

Revisions to the NGC Awards Handbook Compiled by Pat Clayes 10/20/26

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Added: **Only ONE application may be submitted for any single project. A project may NOT be submitted for more than one award.**

Certificates provided: **Grand Prize** (overall winner for award - receives full-page certificate with gold seal. **First Place** (winner for each sub-category - receives full page certificate). **Award of Merit** (other worthy award submissions received by NGC – half-page certificate).

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Added: **One award entry for each sub-category will be accepted from each state (i.e., one small club, one medium club, etc.)**

SR-4 Regional Member of Honor – due by January 1 to Region designee. Regional Awards Chairman will submit names to the NGC Awards Chairman by **February 1**.

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On General Scoring Rubric – **No States and/or Regional cover sheets are included** (2 points will be taken off if State and/or Regional cover sheets are included). Also, the percentage of member participation has changed from 10 points to **12**. The points for involvement of others have changed from 5 points to **3** points.

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EC-3 Wildlife Survival - The Participation section of the Scoring Rubric has changed.

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EC-4 Water. Sentence added: **This award will not be given to the same project in two consecutive years.**

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EC-6 Organic Practices. Added: **This award does NOT include individual garden club members using organic practices in their own personal plantings. The award must be for a CLUB project or educational activity.**

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G-1 Container Gardening. The Achievement section of the Scoring Rubric has changed. Selection of container **enhances location**. Selection of plants **appropriate for container, location and environmental conditions. Located in an area visible to the community. Includes plan for seasonal maintenance as appropriate.**

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G-2 Edible Gardening. Most of the Achievement section of the Scoring Rubric has changed.

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G-4 Public Wildlife Gardens. In the Documentation section, the points for the financial report have changed from 4 to **1**. “Other” has changed from 1 to **4** points.

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FD-2 Floral Design Program. The Achievement section has changed. **Quality of** materials used/provided. **Audience engagement**. Most points have changed. Under the Participation section, **Number of participants** added. **Publicity promoting program** added.

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Under the Documentation section, the first item was changed to “**Clear photos when applicable, labeled as needed**”.

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MAE-3 Digital Media Presentation. Added: **This is an actual PRESENTATION, not simply a Facebook or Website post. It may include YouTube. It is intended to be educational in nature, not simply informative.**

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SR-2 Award of Excellence for States. New: **Grand Prize Certificate with gold seal.**

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SR-4 Member of Honor. **Note DUE DATE OF FEBRUARY 1 TO NGC MEMBER OF HONOR Chairman. Due date to Regional Awards Chairman by January 1.**

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SR-7 NGC Award for Major Non-Standard Flower Shows. Sentence reworded: **All requests are to be made in writing (mail is acceptable) to Headquarters and, due to engraving and shipping timeframes, have a FIRM DEADLINE of 2 months prior to the show dates.**

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YW-5 Junior Club wildlife Gardening Education. Under the Documentation section, the first sentence was reworded to “**Clear photos when applicable, labeled as needed.**”