

## **Alaska Garden Clubs Awards 2015 - 2017**

Awards can be applied for electronically, and no Book of Evidence is required with the exception of Flower Show Achievement Awards. The updated State Awards Form is available on the website [www.alaskagardenclubs.org](http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org).

- The Awards Year is January 1 to December 31 annually unless noted otherwise.
- Only Alaska Garden Clubs and members in good standing are eligible to apply for State, Region and National awards unless otherwise noted in the award description. Youth Garden Clubs must be sponsored by a member garden club.
- If an application form is required, it can be submitted electronically and, with the exception of a Flower Show Achievement Award, there is a three (3) page limit, using only the front of the page. Often an application form is not even required. Please contact the State Awards Chairman – they are available to assist you in any way they can.
- The award application needs to be submitted to the State Awards Chairman by January 1<sup>st</sup> for NGC and Pacific Region Awards. If submitting by mail, include original and one copy. State awards need to be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Yearbooks require the submission of two copies to the State Awards Chairman.
- All awards will be presented at the State Annual Meeting/Convention.
- Scale of points used in judging for all awards unless specified otherwise: Presentation 5 points if required, Achievement 65 points, Participation 15 points, and Record or Documentation 15 points.

### **#1 Garden Club of the Year Award State Award Certificate**

The Garden Club of the Year Award may be awarded to the Garden Club judged most outstanding in the State in furthering Garden Club objectives. COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION IS TO BE PRESENTED IN SCRAPBOOK FORM WITH NO LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF PAGES. This same scrapbook will be eligible for Scrapbook Award #2. To determine Garden Club of the Year, the total number of points a club earns will be divided by the class number – a garden club's class will be determined by the total membership of the club as reported to the State on or before October 1st. The club with the highest number will earn the Garden Club of the Year Award according to the following point system of scoring:

Class 1:	1-25 members
Class 2:	26-50 members
Class 3:	51-75 members
Class 4:	76 members and over

1. Programs at regularly scheduled meetings (at least 7 per year) (10 points)  
Quality and Variety of Program Presentations
  - A. Horticulture ( 2)
  - B. Design ( 2)
  - C. Conservation ( 2)
  - D. Nature Study ( 2)
  - E. Environmental ( 2)

2. Civic Beautification Projects (25 points)  
Involvement and contribution towards Civic Beautification programs involving the community at large
  - A. Environmental preservation ( 5)
  - B. Roadside improvement ( 5)
  - C. Clean-up activities ( 5)
  - D. Blue Star Memorial Highway or By-Way markers ( 5)
  - E. Other civic beautification ( 5)
3. Community Service Activities (40+ points)  
Volunteer hours contributed by members towards education of the general public
  - A. Workshops/Study programs ( 4)
  - B. Flower Shows #\_\_\_ x ( 4)
  - C. Field Trips ( 4)
  - D. Gardening Therapy ( 4)
  - E. Junior Gardening ( 4)
  - F. Youth Workshops ( 4)
  - G. Plant Sales ( 4)
  - H. Horticulture Demonstrations ( 4)
  - I. Municipal Greenhouse / Garden Tours ( 4)
  - J. Other Community Service Activities ( 4)
4. Overall Club Efficiency and Involvement (25 points)  
Willingness and efficiency with which club members participate and meet their obligations
  - A. Local Level ( 4)
  - B. State Level ( 4)
  - C. Regional Level ( 4)
  - D. National Level ( 4)
  - E. Overall Club Membership participation, commitment, and involvement in activities ( 9)
5. Club Effectiveness (10 points)  
Does the club meet it's goals ( 10)

**#2 Scrapbook Award  
State Award Certificate for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Places**

Scrapbooks are judged on the presentation and layout of the scrapbook, not the activities (content) documented. The point system of scoring below, with a possible score of 100, will apply:

1. LAYOUT (15 points)
  - A. Title Page
    1. Name of Club and City ( 1)
    2. Membership Size ( 1)
  - B. Contents
    1. 12 month period presented ( 1)
    2. Chronological order ( 2)

- 3. Legible and Neat ( 5)
- 4. Photos Labeled ( 5)
- 2. CONTENTS (40 points)
  - Contains these items about the club:
  - A. Photographs ( 15)
  - B. Newspaper Articles ( 5)
  - C. Other Publicity (flyers, website, brochures, etc.) ( 5)
  - D. Yearbook, flower show schedules, etc. ( 5)
  - E. Date of Event Noted ( 10)
- 3. CLUB ACTIVITIES DOCUMENTED (30 points)
  - Club activities for the year well documented ( 30)
- 4. CLUB PARTICIPATION (15 points)
  - Documentation of club-wide participation
  - Variety of club members shown. ( 15)

**#3 Award for Dedication and Service  
(Garden Club Member of the Year)  
State Award Certificate**

This Award is presented to an outstanding garden club member in recognition of dedication and service. The contribution and accomplishments may have been performed at any level of Garden Club organizations (local, state, region, or national). Each Garden Club is asked to submit the name of one (1) member along with a brief description of contributions, accomplishments, offices or chairmanships held, and number of years of membership. The deadline for the submission of this documentation is prior to the start of the Alaska Garden Clubs' Annual Meeting/Convention.

**#4 Net Increase in Membership Award  
\$250 plus State Award Certificate**

Proudly serve your membership and communities by increasing the size of your existing clubs. No application is necessary for this award. Winning Club(s) are determined by the actual net increase in paid active membership based on the dues sent to the State Treasurer prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> for dues year beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup>. In case of a tie, the monetary award will be divided among the winning clubs. All garden clubs with an increase in membership from the previous year will receive an Award Certificate and be recognized at the annual meeting/convention.

**#5 Blue Ribbon Certificate of Achievement  
State Award Certificate and Prestige!**

The score sheet can be obtained from the State Awards Chairman or can be downloaded from the State Website. Any Garden Club earning over 100 points shall be awarded a Blue Ribbon Certificate of Achievement and shall be classified as a Blue Ribbon Club. The Club President presents the completed score sheet to the State Awards Chairman at the State Convention/Annual Meeting. Time period covered will be the award year January 1 to December 31. Points earned are as follows:

1. Dues paid to the State organization before October 1<sup>st</sup> ( 3)
2. Contribution to 10% State Fund Raiser ( 3)
3. Promote Alaska Garden Week by project or program ( 3)
4. Annual "President's Report" presented at State Convention ( 3)
5. At least one-third programs on Horticulture ( 3)
6. Present at least one program on Conservation ( 3)
7. Participate in World Gardening project, or donate to emergency/disaster areas ( 3)
8. Participate in Garden Therapy project ( 3)
9. Club sponsored Civic Development project ( 3)
10. Environmental Awareness program/project ( 3)
11. Program/project involving "Youth" ( 5)
12. Observe Arbor Day – Plant tree/shrub, present program ( 5)
13. Participate in Flower Shows, Fairs, etc. ( 5)
14. Standard Flower Show put on by your club ( 5)
15. Enter at least one State Award Application ( 5)
16. Enter at least one Region or National Award ( 5)
17. Publicity (newspaper, radio, TV coverage, etc.) ( 5)
18. Participate in roadside improvement/operation wildflowers ( 5)
19. Club members attend Flower Show School, Symposium ( 5)
20. Install/maintain Blue Star Memorial Highways/By-Ways Marker ( 5)
21. Scholarship given by club ( 5)
22. 100% member subscription to "The National Gardener" ( 5)
23. Increase in Club Membership ( 5)
24. One point per National Garden Club, Inc. "Life" Member (1+)
25. One point per Pacific Region "Life" Member (1+)
26. One point per Alaska State "Life" Member (1+)
27. Prepare and distribute Club Yearbook ( 5)
28. Tour/Workshop presented inviting general public ( 5)
29. Representation at Regional Convention – 1 point per member (1+)
30. Representation at National Convention – 1 point per member (1+)

**#6 Scholarship Award**  
**Award Amount To Be Determined Annually**

Alaska Garden Clubs' Scholarship may be awarded annually to a college junior, senior, or graduate student who is furthering the study of horticulture, botany, landscape design, forest resources, agronomy and soils, environmental studies and related subjects. Contact the State Scholarship Chairman for Scholarship Award Applications – these applications are also available to be downloaded from the State Website. The application deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**#7 Yearbook Award**  
**State Award Certificates and Ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners in each class**

The evaluation criteria and class designations for the State Yearbook Award are the same as those used for the National awards. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Ribbons and Certificates may be awarded in each class. The yearbook may be handmade, semi-commercial or commercially printed. The highest scoring yearbooks entered in each membership class may be forwarded by the State Awards Chairman for National and Regional Awards; therefore, please submit two (2) yearbooks annually to the State Awards Chairman.

Class 1.	Under 20 members	Class 5.	70 – 99 members
Class 2.	20 – 29 members	Class 6.	100 – 299 members
Class 3.	30 – 44 members	Class 7.	Over 300 members
Class 4.	45 – 69 members		

FORMAT (100 points)

- A. Book Structure: practical, convenient size, durable, neat ( 2)
- B. Arrangement of Contents
  - 1. Cover: Name of Club, Town, State, Year (Design Optional)  
If permanent binder cover is used, substitute with paper cover and include required information on cover and so note ( 2)
  - 2. Title Page: Name of Club, Town, State, Year, Number of members; affiliated organizations (State, Region, NGC, other) ( 2)
  - 3. Table of Contents: Number the pages and list topics ( 1)  
On Contents Page
  - 4. Subsequent pages (in any order most useful to members):
    - Membership Roster with complete mailing addresses ( 2)
    - List of Club Officers and Committee Chairmen ( 1)
    - NGC Information – President, Headquarters, Website ( 1)
    - Other Information - NGC Regional Director, State Pres. ( 2)
    - Calendar of Events -Dates and locations, conventions ( 2)
    - Programs – topics should cover variety of NGC goals, and objectives, indicate if special interest such as design
      - a. Meets minimum # of meetings required by state ( 3)
      - b. List date, time, and location with address ( 3)
      - c. List name of speakers, qualifications, title ( 4)
      - d. Variety of program topics ( 14)
        - i. Variety of styles of programs ( 12)
        - ii. Variety of speakers ( 14)
    - Projects – involve actual membership participation that benefit the community and further NGC goals
      - 1. List continuing and new projects ( 15)
      - 2. Give brief word description of project ( 20)
- C. Options: club’s choice to include by-laws, fund raising, roll call, NGC/Region/State themes. Club theme, if used, should be evident throughout the book. ( 0)

**#8 Flower Show Awards  
State Awards Certificate and Ribbon and  
Silver Bowl Awards where specified**

In order to maintain uniformity with National Garden Clubs, Inc. standards, all 'Books of Evidence' for State Flower Show Achievement Awards are to conform to National Award Rules. All state rules for standard flower shows shall conform to those found in the current edition of *Handbook for Flower Shows*, published by National Garden Clubs, Inc., and all subsequent changes as published in *The National Gardener*. Refer to the Handbook for scales of points used by judges to evaluate the different type of standard flower shows.

The following Silver Bowl Awards are presented to the new winners at all Alaska Garden Clubs State Flower Shows:

**VI GREEN ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** may be awarded to the exhibit judged as the most outstanding design in the entire Design Division. Award donated by Vi Green, State President 1971 - 73.

**PEGGIE GARRISON HORTICULTURE AWARD** may be awarded to the named exhibit of fresh plant material judged as the finest in the entire Horticulture Division. Award donated by Peggie Garrison, State President 1987 – 89.

**#8A Standard Flower Show**

For a Standard Flower Show staged by One (1) Garden Club, Two (2) or more garden clubs located near one another, a Judges Council, or Alaska Garden Clubs.

**#8B Standard Holiday Flower Show**

For a Standard Flower Show staged by one (1) garden club featuring the spirit of the holidays. Show schedule must specify materials allowed and other requirements. Show must include one (1) or more educational exhibits and/or one (1) or more exhibits by youth or sponsored groups - one is required.

**#8C Small Standard Flower Show**

Show must meet the five (5) requirements of a standard flower show as stated in the *Handbook for Flower Shows* including a minimum of five (5) classes in Horticulture and three (3) classes in Design Divisions. May have at least one (1) Special Exhibit (Educational, Youth or Sponsored Group).

**#8D Garden Clubs Participating with Fairs**

Have a schedule with horticultural and design sections in good proportion to one another and judged by the Standard System of Judging. Show must include one (1) or more educational exhibits and/or one (1) or more exhibits by youth or sponsored groups - one is required.

## **#9 Horticulture Awards Two Perpetual Plaques**

The following Horticulture Awards are represented by two perpetual plaques donated by Mrs. Albert Silk, State President 1989 – 91. The names of the winners will be added each year.

### **#9A Individual Horticulture Achievement Award**

May be awarded to a garden club member in recognition of expertise in the field of horticulture, for efforts in disseminating knowledge throughout a large area, and the ability to motivate and inspire others in the field of horticulture. Requirements: Must be a member of at least one Plant Society or Horticultural Society. Must be recommended by from three to five letters from people familiar with the nominee's qualifications. Must have published articles on horticultural subjects, taught horticultural subjects, or lectured on horticultural subjects. Consideration will be given to recognition by the Plant Society locally, state-wide or nationally as having made a contribution to horticulture. Areas of achievement may be plant growing and culture, horticulture conservation, wildflowers, etc.

### **#9B Garden Club Growing Project**

Requirements:

1. Garden Club Members all grow the same plant.
2. Members' choice of plant.
3. Project can be one year (annuals, bulbs), two years (Perennial, biennials, etc.)
4. Culture must be part of monthly club programs. May be in the form of discussions led by Project Chairman.
5. Award application submitted to contain the following: Name of flower, type of plant, dates of planting and blooming times, culture, percent of club members participating, yearbook account of programs on culture, pictures of growth progress and blooming (if any), evaluation of plant (would you grow it again and recommend it to others?)

## **#10 Youth Awards State Award Certificates and Ribbons**

A ribbon and certificate may be given for work in the following classes:

### **#10A To the Senior Club, which contributes the most outstanding service toward gardening among youth.**

1. Sponsored Junior Club. See NGC Award #8 Youth Horticulture Education
2. Schools, youth garden fairs, junior workshops, etc.

### **#10B To the Junior Club which, through its own efforts, has been most successful in promoting all phases of garden club work.** See NGC Award #10-J, Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club.

### **#10C To the Junior Club, which has the most outstanding Horticulture activity.** See National Garden Clubs Inc. Award #14-J, Horticulture Achievement by a Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club.

### **#10D To the Junior Club for a Junior Flower Show (may be part of an adult Standard Flower Show).** See National Garden Clubs, Inc. Award #47.

**#10E To the Junior Club with the most outstanding Conservation Project.** See NGC Award #32-J, Conservation Award for Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club.

**#10F To the Senior Club with the most entries in the Smokey Bear Contest.**

### **#11 Beautification Awards State Award Certificates and Ribbons**

Award Applications may be submitted in the following categories and will be eligible for the Beautification Awards.

**#11A Arbor Day Award** – For the most outstanding program celebrating this special day set aside to plant trees and shrubs to beautify our surroundings and to conserve natural resources.

**#11B Civic Development Award** – For the most outstanding civic beautification project which improves the community in which you live.

**#11C Conservation Award** – For the most outstanding project which improves and preserves our environment.

**#11D Environmental Awareness Award** – For the most outstanding project which helps to protect our environment.

**#11E Garden Therapy Award** – For sponsoring the most outstanding program of garden therapy where individuals in one or more institutions have received noteworthy benefit.

**#11F Litter Control** – For outstanding work in litter prevention and/or control. May stress community involvement. May result in reclamation and/or recycling of waste.

**#11G Roadside Beautification Award** – For outstanding roadside improvement within the State or most outstanding Blue Star Memorial Highway landscaping program.

### **#12 Della Colver Barry Publication Award Perpetual Pen and Engraved Stand**

This is a perpetual award donated by State President Della Colver Barry 1991 – 93 to be awarded to a Garden Club whose members have published a pamphlet, book or series of articles on a gardening subject or any subject relating to the objectives and goals of our State and National Garden Clubs.

### **#13 Debbie Hinchey Civic Enhancement Award (2007) \$50 and State Award Certificate**

This is a perpetual award donated by State President Debbie Hinchey 2005 – 07, encouraging public acknowledgement of Alaska Garden Club members' contributions to their communities. This award will also be eligible for NGC Award #1 Civic Achievement or #7 Special Achievement.



Since the award application will be submitted by the State Awards Chairman by December 1<sup>st</sup> for the appropriate National Award, please make sure that the current rules and application form requirements are followed.

**#14 Dorothy Hardesty Memorial Table Artistry Award (2008)  
State Award Certificate**

This award is given to the winner of the Table Artistry Award in a Standard Flower Show, in honor and remembrance of Dorothy Hardesty.