

The National Garden Clubs Awards Committee is pleased to present National Garden Clubs Awards 2023, recognizing the accomplishments of our clubs during 2022. The winners are receiving the Certificate of Merit for the award indicated and, in most cases, \$100 to recognize their efforts. Exceptions will be noted throughout the program.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS

CE1, Community Gardens, is given for a garden project in a community or on religious grounds providing greenspace that gives opportunities for various types of outdoor activities.

The winner is

El Dedon Verde Garden Club of El Paso, Texas

CE 2, Permanent Community Improvements, is awarded for the most distinguished civic or conservation work furthering NGC objectives and providing a permanent improvement for public benefit in the community.

The winner is

De Quoin Garden Club of De Quoin, Illinois

CE 3, Food Bank Donations is awarded for the largest donation of freshly grown food to a food bank, pantry, or other organization providing food to those in need in a community.

The winner is

O'Fallon Garden Club of Illinois

The Roadside Plantings Award, CE 4, is presented for outstanding, permanent roadside beautification.

The winner is

Garden Club of Rogers in Arkansas

The Beautification Project Award , CE5, is 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.

This winner is

Garden Club of Rogers from Arkansas

The Community Project with Native Plants or Wildflowers, CE 6, is given for establishing wildflower gardens, memorial gardens, or the restoration of historic gardens with emphasis on plant material native to the region.

The winner, receiving the Certificate of Merit along with **\$1000** is

Howard County Garden Club from Marriotsville, Maryland

Our International Affiliates also present awards for outstanding projects within their communities. These projects may involve community plantings, public gardening areas, cultivation projects, or horticulture workshops.

Gold Certificates are awarded to these clubs

The International Affiliate Winners for Civic Achievement are all from Peru. They are:

- **Cosmos Club de Jardines**
- **Flor Perú Federación de Clubes de Jardines**
- **Club de Jardines Los Jazmines**
- **Floralies Chimbote Club de Jardines**
- **Consejo Peruano de Consultoras de Horticultura Avanzada, Paisajismo y Medio Ambiente**

Award CE 7 is given for the best landscaping project for a Blue Star and/or Gold Star Marker.

The winner is

Bath Garden Club in Maine

The Award for Landscaping of Public or Religious Grounds, CE 8, involves design, planning, and carrying out a significant project.

The winner is

Laurel Oak Garden Club of Mayfield, Kentucky

Award CE 9 is awarded for the most outstanding historic preservation project.

The winner is

Arbutus Garden Club of Fishers, Indiana

ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

EC 1 honors overall excellent and well-balanced conservation activities.

This winner is

Country Homes Garden Club of Joelton, Tennessee

The EC 2 Conservation Education award is given for the most comprehensive work and/or study in conservation education.

Our winner is

The Milton Garden Club of Florida

EC 3 Wildlife Survival is given for the most comprehensive and effective project for pollinator, bird, or wildlife protection and welfare.

This top award goes to

Garden Club of Madison from Connecticut

EC 4 is the award given for water conservation or clean-up activities. The Overall winner in this group, is

Seasons IV Garden Club from Tazewell, Virginia

Creating the best establishment of a venue which emphasizes native plants and wildflowers and which is designed to expose and educate the public as to the importance of these plants to conservation and the environment is the focus for EC 5, the Native Plants and Wildflower Venue award.

The winner and recipient of the **\$800.00** prize money is

Lake Wissota Garden Club of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

The EC 6 Award for Organic Practices is given for the most outstanding project or educational activity emphasizing and employing the use of organic materials and methods in gardening.

The winner is

Mesquite Garden Club from Mesquite, Texas

FLORAL DESIGN

The Calendar Arranger of the Year and winner of \$100 is

Hettie Shurleff from Santa Barbara, California

This year's International Designer of the Year, also receiving a Certificate of Merit and winning \$100, is

Maria Guadalupe Martinez de Marino, hailing from San Pedro Garza Garcia, Mexico

The award for Floral Design Program is given for the most outstanding program or workshop teaching floral design.

The award goes to

Wayne Woods Garden Club of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Club Standard Flower Show Award has been earned by

- **Floral Designers of Wisconsin Garden club for “No Puns Intended”**
- **The Seedling Garden Club in Georgia for “We’re Back to a Wonderful World”**
- **Columbia (Missouri) Garden Club for “Nature’s Splendor”**
- **Thumb-R-Green Garden Club in Montana for “Hats Off to Our Heroes”**
- **Holland (New York) Garden Club hosting “Songs of the 60’s”**
- **Germantown (New York) Garden Club showing “Nature’s Best”**
- **Schuylerville Garden Club, also from New York with “Flowers Take Flight”**
- **Chippewa Garden Club in Ohio hosting “A Little Thyme for Tea”**
- **Pennsylvania’s Hazelton Area Garden Club planned “Put a Spring in Your Step”**
- **Valley Garden Club, also from Pennsylvania enjoyed “The Roaring 20’s”**
- **Richmond (Virginia) Designer’s Guild for “It’s Summertime & the Living is Easy”**
- **Illahee Garden Club from Washington cuddled up with “Sweater Weather”**
- **From Louisiana, the Covington Garden Club celebrated “A Night at the Oscars”**
- **Michigan’s Tri-Cities Garden Club hosted “Nature’s Creative Edge”**
- **Portage Lake Garden Club, also in Michigan, buzzed around with “Give Bees a Chance”**
- **Jardin du Lac Garden Club in Missouri who appreciated “Beauty at the Lake”**
- **Tennessee’s Town & Country Garden Club enjoyed “Appalachian Spring”**
- **In Florida, Naples Garden Club saw “Visions: Past, Present, Future”**

- The Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles was active with “This Sporting Life”
- The Garden Club of Indian River County took “A Glimpse Back in Time”
- The Garden Club of St. Petersburg who got moving with “Let’s Go!”
- The Garden Club of Long Beach Island New Jersey enjoyed “It’s a Musical World”
- Tulsa (Oklahoma) Garden Club celebrated “Friends from Sea to Sea”
- Suburban Garden Club of Germantown, Tennessee hosted “Alice in Wonderland-Through the Looking Glass”

The four clubs receiving the Patriotic Standard Flower Show Awards are

- Naval Academy Garden Club in Maryland for “Patriotic Music in Harmony with Nature’s Bounty”
- Charleston (Mississippi) Magnolia Garden Club showing “Proud to Be American”
- The Garden Club of Johnstown, Pennsylvania celebrated “A Patriotic Summer”
- Kentucky’s Cardinal Council of Garden Clubs for “You’re a Grand Old Flag!”

Receiving the ribbon for Petite Standard Flower Show are

- Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club from Ohio for “A Magical Miniature Tour”
- District 1, Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs for “A Kaleidoscope of Colorful Cliches”

Putting on a Club Small Standard Show and receiving a ribbon for their achievement are

- Yapon Garden Club of Alabama for “Space—the Final Frontier”
- Boone County Garden Club in Missouri presented “Dream Vacation”
- Lake Shore Garden Club in Ohio noted “It Was a Very Good Year – 1932”
- River Road Garden Club from Virginia for “Mother Earth Awakening”
- Lutherville (Maryland) Garden Club gave an “Ode to Autumn”
- The Garden Club of Signal Mountain, Tennessee, found “America’s Treasures”

A ribbon for a Holiday Small Standard Flower Show is awarded to

- **Martha Washington Garden Club (Pennsylvania) for “Tinsel & Tidings”**

The Patriotic Small Standard Flower Show ribbon goes to

- **Hiawassee Garden Club in Georgia for “Plant America the Beautiful”**

The Petite Small Standard Flower Show ribbon goes to

- **Pound Ridge Garden Club in New York for “Sonnets for the Cradle”**

Club groups hosting Near Club Standard Flower Shows and receiving ribbons are

- **Creative Study Club, Chattooga Garden Club, Rainsville Garden Club, and Rhododendron Garden Club from Georgia and Alabama who enjoyed “A Day in Paradise”**
- **Garden Club of Ohio Clubs of the Federated Garden Clubs of Cincinnati & Vicinity who hosted “Centennial Celebration”**
- **Town & Country Garden Club and Western Acres Garden Club in Wisconsin who were able to “Celebrate Yesterday & Tomorrow”**

Council Standard Flower Show achievement award ribbons are received by

- **Alabama’s North End Council of Garden Clubs for “A Garden is a Work of Heart”**
- **Georgia’s Bulloch Council of Garden Clubs for “Blooming in the Boro”**
- **Greenville, South Carolina’s Council of Garden Clubs presenting “There’s Magic in the Air”**
- **South Carolina’s Council of Garden Clubs of Greater Charleston with “How Does Your Garden Grow”**

The Judges’ Council Standard Flower Show ribbon is awarded to

- **Ohio Judges’ Council who challenged the “Wild Things”**
- **Florida’s District Ten Flower Show Judges’ Council recognizing that “The Ocean is Our Garden”**

District Standard Flower Shows Achieving Excellence are

- Alabama’s Federated Garden Clubs of District Three, “The Great Escape”
- Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and Florida Flower Show Judges District Seven celebrating “Masks Up”
- Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland District 1, “Harvest Highlights”
- The Tidewater District in Virginia found “Goblins in the Garden”

- Madison District Garden Clubs in Wisconsin for “Gardening Through the Years”
- Florida District One and District One Judges’ Council put on their “Southern Charm”
- From Georgia, Magnolia District, Camellia District, & Georgia National Fair for “Let’s Celebrate”
- Redbud District, also in Georgia, enjoyed “What’s Cooking Daisy?”

- Second District of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State for “Natural Elegance”
- Ninth District of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State for “Falling for Autumn”
- Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs’ District Four with “We the People—Who Shape America”

States winning ribbons for their State Flower Shows are

- National Capital Area for “Nurturing Earth”
- Florida Federation of Garden Clubs for “Sounds of Music”

Horticulture Specialty Shows winning top ribbons are

- Garden Bloomers of Rosemark in Tennessee who declared that “Farmers and Cowboys Can Be Friends”
- Lake Bloomers Garden Club & Eldon Garden Club in Missouri who enjoyed “Goin’ to the Fair”
- Rhode Island Judges’ Council who took “A Walk Through the Hundred Acre Wood”

The Design Specialty Shows receiving top awards are

- **Mississippi's Greenwood Garden Club who celebrated "Christmas in the Delta"**
- **Mississippi's McComb Garden Club who had fun "Playing at the Palace"**
- **Montclair Garden Club in New Jersey with "Arts and Flowers"**
- **The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. finding their "Girl Power"**
- **The Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. who explored "Our World"**

The Sunburst Rosette is given for an International Affiliates **Standard Flower Show**. For 2022 this ribbon is awarded to:

Flor Perú Federación de Clubes de Jardinería (Peru)
Exposición Especializada de Diseño
"San Isidro, Festival de la Primavera"
Floralies Asociacion Peruana de Clubes De Jardines (Peru)
"Recuerdos y Algo Mas"

The top winner for an IAFS-2 **Standard Flower Show Promoting NGC Objectives**, receiving a Certificate of Merit and \$100 is

Flor Perú Federación de Clubes de Jardinería (Peru)
Exposición Especializada de Diseño
"San Isidro, Festival de la Primavera"

The IAFS-3 **Flower Show Schedule Award**, with a Certificate of Merit and \$100 is awarded to

Flor Perú Federación de Clubes de Jardinería (Peru)
Exposición Especializada de Diseño
"San Isidro, Festival de la Primavera"

IAFS-5 is the **International Floral Show Award**. The Certificate of Merit goes to

Club de Jardines Flor Imperial Del Cusco (Peru)
"El Corpus Christi Cusqueño"

Our International Affiliates continue to hold a number of **Virtual Flower Shows**. Receiving the Gold Certificate for a **Virtual Petite Flower Show** are

Asociación de Club de Jardinería y Diseño de Coahuila A.C. (Mexico)
“Esplendores de Mexico”

Casuarinas Club de Jardín
Exposición de Flores Virtual Pequeña
“El Mágico Mundo de Gnomes y Duendes”

For a **Virtual Design Specialty Flower Show**, a Gold Certificate goes to

Convención Regional COMAAI CRC 2022 (Argentina)
“Jardines de las Américas”

The Gold Certificate for a **Virtual Flower Show Schedule** is awarded to

Convención Regional COMAAI CRC 2022 (Argentina)
“Jardines de las Américas”

Photo Awards are also presented to International Affiliates for their **Virtual Flower Show Photos**. Each of these receives a Gold Certificate. The winners are:

- **Horticulture Division,**
 - **Convención Regional COMAAI CRC 2022 (Argentina)**
“Jardines de las Américas”

- **Design Division,**
 - **Casuarinas Club De Jardin (Peru)**
Exposición de Flores Virtual Pequeña
“El Mágico Mundo de Gnomes y Duendes”

- **Botanical Arts Division, Horticulture,**
 - **Convención Regional COMAAI CRC 2022 (Argentina)**
“Jardines de las Américas”

GARDENING AWARDS

The G1 Container Gardening Award is given for the most outstanding container or containers of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, or any combination of these .

The overall winner is

Olympia Garden Club in Olympia, Washington

G2 is given for the most outstanding garden of edibles—fruits, vegetables, and/or edible flowers.

Winning this award is

Tuckaleechee Garden Club from Townsend, Tennessee

Therapy Gardens benefit the physically or mentally challenged as well as residents in low-income housing, schools, nursing homes, prisons, and other facilities. Projects that establish or restore gardens for this benefit are considered for G 3.

The winner for the best Therapy Garden project is

Rainbow Garden Club in Great Falls, Montana

Award G 4 is given to the garden club establishing a wildlife garden at a public place or places including signage to educate the public on how to garden for wildlife and the benefits of doing so.

And the best in this group is

Sardiswood Garden Club of Charlotte, North Carolina

MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT AND EDUCATION

MAE 1 is given for activities to increase community visibility and awareness of garden clubs and their work.

The winner is

Parkland Garden Club, Allentown, Pennsylvania

MAE 2 awards an outstanding social media or website page which promotes the sponsoring organization and NGC objectives. 2a is given for a website designed and managed by club members.

The overall winner is

Tulsa Garden Club, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Award MAE 2b is given for an outstanding Social Media page designed and managed by members.

The overall winner is

Lafayette Garden Club from Lafayette, Louisiana

MAE 2c is awarded for a website professionally designed. The Overall winner of the Certificate of Merit and \$50 is

The Garden Club Federation of Maine

Award MAE 3 is given for the best presentation recorded and submitted on any type of digital media and supporting NGC objectives.

Receiving this award is

Bella Vista Garden Club in Arkansas

Also receiving the Digital Media award from our International Affiliates is

Consejo Peruano de Jueces de Exposiciones Florales (Peru)

Award MAE 4A is given for Newsletters of 1-2 pages in length.

The recipient of the Certificate of Merit is

The Garden Club Federation of Maine

Receiving the 1-2 page newsletter Gold Certificate from our International Affiliates is

Floralies Asociación Peruana de Clubes de Jardines (Peru)

MAE4B is given for outstanding newsletters of 3 to 12 pages in length. The Overall Winner and recipient of the Certificate of Merit is

Townview Garden Club in Rome, Georgia

For newsletters 13 to 24 pages in length, Award MAE 4C is given. The Certificate of Merit winner is the

The Garden Club of York from Pennsylvania

The IA Gold Certificate winners for newsletters, magazines, or bulletins 13-24 pages in length are

- **Consejo Peruano de Jueces de Exposiciones Florales**
- **Floralies Asociación Peruana de Clubes de Jardines**
- **Club de Jardines Marigold**

All from Peru.

MAE4D is awarded for outstanding work on a newsletter, magazine, or bulletin over 24 pages in length. The Certificate of Merit is awarded to

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs

The final section of our Publications Awards is MAE 4G, given for “other” publications. The Certificate of Merit winner is

Rosemary & Thyme Garden Club in Georgia

And the International Club receiving a Gold Certificate for their “Other” publication is

Floralies Chimbote Club de Jardines (Peru)

MAE 5 honors the garden clubs that go above-and-beyond celebrating National Garden Week in June.

The Overall Winner is

The Garden Club of Elizabethtown in Kentucky

The State with the Greatest Increase in Overall Membership for 2022, receiving the Certificate of Merit and \$100 is

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts

Receiving a Certificate of Merit and \$100 for the greatest per capita increase in membership during 2022 is

Alaska State Federation of Garden Clubs

The award for the largest increase in NGC Life Memberships goes to

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

And the award for the largest per capita increase in NGC Life Memberships, belongs to

Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska

Service and Recognition

The Award of Excellence for Non-members is awarded to

Mr. Bob's Garden Foundation for YMCA Campers

to

Abbey Nilson from Pennsylvania

And to

Dan DuPre from South Carolina

The Award of Excellence for States is awarded to

Garden Club Federation of Maine and to

The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.

The Award of Excellence for Regions goes to

Central Atlantic Region

Regional Award of Honor recipients include

From the **Central Region, Lois Snover-Hanson of the Meridian Garden Club, Michigan**

In the **Central Atlantic Region, Sharon Richardson, a member of Uwchlan Garden Club in Pennsylvania**

The **Deep South Region** honors **Deanna Sloan from The Marietta Daisies Garden Club in Georgia.**

The honor for the **New England Region** goes to **Linda Alves of the Western Cranston Garden Club in Rhode Island.**

The **Pacific Region** honors **Sandra Rassi, a member of Sunny Hills Garden Club in Oregon.**

The **Rocky Mountain Region** recognizes **Vonda Wieburg, a member of Encampment Dirt Diggers Garden Club in Wyoming** as their Member of Honor.

The **South Atlantic Region Member Award of Honor** goes to **Thomas Ray Fox, a member of Hill & Hollow Garden Club of Spencer, West Virginia.**

Youth Work

YW1 is awarded to the Outstanding Sponsor Club for their work with Youth Clubs. The winner is

Norcross Garden Club in Georgia

YW 2 is awarded to the club sponsor of a youth club for the most outstanding Horticulture Activity. This winner is

Two Creeks Garden Club in Kentucky

The club with the most outstanding Youth Garden Club Outdoor Planting project, award YW 3, is

Whispering Pines Garden Club from Florida

The International Affiliates Gold Certificate recipient for Youth Garden Club Outdoor Planting is

San Diego Garden Club (Argentina)

The NGC Member club with the most outstanding Environmental Activity with Youth receives the YW4 award. The winner is

Watkinsville Garden Club (Georgia)

YW 7 is given to a High School student who has completed an outstanding civic improvement project for public benefit that involves a focus on horticulture, the environment, or conservation areas. The award this year is given to

Shirin Ghorbani sponsored by Capital Hill Garden Club in Washington, DC

Horticulture Education for Youth, award YW 8, is given for the best promotion of gardening for youth. The winner is

Franklin County Garden Club (Tennessee)

YW 9 is given to the club with the most outstanding project in the field of environmental education involving youth.

The winner is

Franklin County Garden Club (Tennessee)

The International Associates award a Gold Certificate to their clubs with outstanding environmental education programs for youth. This year those certificates go to

San Diego Garden Club (Argentina)

Floralies Chimbote Club de Jardines (Peru)

YW 10 honors the Individual with the most Outstanding Services to Youth.

The winner of this Junior Leadership award is

Shawna McGrath from Watkinsville Garden Club in Georgia

Scholarships Please watch the screens as we reveal the recipients of the 2023 scholarships

Central Region:

- Illinois – Margaret Lobbig
- Indiana – Rebekah Novak
- Iowa – Noah Schultz
- Michigan – Colton John Bragg
- Minnesota – Wyatt Mosiman
- Missouri – Lorelei Wigginton
- Wisconsin – Hailee Fritsch

Central Atlantic Region:

- Delaware – Maci Carter
- Maryland – Cristi Demnowicz
- National Capital Area – Kana Furukawa
- New Jersey – Benjamin Bratter
- New York – Joshua Del Rio
- Ohio – Lauren Mellott
- Pennsylvania – Samantha Grace Schulteis

Deep South Region:

- Alabama – Landon Erbrick
- Florida – Jorge Delangel

- Florida – Mackenzie Spiroff
- Georgia – Kaleb Lyndon Bell
- Georgia – Tyler Williamson
- Mississippi – Wesley Rainey
- Tennessee – Haley Oakley

New England Region:

- Connecticut – Les Walker
- Maine – Aspen Anderson
- Massachusetts – Liam Gude
- Rhode Island – Matthew Antunes
- Vermont – Catherine Wessel

Pacific Region:

- California – Jillian Eymann
- California – Sara Grogan
- California – Bryan Looney
- Idaho – Miles Butler
- Oregon – Elishka Pierce
- Washington – Matthew Donaldson

Rocky Mountain Region:

- Kansas – Greta Berg
- Montana – Katherine Mary Bold
- Nebraska – Sheridan Wilson
- North Dakota – Hunter Gallagher
- Utah – Catherine Wessel

South Atlantic Region:

- North Carolina – Ayla Pettry
- South Carolina – Rebecca Starkey
- Virginia – Hannah Chambers
- West Virginia – Taylor Scumaci

South Central Region:

- Arkansas – Taylor Hoover
- New Mexico – Mireya Jesse Ferran

- Oklahoma – Natalie Young
- Texas – Phiala Drake

Congratulations to each and every winner.

Thank you for your work on behalf of National Garden Clubs, Inc.