 20 pts.

Meetings/Programs: List meetings, include date, time, and place of meeting. Give title of program, speaker with brief qualifications. Describe program as workshop, tour, panel, etc. 20 pts.

Options: (no points given)

Collect, Mission Statement, Former Presidents

NGC POETRY CONTEST

Jean O'Shields DSGC Junior Gardeners Chairman, 400 Valley View, Fort Valley, GA 31030 jeanshields7@gmail.com 478-397-7660

2023-2025 Theme – "I Spy with My Little Eye, Something Green Outside Celebrating our Green World"

Excite and encourage our Youth to express and explore their creative thoughts through different types of poetry. NGC's Poetry Contest enables our Youth to embrace their creativity through the art of writing. Be imaginative and join the winners to see your poetry in a booklet.

Only region winners are considered in the judging for national winners. Contest winners will not be allowed to win two consecutive years. All of the winning entries will be compiled into a booklet, which will be made available to the winners.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Special Education: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade
- English as a Second Language: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.
- General Education: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

DEADLINES:

- Club entries must be sent to YOUR State Youth Chairman; observe your State Deadline.
- State Winners must be sent to Region Chairman by **February 1, 2024**
- Region Winners must be sent to the National Chairman by **March 1, 2024**

GUIDELINES:

- Poems should be no more than 24 lines (including title) with a max of 42 letters/spaces per line in order to fit on a single page of booklet
- Include name, address, age, school, and grade of participant on the **back** of entry.
- Sponsoring garden club **and** state federation/club name must also be identified.
- Garden Club contact person is the mailing address for any winning entries.
- Sponsoring garden club **may** be that of a **Grandparent**.
- All entries become the property of NGC, Inc.
- Poems do not have to rhyme. They may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquain, diamond poems, limerick, or Haiku.
- The theme **SHOULD NOT** be used as the title of any poetry. When judging, the title is worth 10 points.
- When choosing poem title, please be creative and incorporate the theme: "I Spy with My Little Eye, Something Green Outside".
- All Region winning entries must be typed, titled, and sent to the National Chairperson in Word format via email, and the original hard copy mailed for judging.

SCALE OF POINTS

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| Title: | 10 points |
| Content: | 40 points |
| Creativity: | 30 points |
| Style: | <u>20 points</u> |
| Total | 100 points |

TIPS:

1. Often the club and the child's school are in different towns. It is important to know the exact addresses of both, so that notification to the clubs of the winners can be completed.
2. Start early on this contest. Poetry must be judged at the state level first, then region, then national.
3. The information on the back of each entry is very important. The requirements for the back of the page are listed in the rules above. If a question arises, a method of contact for each entry is needed.
4. Make copies of all poems for each student to keep. The poems sent for judging will not be returned.

Note: Only DSGC winners are considered in the judging for National winners. All of the winning entries will be compiled into a booklet, which will be made available to the winners.

DSGC - NGC YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST

Rosemary Maulden, DSGC Youth Sculpture Contest Chairman, 302 Bushoan Road, Brunswick, GA 31525-9447 rosemarymaulden@bellsouth.net 912-267-9623

PURPOSE: This contest encourages students to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving the environment. Students in grades 4 through 8 are eligible to create a sculpture of recyclable, reused, and reduced materials. The sculpture is limited in width to 8 ½" by 11".

CONTEST RULES:

- Children in 4th through 8th grade are eligible to enter the contest.
- Sculptures must consist of recyclable, reused, and reduced materials.
- Width of the sculpture can be no more than 8 ½ X 11" in size.
- Height should be in proportion to width.
- Entries should include as many photographs as can be printed on the back of the entry form, but two - 4x6 photographs are recommended.
- Club entries must be sent to the State Chairman. Observe State Deadlines.
- First place entries must be sent to Youth Sculpture Contest Chairman Rosemary Maulden by February 2, 2024, and Region first place winners must be sent to National Chairman by March 1, 2024.
- Click on the link to download the Entry Form:
<https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2023-25/ngc-youth-sculpture-contest-entry-form-2023.pdf>

SCALE OF POINTS

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| Creative use of materials and self-expression | 60 pts |
| Description of sculpture and materials used | 30 pts |
| Craftsmanship and technique | <u>10 pts</u> |
| Total | 100 pts |

2024 SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

The 2024 Smokey Bear and Woodsey Owl poster contest is dedicated to Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday.

Mary Ogden, DSGC Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chairman, 51 Horton Road, Odum, GA 31555, jogden@hotmail.com Home: 912-586-6125 Cell: 912-294-4144

CONTECT RULES:

- Competition may include students from first to fifth grade.
- Posters are to be completed by individual student artists.
- Poster must have correct spelling (posters with spelling errors will be disqualified).
- **ALL POSTERS MUST FEATURE SMPKEY BEAR.**
- Smokey Bear posters must include Smokey's wildfire prevention message: ***Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!***
- All posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires or conserving natural resources.
- Smokey Bear must be presented in his correct colors (he is an official icon protected by law); check the colors on the website www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids or www.symbols.gov
- Each poster entry should be **11 x 17 inches** in size.
- Materials that can be used include crayons, markers, poster paints, watercolors, and the like.
- The choice of paper color and texture is up to the child.
- No three-dimensional posters, computer-scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted!
- All poster entrees must be sponsored by a recognized local Garden Club.
- The following information should be written on the back of the poster in the lower right corner (do not use a dark marker for this information as it may show through):
 1. The name, address, phone number, and email address of the sponsoring local garden club.

2. The artist's name, address, contact phone number, grade level, school, teacher's name, city, and State. (Should school policy preclude giving students' name, address and/or phone number, please include the school address and phone number).

POSTER TIPS:

- A good poster has a bold and simple design.
- The poster's message should be easily understood and delivered both in picture and in text.
- An educator, parent, guardian, or other adult should provide 11"x17" paper for a child to create their poster.
- Find inspiration for your poster with promotional and educational products from the National Symbols Cache, www.symbols.gov.
- Posters will be judged for originality, design slogan, artwork, and overall effectiveness of the message.
- **Copy your winning poster as they are not returned.**





DEEP SOUTH UNIFIED PROJECT AWARD RULES 2023-2025

**“Decorate the Deep South, with a
Focus on Flower Shows, Floral Design, and
Colorful Public Plantings”**

**Amye Kelly, Co-Chairman, 2043 Bright Rd., Hernando, MS 38632
901-485-3806 awkelly@att.net**

**Jane Borgognoni, Co-Chairman, 1696 Hillshire East, Hernando, MS 38632
901-212-6487 jborgognoni@yahoo.com**

The Deep South Unified Project is designed to coordinate efforts of our six states during an administration. This administration's theme "Decorate the Deep South" focuses on Flower Shows, Event Decorating and Colorful Plantings. One suggestion for state participation is to host a State Flower Show. This involves the entire state membership as well as educating and entertaining the public. Individual clubs are encouraged to host flower shows as well. An educational event open to the public with clubs providing table decorations might be another option. And who doesn't love colorful plantings. Add splashes of color to existing plantings or create new ones. Colorful flowers make everyone happy. Please check out the awards offered and plan to participate in whatever category fits your group.

CLASS I: CLUB COMPETITION

(States are allowed only one entry in each sub class per Category)

Category A. Club Competition - NGC Flower Shows

(Flower Show Book of Evidence Required)

A certificate and cash award will be offered for the most comprehensive entry in each of the following sub classes:

Class 1. Individual Club

1st Place - \$200.00

2nd Place - \$100.00

Class 2. Group of Clubs, Councils or Districts

1st Place - \$200.00

2nd Place - \$100.00

Category B. Club Competition - Floral Decoration for Public Event or Space

A certificate and cash award will be offered for the most comprehensive entry in each of the following sub classes:

Class 1. Individual Club

1st Place - \$200.00

2nd Place - \$100.00

Class 2. Group of Clubs, Councils or Districts

1st Place - \$200.00

2nd Place - \$100.00

Category C. Club Competition – Colorful Plantings

A certificate and cash award will be offered for the most comprehensive entry in each of the following sub classes:

Class 1. Individual Club

1st Place - \$200.00

2nd Place - \$100.00

Class 2. Group of Clubs, Councils or Districts

1st Place - \$200.00

2nd Place - \$100.00

OVERALL AWARD: A certificate and a cash award of \$250.00 will be offered for the most comprehensive entry from all categories in **Class I: Club Competition.**

CLASS II: STATE COMPETITION

A certificate and a \$200.00 cash award will be offered to the State Garden Club Organization in Deep South Garden Clubs for the most comprehensive entry in any or all of the previously mentioned Categories (A, B or C).

Submit Books of Evidence (compiled according to Deep South Garden Clubs Award Rules; (maximum of 3 pages front and back for a total of 6 pages). **EXCEPTION:** Flower Show Books of Evidence to be judged to NGC Scale of Points

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO DSGC DEEP SOUTH UNIFIED PROJECT CO-CHAIRMAN AMYE KELLY BY JANUARY 31, 2025

SCALE OF POINTS

Participation:.....20

Club: size of club; percentage and involvement of members, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, residents in facilities, and others. Not all of these need be involved.

State: percentage and involvement of state membership; involvement of other agencies

Achievement:.....65

Scope of project; need and fulfillment; benefit to community; accomplishment; comprehensiveness of work; activities to attain goals; evaluation of goals reached; prior planning.

Presentation of Book of Evidence:.....15

Neat, concise, includes all required information for a Book of Evidence; supporting data, such as clear, well-labeled and neatly attached before and after photographs; landscape plan if applicable {does not have to be professionally draw}; financial report; letters of appreciation; community awards; newspaper/magazine articles; handouts/publications available at event, etc.; photocopies permitted) Not all of these are required if unavailable.

Total Points:.....100



DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Bonnie Borne Stockel, DSGC Scholarship Chairman
1429 Wolf Bend, Germantown, TN 38138
dsgcscholarships@gmail.com 901-826-3503

All scholarships offered by Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. (DSGC), are advanced one-year grants, which are available to Junior, Senior, Graduate, Fifth-Yr. Landscape Architecture, and Doctorial Students. Applications may be made by sophomores for grants to be awarded for the junior year. Two (2) advanced annual scholarships will be available in each academic year in the amount of \$3,500.00.

DSGC is proud of its scholarship program, which offers financial aid to students planning a career related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design, or horticulture. For other suggested studies and other information, refer to: www.deepsouthgardenclubs.com/scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TERMS

- Applications must be submitted on the required application form with all required additional information attached.
- Applications must be mailed to the State Garden Club Scholarship Chairman for the state in which the applicant is a legal resident Applications but be received no later than February 1st of each year.
- All applications received by a State Chairman will be judged by the Chairman/Committee in order to choose One (1) winning application. The DSGC Committee will consider ONLY ONE application from each State.
- Applicants must have at least a 3.25 (on a 4.0-point scale) in order to apply. A complete official academic transcript, that includes the latest grading period, must be included. The applicant must be a full-time student as defined by DSGC. Twelve (12) graded hours of classes for undergraduate; Six (6) graded hours for post-graduate students. Graduate students must also submit complete transcripts for undergraduate courses.
- **Important:** State Scholarship Chairmen – Please notify DSGC Chairman before the deadline if no application from your state.
- **Scale of Points** – Academic Record-40%, Applicant's Letter-30%, Honors/Activities-10%, Financial Need-15%, Recommendations-5%

For any additional information, please contact the DSGC Scholarship Chairmen:

Chairman: Bonnie Borne Stockel – 901-826-3503 dsgcscholarships@gmail.com

Vice-Chairman: Valerie Tipps – 423-605-2616 tippstfgc@gmail.com

**BYLAWS
Of
DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INCORPORATED**

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the Corporation is **DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INCORPORATED**; hereinafter referred to as DSGC.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

The object for which the Corporation is organized is to advance the purposes of the DSGC and to coordinate the interests of the six State Garden Clubs in the Corporation, i.e. the Statewide Garden Clubs Non-Profit Corporations, The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc., The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. and Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

The objectives and purposes of this corporation are:

- 1: The organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(C)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 2: To aid in the protection and conservation of natural resources, to promote civic beauty and encourage the improvements of roadsides and parks.
- 3: To further horticultural education, conservation, and scholarship funds to State Universities.
- 4: To study in all of its aspects, the fine art of gardening.
- 5: To restrict the activities of the Corporation so that no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefits of, or be distributable to, its members, officers, or other private persons.
- 6: No part of the activities of the Corporation shall be to carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Corporation shall not participate in, or campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of the articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a Corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under

Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS, ELIGIBILITY, NOMINATION, ELECTION

Section 1. Officers.

- A. Elected Officers of the DSGC shall be: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of Finance. Appointed Officers shall be: Corresponding Secretary, Parliamentarian and Historian.

In these Bylaws, the President and Vice President of the Corporation shall hereinafter be known and referred to as the Region Director and the Alternate Director respectively.

- B. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Director, the Alternate Director shall move up and assume the duties and responsibilities of the Director. Other vacancies, in office, shall be filled by the Director, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Eligibility.

- A. The offices of Director and Alternate Director shall be permanently rotated among the DSGC states as follows: Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama.
- B. Each State Garden Club shall endeavor to comply with the permanent rotation. Should a State Garden Club fail to submit candidates for the offices of Director and Alternate Director, it shall not be entitled to the offices again until its next turn in the order of rotation.

To be eligible for the office of Director and for the office of Alternate Director, one must:

- (1) Have served as President of a State Garden Club for a minimum of two (2) years. In the event the State Garden Club does not have a nominee who has served a minimum of two (2) years as a State Garden Club President and is willing to serve, the current President becomes eligible for the nomination.
- (2) Attended two (2) of three (3) previous DSGC Conventions at the time of election.

- (3) Have the endorsement of the Governing Board of their State Garden Club, signed by the State Garden Club President.
- (4) The Director and Alternate Director shall assume their duties of office for a two-year term at the close of the DSGC Convention in the odd-numbered year. Neither shall serve more than one term in the same office.
- (5) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Director, Alternate Director shall become Director.

To be eligible for the office of Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Historian and Chairman of Finance, a member must:

- (1) Have served on the Board of Directors and attended two out of the last three Annual Conventions of the DSGC.
- (2) No member shall be eligible to hold more than one office or serve in the same office for more than one consecutive term except the Treasurer and the Parliamentarian.

Section 3. Nomination.

- A. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the DSGC Director and announced at the Post Convention Meeting of the Incoming DSGC Board of Directors. To be eligible to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, a member must have served a minimum of two years as an elected officer of the DSGC, a minimum of four years on the DSGC Board of Directors and attended two out of the last three DSGC Conventions. No member shall serve as Chairman for two consecutive terms.
- B. The Nominating Committee consisting of one member and one alternate from each state shall be elected at the Annual State Convention in the odd-year preceding the election-year convention. To be eligible to serve on this committee a member must have served on the DSGC Board of Directors within the last four years and attended two out of the last five DSGC Conventions. The alternate attends only when the elected member resigns. No member shall serve on the Nominating Committee for two consecutive terms.
- C. The Nominating Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman.
- D. The report of the Nominating Committee shall appear in the DSGC Publication, *Deep South Matters* and on the DSGC website immediately preceding the election-year convention.

Section 4. Election.

- A. Nominations for the offices of Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of Finance, may be made from the floor.
- B. These officers shall be elected by ballot and a majority vote shall constitute the election. In the event there is only one candidate for each office, the vote may be by voice.
- C. The election of officers shall be held every two years at the Annual Convention Meeting in the odd numbered calendar years. Officers shall assume the office at the close of the Annual Convention, except the Treasurer, who shall assume office at the end of the fiscal year.
- D. No member shall be eligible to hold more than one office.
- E. No member shall serve in the same office for more than one two-year consecutive term: except the Treasurer and the Parliamentarian.

ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Director

- A. Direct the activities of the DSGC.
- B. Appoint the Corresponding Secretary, Parliamentarian and Historian.
- C. Appoint the Chairmen of the DSGC Committees
- D. Appoint Chairman of the Nominating Committee.
- E. Coordinate the interests of the State Garden Clubs in the DSGC.
- F. Promote the activities of the DSGC.
- G. Serve as a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.
- H. Sign contracts for DSGC Meetings.
- I. Hold an Annual DSGC Convention, in designated rotation, in one of the six states of the DSGC. As incoming Director, begin planning the Convention along with the host committee.
- J. Select a project.
- K. Prepare the CALL to all DSGC Board of Director's Meetings and Annual Conventions, which shall be sent to the Board Members.
- L. Appoint two Board Members who, along with the Director, will serve with the Chairman of Finance as the Audit Committee for the final report of the DSGC Treasurer.
- M. Appoint the Budget Committee which will prepare a biennial budget for adoption at the DSGC Convention in the odd-numbered year. The Committee shall consist of the Chairman of Finance, Treasurer, Director, Alternate Director and Immediate Past Director.
- N. Sign bank signature cards with the DSGC Treasurer.

- O. As outgoing Director, report to the DSGC Convention and after reporting, introduce the incoming DSGC Director.

Section 2. Alternate Director

- A. Perform the duties of the Director in the absence or disability of the DSGC Director.
- B. Complete the term as Director in the event the DSGC Director is unable to serve.
- C. Sign bank signature cards with the DSGC Director and the DSGC Treasurer.
- D. Serve on the Budget Committee.

Section 3. Recording Secretary

- A. Record the proceedings of all meetings of the DSGC Executive Committee, the DSGC Board of Directors and the DSGC Annual Convention.
- B. Send a copy of all approved minutes to the DSGC Director no later than thirty (30) days after the close of the DSGC Convention and/or meetings of the Board of Directors.
- C. Send a copy, by E-mail or USPS, of the approved Minutes of the DSGC Board of Directors to members of the Executive Committee no later than thirty (30) days after the close of the DSGC Convention.

Section 4. Corresponding Secretary

- A. Mail the CALL to the DSGC Convention to the DSGC Officers and members of the Board of Directors.
- B. Conduct all correspondence as assigned by the DSGC Director and/or by the DSGC Board of Directors.

Section 5. Treasurer

- A. Pay all expenses authorized by the DSGC Budget and/or by the DSGHC Director.
- B. Present the final DSGC financial report along with all substantiating records, to the DSGC Director for use by the Audit Committee, as soon as possible after the DSGC Convention in the odd-numbered years.
- C. Transfer the funds, as per "Policies of the Deep South Garden Clubs," to the DSGC administration.
- D. Serve on the Budget Committee along with the Chairman of Finance, DSGC Director and Alternate Director, Immediate Past Treasurer and Immediate Past DSGC Director.
- E. Sign bank signature cards with the DSGC Director and Alternate Director.

Section 6. Chairman of Finance

- A. Serve as Chairman of the Audit Committee. The committee shall consist of the Chairman and two DSGC members appointed by the Director. The final report shall be kept in the Treasurer's file.
- B. The Chairman of Finance shall serve as Chairman of the Budget Committee which will prepare the Biennial Budget and present to the Board of Directors. The Budget Committee shall consist of the Chairman of Finance, DSGC Director and Alternate Director, Immediate Past Treasurer and Immediate Past DSGC Director.
- C. Financial Statements shall be distributed at the Annual Convention Meeting. Statements can also be obtained by Members and the General Public by contacting the DSGC Office. These Financial Statements shall be furnished free of charge.

Section 7. Parliamentarian

- A. Assist the officers and members in interpreting the Bylaws and in proper parliamentary procedures.
- B. Attend the DSGC Conventions and the DSGC Board of Directors Meeting and attend the meetings of the DSGC Executive Committee Meetings without vote.

Section 8. Historian

- A. Prepare a history of the current two-year administration.
- B. Submit the DSGC History of the two-year administration to the DSGC Convention in the odd-numbered year.

ARTICLE V - FINANCES

Section 1. A biennial budget, prepared by the Chairman of Finance, Treasurer, Immediate Past Treasurer, DSGC Director and Alternate Director and the Immediate Past Director, shall be presented for adoption at the DSGC Convention in the odd-numbered years. Funding will be derived from public donations, grants and organized fundraisers.

Section 2. The fiscal year of the DSGC, for auditing purposes, shall be June 1 to May 31.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Membership

The membership of the DSGC Board of Directors shall consist of the following members:

- A: DSGC Officers
- B: DSGC Chairmen
- C: Presidents of the member State Garden Clubs in the DSGC
- D: Advisory Committee composed of former DSGC Directors

Section 2. Meetings

- A: The DSGC Board of Directors shall meet annually prior to the DSGC Convention.
- B: The quorum for meetings shall be ten (10) members.
- C: The DSGC Director may call special meetings, giving thirty (30) days notice and stating the purpose.
- D: As a courtesy, motions and/or resolutions, to be considered at the DSGC Board Meetings, should be sent in quadruple to the DSGC Director fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of the DSGC and the Presidents of the member State Garden Clubs.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall approve appointments to fill vacancies occurring in office.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to act for the DSGC in an emergency.

Section 4. The Executive Committee may transact business of an urgent nature by electronic device or Postal Mail with the prior approval of the Director.

ARTICLE VIII – ADVISORY COUNCIL

Section 1. The Advisory Council shall consist of the former Directors of the DSGC.

Section 2. The Council shall consider questions affecting DSGC and make recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Immediate Past Director shall serve as Chairman of the Council if

the Chairman is absent, a Chairman *pro-tem* shall be elected from those present at the meeting.

Section 4. Three members shall constitute a quorum for Council meetings.

ARTICLE IX – CONVENTIONS

Section 1. Time and Place

- A: Conventions shall be held annually, preferably, in the month of March.
- B: Held in order of rotation as follows: Louisiana, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi.
- C: Confirmed by invitation of the State Garden Club President of the Host State two (2) years in advance giving the city and date (if possible).

Section 2. Finances

- A: The DSGC Director will sign the Convention Hotel Contract.
- B: The Convention Chairman will submit a Proposed budget to the DSGC Finance Committee six (6) months or more before the convention.
- C: The Local DSGC Convention Treasurer shall send the DSGC Treasurer an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements, along with substantiating vouchers for audit no later than sixty (60) days after the close of the convention. A check, payable to the DSGC for all surplus funds shall be included in the report.
- D: The DSGC Treasurer will send the Final Financial Report to the DSGC Finance Committee by either U.S. Postal Service or electronic scan. The report will include supporting bank statements, bills/invoices, and receipts for all checks. After receipts, review and acceptance of the Final Report, the DSGC Finance Committee will notify the DSGC Treasurer that the excess funds can be distributed, they will be distributed as follows: 50% to the Host State Garden Club; 50% to the DSGC.
- F: In the event of a deficit after a DSGC Convention, the Host State Garden Club will be responsible for the first 50% of the deficit. The balance of the deficit shall be paid from the DSGC Treasury.

Section 3. Registration and Hospitality

- A: Contingent upon prevailing circumstances, the Registration Fee shall be set by the DSGC Director and the DSGC Convention Committee. Partial Registration shall be considered one-half the Full Registration Fee.
- B: Hospitality shall be defined as convention meals, room, and convention tours.
 - 1: Any invited program speaker or program participant from outside of DSGC,

- shall receive all Hospitality and Registration Fees.
- 2: The DSGC Director shall receive all Hospitality, Registration, and Transportation expenses to DSGC Conventions.

Section 4. Representation and Quorum

- A: Those eligible to vote shall be members of the DSGC Board and ten (10) delegates per member State Garden Clubs. Each State Garden Club shall designate their delegates according to regular procedure.
- B: The quorum shall be twenty-five (25).

ARTICLE X – STATE GARDEN CLUB PRESIDENTS

Each President of a State Garden Club shall:

- A: Attend all DSGC Executive Committee Meetings, DSGC Board of Directors Meetings and DSGC Conventions.
- B: Select a roster of their State Garden Club Board of Directors and mail a copy, typed in the designated format to the DSGC Director.
- C: Have supervision over their State Garden Club.
- D: Advance the purposes of the DSGC.
- E: Extend to the DSGC Director and the NGC President the courtesy of an invitation to attend their State Garden Club Convention or another of its statewide State Garden Club Functions.
- F: Send their State Garden Club publication to the DSGC Director, each DSGC State Garden Club President and to each State Garden Club publication Editor.
- G: Give an oral report at the DSGC and NGC Conventions. Four copies of the report are to be given to the Recording Secretary of the meeting. Reports are to be typewritten, dated and signed.
- H: Assist the DSGC Director and the DSGC Convention Chairman when the DSGC Convention occurs in their state.
- I: Send a list of the delegates and alternates from their state to the DSGC Convention Registration Chairman and the DSGC Credentials Chairman three (3) weeks prior to the Annual DSGC Convention or by the given deadline.
- J: As the outgoing State President, accept awards at the NGC Convention and report at the NGC Convention. Following the report, introduce their incoming State Garden Club President.
- K: Transfer a complete file to their incoming State Garden Club President.

ARTICLE XI – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the proceedings of the DSGC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any Policies and/or Standing Rules the organization may adopt.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The Bylaws may be amended at the DSGC Convention by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been attached to the CALL to the DSGC Convention or submitted at least fifteen (15) days prior to the DSGC Convention. With a unanimous vote, these Bylaws may be amended at the DSGC Convention without previous notice.

ARTICLE XIII – DISSOLUTION

Should the DSGC dissolve and by due process of law shall dissolve, all assets of whatever nature which remain after just debts and liabilities have been satisfied, shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code or used for such educational or purposes as will complete or continue undertakings for the public benefit which have already begun by the DSGC, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state government, for public purpose. No part of the net income shall inure to the benefit of any member or be distributable to its members or officers.

Adopted: MARCH 20, 2018

Amended: April 28, 2021

Deep South Life Membership Application

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Is this a gift? _____ Yes _____ No
Date the gift card is to be presented to recipient: _____

Honored by: _____

If gift, address to send Membership card:
Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

___ Deep South Life Membership- \$50.00 ___ Deep South Life Patron-\$100.00

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