



# **AWARD DESCRIPTIONS**

## **Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Timeline covered: January 1 through December 31.
2. Due to State Awards Chairman by November 11. Due date **may** be extended to 12/15 for **Nov or Dec club project** if Award Chair is notified prior to 11/11 due date.
3. Complete listing of DFGC Awards and the Application forms can be found at the state website [DelawareGardenClubs.org](http://DelawareGardenClubs.org) or requested from the Awards chairman.
4. Scale of Points used for DFGC Awards (excluding Yearbooks): Presentation 5 points. Achievement 65 points Participation 15 points and Record and Documentation 15 points

### **NEW AWARD FORMAT**

1. Presentation: Not to exceed 3 pages one-sided only, no plastic sheets, no binder.
2. The application form includes award number and name of DFGC award, name of club, number of members on whom NGC and state dues are paid (regular and associate, but not honorary), name and contact information of the Club President and Award chair. The application form contains topics to be addressed (if applicable). Use the topic number when completing the form. Written Text: concise; covers all requirements in award description.
3. Following pages can have pictures, news articles, etc. to backup your description of the award entry. There is a sample 3 page book of evidence on the NGC website [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org) (click on awards then click on application forms then click sample 3 page.)

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#### **1. Birds and/or Butterflies**

A project on birds or butterflies promoting protection and welfare, e.g. providing food, houses, promoting law enforcement relative to their welfare, habitat protection, protection of migratory routes, public education, establishment of butterfly garden at a school or community site, etc.

#### **2. Civic Achievement**

Distinguished civic or conservation work making permanent improvement for public benefit, e.g. establishing sanctuaries, experimental forests, municipal gardens, landscaping public buildings, etc.

#### **3. Conservation**

A project which promotes environmental awareness and the conservation of our natural resources, e.g., education or legislative activity; natural resource development such as a

wildlife refuge, erosion control, reforestation; overall excellence and well-balanced year's conservation activities such as a club/community recycling campaign.

#### **4. Horticulture/Garden Therapy**

- a. Horticulture Therapy A program working with the physically or learning challenged in nursing homes, schools, prisons, etc.
- b. Horticulture Therapy Garden Project

Establishment of a garden/s to benefit the physically or learning challenged, residents in nursing homes, schools, low income housing, etc. Includes barrier free gardens, accessible gardening, community garden, meditation gardens, etc.

#### **5. Historic Preservation**

- a. Historic Garden Preservation  
Project such as restoration of a park, a building and/or garden of importance to local, state or national heritage.
- b. Decoration of Historic Building  
Tasteful decoration of historic building/house/mansion. Decorations are not required to be of the period of the building, but should be creative, distinctive, and harmonize with the building's style. Designer's choice of all materials within purview of curator, official or owner of the building.

#### **6. National Garden Week**

The best overall promotion of National Garden Week; entry to show community awareness throughout the week and include local and/or state proclamations.

#### **7. Public Education-New**

Awarded for an outstanding educational program or event presented to the public which furthers NGC objectives and goals.

#### **8. Publications-New**

- a. Newsletters  
A club publication issued at least 3 times per year under one editorship. Submit 3 issues and state number of issues published per year.
- b. Website  
Site should promote the DFGC organization and NGC objectives. Include site address, name of webmaster, schedule for site updates, etc. Include up to 12 printed color pages of site from throughout the year. Judged by current site and sample pages.
- c. Other  
A club publication other than notices/flyers for one time events, i.e., manuals, brochures, leaflets, cookbooks, calendars, histories, etc.

## **9. Roadside Improvement**

### **a. Beautification**

An outstanding, permanent project enhancing roadsides and rest areas. Project may be sited on byways, highways, rest areas, town entrances, medians, etc. May be a completed or continuous project.

### **b. Litter clean up**

An outstanding community project on litter prevention, reclamation and/or recycling, e.g. year long program. May be a completed or continuous project.

## **10. Special Achievement**

- a. Outstanding projects furthering NGC, CAR, and DFGC objectives throughout the club year or a special club project, not provided for in another DFGC award.
- b. Outstanding holiday projects furthering NGC, CAR, and DFGC objectives, not provided for in another DFGC award.

## **11. Wildflower / Native Plant Preservation**

### **12. Garden Gate Garden Club - Stewards of the Environment Award**

Project or educational program given by a club to other clubs or the public that encompasses the environment, conservation, recycling, or protection of native plants and wildlife. The award will be a certificate and a check for \$100.00 given by The Garden Gate Garden Club. If there are no applications or no appropriate projects or programs, the award will be withheld. Clubs are eligible to receive the award more than once but not for the same project or program.

**13. Yearbook** – Information and scale of points distributed at the July Presidents meeting.

**14. Flower Show Schedule Award.** Submit schedule to Flower Show Schedule Chair

**15. DFGC Meeting Attendance**