

## **AWARDS MANUAL**

### *Purpose of Awards Program*

The District wishes to encourage clubs to participate in a variety of activities as a Federated Garden Club of New York State.

The District would like to recognize worth-while efforts on behalf of a club or individual club member.

By offering these awards the District hopes to encourage participation in club programs and activities.

Each club should have an Awards Chairman to review the District, State, Central Atlantic Region, and National Garden Clubs awards for eligibility. The Awards Chairman should inform members of possible awards and encourage activities that relate to selected awards. This chairman should assist with the awards applications and in the preparation of Books of Evidence when called for.

Each club should keep a copy of this District Awards booklet and the State Awards Manual; the September/October issue of *The National Gardener* should also be kept for reference.

If there are any questions the District Awards Chairman should be contacted.

The Awards year is from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. The deadline to submit applications for District Awards is December 31<sup>st</sup>, unless otherwise indicated.

No project may receive more than one District Award.

Awards will be presented at Eighth District's Spring Meeting in April, with the exception of Yearbook Awards, which are presented at Eighth District's Fall Meeting.

# AWARDS

## Award #1

### **The T.R. Allan Memorial** **(Award for Excellence In Horticulture)**

This award will be given annually to the best Horticulture Award of Excellence exhibit that was awarded in a Standard Flower Show in each award year. Criteria for entering: The horticulture exhibit must have been entered in a Standard Flower Show and must have received the Horticulture Award of Excellence. The entry must include a picture of the exhibit with a written description of the exhibit. All entries must be sent to the Awards Chairman by December 31st. A panel of three National Garden Clubs judges or three NYS Horticulture judges or a combination of judges will decide the winner. An engraved bowl will be presented to the winner at the annual Eighth District Spring Meeting. This bowl will be passed on to the next year's winner. A smaller bowl will remain with the recipient each year.

## Award #2

### **Design Excellence Award**

Given annually by the Eighth District's Judges Council for the best blue ribbon winning exhibit scoring 95% or more in the design division of a Standard Flower Show. The award will be a crystal bowl to be presented at the annual Eighth District Spring Meeting. Procedure: one design from each Standard Flower Show, as selected by the combined panel of judges, to be submitted to the District Awards Chairman for consideration. The entry must include: 1) a photograph of the exhibit; 2) a brief written description of the exhibit; and 3) a written comment from one judge. All entries must be submitted to the District Awards Chairman by December 31<sup>st</sup>. A panel of three National Garden Clubs Judges will decide the winner.

**Award #3****Design Excellence Award  
For A Table Exhibit**

Given annually by the Eighth District's Judges Council for the best blue ribbon winning table scoring 95% or more in the design division of a Standard Flower Show. The award will be a crystal bowl to be presented at the annual Eighth District Spring Meeting. Procedure: one table from each Standard Flower Show, as selected by the combined panel of judges, to be submitted to the District Awards Chairman for consideration. The entry must include: 1) a photograph of the table; 2) a brief written description of the exhibit; and 3) a written comment from one judge. All entries must be submitted to the District Awards Chairman by December 31<sup>st</sup>. A panel of three National Garden Clubs judges will decide the winner.

**Award #4****Alys Freer Smith Creativity Award**

This is a rotating award donated by the Emeritus Judges of Eighth District. To be awarded to a blue ribbon winner in a creativity class in an Eighth District Standard Flower Show (not necessarily a winner of a National Garden Club's top award). The award is an inscribed oval silver tray to be retained by the winner until 30 days before the next District Flower Show, when it must be returned to the Awards Chairman. The judges for the creativity classes will decide the winner.

**Award #5****The Save Our World  
Annual District Award**

This award of \$25 will be presented annually to a garden club or club member who has established a project that involves one or more environmental concerns. This could be a project on recycling, household hazardous wastes, greenhouse effect, toxic waste management, ground water contamination, conservation of natural resource etc. The project may involve club members, the public, and school children. A typewritten description of the project must be submitted by the club to the

District Awards Chairman by December 31st. A panel consisting of the Chairmen of World Gardening, Conservation, and Environmental Protection Committees will decide the winner. This award will be presented at Eighth District's Spring Meeting.

**Award #6                      Civic Development**

- A. Outstanding Individual
- B. Garden Club

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

- C. Involvement in Historic Site
- D. Decoration of a Historic Building for the Holidays

These awards may be presented to a garden club or a club member. A typewritten page or pages describing the person's or club's accomplishments/project involvement should be submitted, with photos if applicable. If submitting for a long-term project, give a brief history. Entries are to be submitted to the District Awards Chairman by December 31<sup>st</sup>. A panel of three National Garden Clubs judges will decide the winner.

**Award #7                      Garden Therapy**

Outstanding Garden Therapy Project

Entry should consist of a typewritten page(s) describing the project and should include any pertinent information and photos, if applicable. Entries should be submitted to the District Awards Chairman by December 31<sup>s</sup> tA panel consisting of the Garden Therapy Chair and two members of her committee will decide the winner.

**Award #8**                      **Club Newsletter**

Clubs should submit three (3) copies of their newsletter, published within the award's year, to the District Awards Chairman by December 31<sup>st</sup>. A panel of three National Garden Clubs judges will decide the winner.

**Award #9**                      **Advisory Council Biennial  
Leadership Award**

This award may be presented to a garden club member who has demonstrated outstanding leadership during the two years previous to the award year.

Any garden club member may nominate any one candidate. Exception: current director and all past directors are ineligible.

Applications must be submitted to the Chairman of the Advisory Committee by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the odd-numbered year. Award will be presented at the Eighth District Spring Meeting held in April of odd-numbered year.

**Award #10**                      **Yearbooks**

Garden club yearbooks are judged in six Classes. The number of active members in a club determines the Class. The District Yearbook Chairman and two National Garden Clubs judges will judge the yearbooks. The yearbook that wins 1<sup>st</sup> place in the District for its Class is sent to the State Yearbook Chairman to be entered in the state's Yearbook Award competition.

Class I	under 20 members	Class IV	45 - 69
Class II	20 - 29	Class V	70 - 99
Class III	30 - 44	Class VI	100 - 300

The District Yearbook Chairman must receive the yearbooks by **May 15<sup>th</sup>**.

## **Award #11**

### **Photography**

A \$25.00 award will be given for a winning entry from each category. Entrants should submit a 4" x 6" color print to the District Awards Chairman. Only one entry per category will be accepted per person. *The entrant must have taken the photographs entered for competition.* Prints will not be returned. Include name and garden club on back of photo. Awards will be presented at the Eighth District's Spring Meeting

Photographs must be sent to the District Awards Chairman by December 31<sup>st</sup>. A panel of National Garden Clubs judges will decide the winners.

#### **CATEGORIES:**

- A. Horticulture specimens (Must have botanical name)
- B. Design (The design must conform to National Garden Club Standards)
  - 1. Traditional
  - 2. Creative
- C. Landscape

## **Award #12**

### **Landscape Design**

An award of \$25.00 will be given for a winning landscape design project. The project must be a landscape planting in a public area such as a school, library, business, church, city hall, fire station, etc. It may be a new project or an extension or change to the design of an existing project.

The entry must include the address of the project and a brief explanation of the project consisting of no more than one double spaced page with photographs mounted on the second or more pages. Include a photograph taken when beginning the project and another photograph taken in late summer. Additional photos may be added.

Submission should be mailed to the Landscape Design Chairman postmarked no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>. The landscape judges will judge it during September. One entry may be submitted per club.

**AWARD #13**

**YOUTH RECOGNITION**

Intermediate Award ages 8-12

Advanced Award ages 13-17

These awards may be presented to a Youth Garden club project or to an individual youth associated with a garden club for an entry in a Flower Show or other Garden Club activity. The awards should be given in recognition of outstanding participation in youth activities within 8<sup>th</sup> District.

There will be an award of \$10.00 in each category.

Documentation in the form of pictures and description of project is required. Entries should be submitted to the District Awards Chairman by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Entries will be judged by a panel of National Garden Club judges with recommendations by the 8<sup>th</sup> District Youth Chairman.

Intermediate

- A. Individual youth associated with a garden club
- B. Youth garden club project.

Advanced

- A. Individual youth associated with a garden club
- B. Youth garden club project

**DIRECTOR'S CITATIONS**

Citations may be given to individuals or to a garden club for faithful and outstanding service to the District. These citations will be presented at the Eighth District's Spring or Fall Meetings.

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