Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota, Inc.

AWARDS

Award Year is From January1st through December 31. DUE BY February1st.

The categories listed below are based on award programs sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc. They are included as a source of ideas. Your project does not have to exactly fit one area – it may combine elements from several areas of interest. If your application includes more than one area of interest, then indicate on the application i.e. AWARD # CE-1, etc.

All awards are eligible for $50.00 and a Certificate unless otherwise indicated.

CE-1 COMMUNITY GARDENS - Given for the most outstanding community or religious garden project that provides green space, and/or opportunities for social gatherings, meditation, beautification, education, recreation or the growing of food.

CE-2 PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS - Given for the most distinguished civic or conservation work furthering NGC objectives and making a permanent improvement for public benefit, e.g., establishing sanctuaries, children's gardens, municipal gardens, etc. No commercial projects are eligible.

CE-3 COMMUNITY FOOD SOURCES - Given for the most outstanding effort to address food insecurity in a community including operating community vegetable/herb/fruit gardens as well as donations to organizations providing food directly to those in need (i.e., food banks, soup kitchens, etc.). This award will not be given to the same project in two consecutive years.

CE-6 COMMUNITY PROJECT WITH NATIVE PLANTS/WILDFLOWERS - Given for establishing wildflower gardens, memorial gardens, or the restoration of historic gardens with emphasis on plant material native to your region. This award will not be given to the same project in two consecutive years.

CE-7 BLUE STAR/GOLD STAR MARKER LANDSCAPING - Given for the most outstanding Blue Star Marker or Gold Star Marker landscape project. The marker may be part of a highway department rest area maintained by the department. The project may have been continuous, but major landscaping must have been completed within the previous two years. The project may be a replacement for a destroyed or long-neglected marker.

CE-9 LANDSCAPING OF HISTORIC AREAS - Given for the most outstanding historic preservation project. This includes restorations of parks as well as restoration of a building and/or grounds of importance to local, state, or national heritage.

PLANT AMERICA FOR ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION
EC-3 WILDLIFE SURVIVAL - Given for the most comprehensive and effective project for pollinator, bird, or wildlife protection and welfare. This may include habitats or gardens specific to the natural population being supported, sanctuaries, migratory routes, public education project or program, legal and legislative activities, or other.

EC-4 WATER- Given for the most outstanding project with an emphasis on water conservation and/or clean water.

EC-5 NATIVE PLANTS AND WILDFLOWERS VENUE - Given for the best establishment of outdoor classrooms, nature trails, wildflower walks, etc. with emphasis on wildflowers and native plants to expose and educate the public as to the importance of these plants to conservation and the environment. This award will not be given to the same project in two consecutive years.

EC-6 ORGANIC PRACTICES - Given for the most outstanding project or educational activity emphasizing and employing the use of organic materials and methods in gardening. This award will not be given to the same project in two consecutive years.

PLANT AMERICA IN GARDENS

G-1 CONTAINER GARDENING - Given for the most outstanding container or containers of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, or a combination thereof. A container is defined as a vessel used for planting that is separated from the earth beneath. (For example, a raised bed directly on the ground is not considered a container; however, a raised bed elevated off the ground by legs, or one completely contained inside a vessel such as a metal trough would be considered a container.)

G-3 THERAPY GARDENS - Given for the establishment or restoration of a garden or gardens to benefit the physically or learning challenged, residents in nursing homes, schools, prisons, low-income housing, cancer centers, etc. by an NGC Club. Including barrier-free gardens, accessible gardening, community gardens, meditation gardens at a hospital, etc. The goal of these gardens can also be to increase awareness or to give hope.

G-4 PUBLIC WILDLIFE GARDENS - Given to the garden club establishing a wildlife garden or gardens at a public place or places, to include signage to educate the public on how to garden for wildlife and the benefits of doing so. Special attention should be given to securing publicity for the project.

FLORAL DESIGN

FD-2 FLORAL DESIGN PROGRAM - Given for the most outstanding program or workshop (exclusive of NGC Schools and Symposiums) teaching floral design principles and techniques to club members and/or the public.

MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT & EDUCATION

MAE-1 MEMBERSHIP AWARENESS - Given for the most innovative activity, set of activities or most outstanding effort to increase public visibility, to increase club membership, or to make the public aware of the mission and activities of garden clubs. This includes publications such as membership brochures, leaflets, or other publications as well as publicity received. Printed materials, materials for electronic publication and publicity must be attached in their entirety to the application and are not counted as part of the 3-page limit.

MAE-5 NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK - Given for the best overall promotion of National Garden Week. Entry to show community awareness throughout the entire week and include local and/or state proclamations

YOUTH WORK

YW-1 YOUTH GARDEN CLUB OUTSTANDING SPONSOR – Given to the NGC member club sponsor of a youth club which has been most successful in promoting all phases of garden club work with youth. Applications must indicate grade of club, sponsor club name, list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved. This award is not to be duplicated with any other Youth Work award.

YW-3 OUTDOOR PLANTING WITH YOUTH GARDEN CLUB - Given to the NGC member club sponsor of a youth club for the most significant effort in planting and growing horticulture in an outdoor area. Participants may seek advice from any source but must do the actual gardening themselves.

YW-4 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITY WITH YOUTH GARDEN CLUB - Given to the NGC member club sponsor of a youth club for the most outstanding project in the field of environmental concern, e.g., horticulture, landscaping, anti-litter, restoration, conservation, other.

FGCM-1 YEARBOOK for Clubs/Councils - A Certificate and $20.00 awarded for outstanding yearbooks.

4a. Active membership under 20
4b. Active membership 21-30
4c. Active membership 31 and over