

## **Alaska Garden Clubs Awards 2023 - 2025**

Awards can be applied for electronically, and no Book of Evidence is required with the exception of Flower Show Achievement Awards, yearbooks, and scrapbooks. The 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, yearbooks and scrapbooks there is a three (3) page limit, using only the front of the page. 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 1st for NGC and by February 1<sup>st</sup> for Pacific Region Awards and a month before the state convention for State Awards. If submitting by mail, include original and one copy. Yearbooks require the submission of two copies to the State Awards Chairman.
- All state 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. Names of members participating ( 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 with detailed description ( 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**

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 before 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 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 <u>one</u> State Award Application	( 5)
16. Enter at least <u>one</u> Region or National Award	( 5)
17. Publicity (newspaper, facebook, radio, TV coverage, etc.)	( 5)
18. Participate in roadside improvement/operation wildflowers	( 5)
19. Club members attend NGC Flower Show School, NGC Symposium	( 5)
20. Install/maintain Blue Star Memorial Highways/By-Ways Marker	( 5)
21. Scholarship given by club	( 5)
22. Representation at State Convention – 1 point per member	(1+)
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

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>. Amount determined by budget.

### #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

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 Regional Awards; therefore, please submit two (2) yearbooks annually to your 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 ( 6)
- 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) ( 4)
  - 3. Table of Contents: Number the pages and list topics  
On Contents Page ( 1)
  - 4. Subsequent pages (in any order most useful to members):
    - Membership Roster with complete contact information ( 2)
    - List of Club Officers and Committee Chairmen ( 1)
    - NGC Information – President, Headquarters, Website ( 1)
    - Other Information - PR Regional Director, State Pres. ( 1)
    - Calendar of Events -Dates and locations, conventions ( 1)
    - Programs – topics should cover variety of NGC goals, and objectives, indicate if special interest such as design ( 5)
      - a. Meets minimum # of meetings 7 ( 5)
      - b. List date, time, and location with address ( 10)
      - c. List name of speakers, qualifications, title ( 5)
      - d. Variety of program topics ( 5)
        - i. Variety of styles of programs, description ( 12)
        - ii. Variety of speakers ( 12)
    - Projects – involve actual membership participation that benefit the community and further NGC goals
      - 1. List continuing and new projects ( 10)
      - 2. Location of projects ( 2)
      - 3. Give brief word description of project ( 10)
- 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. ( 5)

**#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 winners at all Alaska Garden Clubs state sponsored 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. Must follow NGC requirements.

**#8B Standard Holiday 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 featuring a holiday theme. Must follow NGC requirements.

**#8C Small Standard Flower Show**

For a Small 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. Must follow NGC requirements.

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

Have a schedule with horticultural and design sections in good proportion to one another and judged by the NGC 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.

**#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 #YW-1 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.**

**#10C To the Junior Club, which has the most outstanding Horticulture activity.**

**#10D To the Junior Club for a Junior Flower Show (may be part of an adult Standard Flower Show).**

**#10E To the Junior Club with the most outstanding Environmental Project.**

**#10F To the Senior Club who sponsors the most entries in the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl 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. Can't submit the same project for three years.

**#11C Conservation Award** – For the most outstanding project which improves and preserves our environment. Can't submit the same project for three years.

**#11D Environmental Awareness Award** – For the most outstanding project which helps to protect our environment. Can't submit the same project for three years.

**#11E Garden Therapy Award** – For sponsoring the most outstanding program of garden therapy where individuals in one or more institutions have received noteworthy benefit. Can't submit the same project for three years.

**#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. Can't submit the same project for three years.

**#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 Della Colver Barry, State President 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  
\$50 and State Award Certificate**

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

Since the award application will be submitted by the State Awards Chairman by January 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  
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.



**#15 Wildlife Gardening Award**  
**Becky Hassebroek, State President 2011-15**  
**\$250 and Certificates of Appreciation**

\$250 annually will be awarded to the garden club with the most notable project or projects educating the public on the benefits of gardening for wildlife. Extra points will be given for originality and new ideas. Club size will be taken into consideration when judging, so please include the number of members in the club, the percentage of member participation (with names of member participants), and the approximate number of people educated and how they were notified of the project. Certificates of Appreciation will be awarded to the participating club members.

Awards may be submitted electronically except for yearbooks and scrapbooks.  
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