Club Awards for the Year January 1 – December 31, 2020

PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING AND DEADLINES

- Complete the application form. (see below under “Application Forms”)
- Use Times New Roman type, with 10 point or higher font
- Submit the original form (3 pages only) by the deadline of December 1, 2020 if submitting by mail.
- Include original and three (3) copies.
- Send to Joanne Wallace, Piedmont District Awards Chairman, 209 Sleepy Hollow Road, Richmond, VA 23229. E-mail: dougandjoanne@gmail.com
- Keep a copy of all application material for your records.

ELIGIBILITY: ONLY VFGC GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS APPLY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED (SOME EXCEPTIONS)

i. Small club: 29 members and under
ii. Medium club: 30-59 members
iii. Large club: 60-99 members
iv. Extra-large club: 100 members or more

APPLICATION FORMS

- Fill in District, VFGC and SAR Award numbers in TOP right corner.
- Fill in NGC Award number and name.
- There is a THREE (3, single) page limit, using only the FRONT of the page.
- Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer required or allowed.
- Applications will NOT be returned. Exceptions noted.
- Applications may be submitted electronically to the District and State Awards Chairman, where applicable.
- Forms are available on the VFGC website, www.virginiagardenclubs.org and from District and State Awards Chairmen.
- Example of Award Application (filled out) is on the VFGC website Awards page.

The 2020-2021 application form should not be used for Awards of Excellence or Flower Show Achievement Awards. These Awards require a Book of Evidence. New Handbook rules apply for 2021.

* See VFGC Awards webpage or VFGC Yearbook for the Scale of Points for Yearbook and other exceptions.

Contributions and support for funding awards are accepted by making a check payable to Piedmont District, with AWARDS written in the memo line. Mail to: Linda Nau, Piedmont District Treasurer: 1810 Ethelred Court, Midlothian, VA 23113-3400. Thank you very much for your support in advance!!
CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY AWARDS

PD-1 BIRD PROTECTION
$20 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) for conducting the most comprehensive and effective project for bird protection and welfare, e.g. sanctuaries, providing food, houses and promoting law enforcement relative to bird welfare. (S # 14; SAR # 2; NGC # EC-4)

PD-2 BUTTERFLY
$20 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) for conducting the most comprehensive and effective project on butterflies, e.g. habitat protection, protection of migratory routes, public education, establishment of a butterfly garden at a school or community site. Monarch Way Stations may be part of this project. (S # 15; SAR # 3, NGC # EC-5)

PD-3 CONSERVATION
$20 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium, iii large; iv extra large) for conservation activities, e.g. education or legislative activity; conservation field project; natural resource development, such as a watershed, erosion control, reforestation, wildlife refuge, overall excellence and well-balanced year’s conservation activities. (S # 17; SAR # 5, NGC # EC-1 or EC-3)

PD-4 HISTORICAL PRESERVATION
$20 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) for a historic preservation project such as the restoration of a park, a building, and/or garden of importance to local, state, or national heritage. (S # 29; SAR # 8; NGC # HP-1)

PD-5 DECORATION OF HISTORIC BUILDING
$20 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) for decorating a historic building/house/mansion. Decorations are not required to be of the period of the building, but should be creative, distinctive, and harmonize with the building’s style. Designer’s choice of all materials within purview of curator, official, or owner of the building. (S # 30; NGC # HP-2)

PD-6 HORTICULTURE THERAPY
$20 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra-large) for an outstanding program working with the physically or learning challenged in nursing homes, schools, prisons, etc. (S # 31)

PD-7 HORTICULTURE THERAPY GARDEN PROJECT
$20 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra-large) for establishment of a garden/s to benefit the physically or learning challenged, residents in nursing homes, schools, prisons, low income housing, Habitat for Humanity, etc. Includes barrier-free garden, accessible gardening, community garden, meditation garden at hospital, etc. (S # 32; SAR # 6 or 7; NGC # G-3)

PD-8 PLANT TOGETHER COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT
$20 may be awarded to the club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra-large) having the most outstanding Plant Together project. These projects may involve community clean up, planting a new area, container gardening, or other projects designed to spark an interest in gardening. All projects must involve partnering with other groups in your community. (S # 28; NGC # CS-1 A, B, C or D)
COMMUNITY LANDSCAPE DESIGN

$20 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) for the most outstanding project/significant contribution in planning and planting for: commercial property, church or synagogue, hospital, library, civic center, park, waterfront, etc. Copy of landscape plan must be included in application.  
(S # 26; SAR # 4; NGC # L-4 or L-6)

LITTER/RECYCLING/RECLAMATION

$20 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) for the most outstanding community project on litter prevention, reclamation and/or recycling, e.g. year-long program, organizing recycling program, establishing community composting site.  
(S # 19; SAR # 17; NGC # EC-2)

MEMBERSHIP

$20 may be awarded to the club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) with the highest percentage of new members (percentage increase based on dues paid between Feb. 1 of the previous year to Jan. 31 of the current year. No list of new members is required. No application is required. The State Treasurer will furnish the names of the clubs with the highest percentage increases for each size group to the state membership chairman. The name of the winning club in each size group will be sent to the VFGC Awards Chairman by Feb. 15.  
(S # 33)

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

$20 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) for the best overall promotion of National Garden Week. Entry to show community awareness throughout the entire week and may include local and/or state proclamations.  
(S # 34; SAR # 10; NGC # MP-2)

CIVIC PROJECTS WITH NATIVE PLANTS

$20 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) for establishing wildflower gardens, memorial gardens or the restoration of historic gardens with emphasis on native plant material to our region.  
(S # 22; NGC # NPW-2)

RECLAIMING UNUSABLE SPACES (NEW)

$20 maybe awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) for the most outstanding project in reclaiming an unusable space. It must be an area that has not been used in the past (an empty lot, an area that has become “a dumping spot”, etc.). The project photos must reflect a definite change in the use and look of the space. Please include before and after photos and details of work and location.  
(S # 23; SAR # SP 2)

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

A white rosette may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) for outstanding civic project furthering NGC objectives and projects throughout club year or special projects not provided for in another NGC Award.  
(S # 35; NGC # CS-5)

National Garden Club’s mission statement is to “provide education, resources, and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.”

If another award exists for your project, then it is not eligible for this category.  
If it does not support the NGC mission, it is not eligible.
PD-16 YOUTH ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION
$20 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) for the most outstanding project in the field of environmental education involving youth. (S # 38; SAR # Y-1; NGC # YR-2)

PD-17 YOUTH HORTICULTURE EDUCATION
$20 may be awarded for the best promotion of gardening among youth; based on the belief that youth should be educated to become future horticulturists. (S # 39; SAR # Y-1, NGC # YR-1 A)

PD-18 THE SAVED SEED EDUCATION AWARD
$20 may be awarded to the club with the best project utilizing The Saved Seed book with you. The project must involve more than reading the book to children and should demonstrate connecting children with nature. (S # Y-I)

PD-19 POLLINATOR GARDENS WITH YOUTH
$20 may be awarded to the club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) with the best project of planting pollinator gardens while educating youth. These gardens may be container gardens. Gardens may be in public or private locations. (S # 41; SAR # Y-1; NGC # Y-2 A)

PD-26 SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTERS
$10 may be awarded will to winners in grades 1-5. (S # Y-2; SAR # Y-6) Do not use VFGC/NGC award application. See Piedmont District website for details. Pat Merson, 11231 Woodland Pond Parkway, Chesterfield, VA 23823-3934, Phone 804-796-1132, e-mail prwtm@aol.com. - Piedmont District Youth Chairman.

PD-27 YOUTH POETRY CONTEST
Certificates will be awarded to winners of all grade levels (Grades K-9 and Special Education Grades K-9). Applications must be received by November 15. Pat Merson, 11231 Woodland Pond Parkway, Chesterfield, VA 23823-3934, Phone 804-796-1132, e-mail prwtm@aol.com. - Piedmont District Youth Chairman. Students must follow NGC rules. Do not use VFGC/NGC Award Application. For more information, see NGC website under Youth contests/poetry contest. (Y # 3; SAR # Y-4)
2019-2020 Theme: “Adventures in the Garden”
2020-2021 Theme: “Exploring Backyard Mysteries”

PUBLICATIONS

$20 may be awarded to a A. Club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large)
B. Group of clubs (councils or districts, etc.)
for the entry judged best in each category 1-8. Notices or flyers for one-time events are not eligible. Printed publications or those prepared for electronic distribution are acceptable entries. (S # 42; NGC # PUB-2)

Categories:
1) manuals, handbooks (e.g. procedural, duties of officers, awards)
2) educational (e.g.: environmental, landscape, gardening, horticulture therapy)
3) horticulture, design (e.g.: judging, guide to exhibiting, floral design, mechanics)
4) history
5) membership (e.g.: brochure, leaflet)
6) calendars
7) cookbooks
8) other

Scale of Points for Publications can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage or on the NGC List of Awards on the NGC website. Submit entry in an envelope with one application form secured to outside and one enclosed inside envelope.

PD-21 CLUB NEWSLETTER
A. $20 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) publishing a one-page (may be both sides) newsletter – at least 3 times per year under one-editorship or management. (S # 43; SAR # 18; NGC # PUB-1-1 A)
B. $20 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) publishing a newsletter of 3-12 pages – at least three issues. (S #43; SAR #18; NGC # PUB-1-2-A)
C. $20 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) publishing a newsletter of 13 or more pages – at least three issues. (S # 43; NGC # PUB-1-3-A)

Scale of Points for Publications can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage or on the NGC List of Awards on the NGC website.
State number of issues per year on award application. Submit "three sets of three sample issues (3 color copies each *** new this year) – one may be sent on to SAR, one may be sent on to NGC and one file copy for VFGC) in three envelopes with one application form secured to outside and one enclosed inside each envelope.

PD-22 CLUB YEARBOOKS
An orange rosette may be awarded to a club for the most outstanding yearbook in each of the following categories, determined by number of members, including Life Members, on whom VFGC dues are paid. Yearbook must from current year. (S #44; SAR # 22; NGC 3 YB-1)
1. Clubs with under 20 members
2. Clubs with 20-29 members
3. Clubs with 30-44 members
4. Clubs with 45-69 members
5. Clubs with 70-99 members
6. Clubs with 100-299 members

Scale of Points for Yearbooks can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage or on the NGC List of Awards on the NGC website. Complete the top of the Award Application. Do not answer the questions. Firmly clip two copies of the completed application form to the inside front cover. No envelope needed. Send only 1 yearbook. Do not send 3-ring binder. Substitute with paper over.

FLOWER SHOWS

PD-23 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE
$20 may be awarded to a single garden club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) for the clearest, most accurate, specific and comprehensive flower show schedule for a standard flower show. (S #45; SAR # 24A)
The Scale of Points for Flower Show Schedules can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage or on pg. 306 - 308 of the Handbook for Flower Shows (2017 edition). As of January 2018 new rules (continued)
went into effect, found on pages 135 – 138 of the 2017 edition. Attach copy of flower show schedule as given to the judges to award application. Contact Piedmont District Phillipa Smith, Flower Show Schedule Evaluation Chairman: 804-748-6216.

**PD-24 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE – TWO OR MORE CLUBS**

$20 may be awarded to two or more clubs or council for the clearest, most accurate, specific and comprehensive flower show schedule for a standard flower show. (S # 46; SAR # 24B) See VFGC Awards webpage for the Scale of Points for Flower Show Schedules and submission requirements. Contact Piedmont District Phillipa Smith, Flower Show Schedule Evaluation Chairman: 804-748-6216.

**SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION**

**PD-25 WEBSITE**

$20 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) for the most outstanding website promoting the sponsoring organization and NGC objectives. Do not answer all the questions on the NGC Awards Application Form; provide your website address, who maintains site, how often updated, and cost. Ease of navigation will be considered while judging from the current site. (S # 47; SAR # 21; NGC # MP-3) Scale of Points for Websites can be found on the VFGC Awards webpage or on the NGC List of Awards on the NGC website.

**NEW PIEDMONT DISTRICT AWARDS (NPD)**

**NPD-1 WATER**

$20 may be awarded to a club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) for the most outstanding project with an emphasis on water conservation and/or clean water. (S # 18; SAR # 15; NGC # EC-6A)

**NPD-2 ORGANIC GARDENING PRACTICES**

$20 may be awarded to the club (i small; ii medium; iii large; iv extra large) for the most outstanding project emphasizing and employing the use of organic materials and methods in a gardening project or educational activity. (S # 16; NGC # EC-7 A)

**NPD-3 ‘PLANT IT PINK’**

$20 may be awarded to the club or council for the most outstanding and innovative NEW project emphasizing the planting of PINK gardens using pink flowers and/or foliage to make the public aware of the fight against breast cancer. (SAR # 13)

**NPD-4 “WILDLIFE GARDENING”**

$20 will be awarded to the club establishing a wildlife garden or gardens to include signage to educate the public on how to garden for wildlife and the benefits of doing so. Generally, club participation and contact points of education through publicity will be emphasized. See the NGC website for details and the scale of points used in evaluation of awards (S - # 40; NGC WG-1, WG-2, WG-3.