

STATE AND CAR-SGC REGIONAL AWARDS FOR NGC FLOWER SHOWS

In addition to Blue, Red, Yellow and White ribbons and NGC Top Exhibitor Awards offered to exhibitors in an NGC Flower Show, the Flower Show, a Section of Perennials, an Educational Exhibit or the Show Schedule may be eligible for FGCMD and/or Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs Awards

FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF MARYLAND (FGCMD) AWARDS:

FGCMD acknowledges the achievement of sponsoring an NGC Flower Show by offering Certificates of Recognition and Certificates of Merit. It's painless to apply! So that FGCMD may recognize your member organization's show, your Flower Show Chairman simply needs to:

- (1) Complete the easy-to-do Flower Show Report*, and
- (2) Send the completed report and 4 show schedules to the FGCMD Flower Show Evaluation Chairman within 10 days of the show.

Certificates are presented to District Directors at the FGCMD Annual Meeting in March, for further distribution to member clubs.

**The Flower Show Report is available at www.fgcofmd.org; click "Flower Shows" on the home page. On the "Flower Shows" page, click the link to either the computer fill-in-ready WORD form of the Flower Show Report, or to the PDF form of the Report to complete by hand.*

CENTRAL ATLANTIC REGION OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS, INC. (CAR-SGC) AWARDS:

Information on Awards and Application available at www.carsgc.org

- **THE AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY REGIONAL PERENNIAL AWARD.** Awarded to a Garden Club, Group of Garden Clubs, District, Council or State for an Outstanding Class or Section of Herbaceous Perennials in a Standard Flower Show. Criteria:
 - (1) Club, District or State Flower Show Chairmen may apply (Plant Societies are excluded).
 - (2) Each State Federation in the Central Atlantic Region is eligible each year to receive one award for a class or section of Herbaceous Perennials in a Standard Flower Show held between January 1 and December 31.
 - (3) The Award shall consist of an American Horticultural Society Blue Rosette and a Certificate.
 - (4) A class or section of Herbaceous Perennials in a Standard Flower Show may be eligible for the American Horticultural Society Regional Award in competition with other Clubs, Districts, Councils or the State within the Federation.
 - a. The overall exhibit must be of outstanding quality and must include a minimum of 20 specimens.
 - b. Consideration shall be given to condition, staging, proper labeling, and rarity.
 - c. Schedule may state "Application will be made for this award, if merited".
 - (5) **Application is limited to three pages, front side of page only; see CAR-SGC website for interactive application.** Application should include:
 - a. Date, name of State Federation [Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.], name of show, and location.

- b. Brief description.
- c. List of specimens in exhibit, botanically named (genus, species, and cultivar).
- d. Clear photograph of exhibit including staging; may be sent electronically.
- e. Clear photograph of any top awards in exhibit, if applicable; may be sent electronically.

(6) **2 copies of Application must be submitted to the FGCMD Flower Show Evaluation Chairman within 4 weeks of the date of the Flower Show. No application may be sent directly to CAR - SGC.**

(7) The state's winning entry is sent by the state to the Regional Awards Chairman by April 1.

(8) Six weeks before the CAR-SGC Fall Conference the AHS Regional Awards Chairman sends a listing of winners for the rosette(s) and certificate(s) to the American Horticultural Society.

(9) The AHS Regional Perennial Awards will be presented at the CAR-SGC Regional Conference in the Fall.

- **OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT AWARD.** Certificate and \$100 awarded to a Garden Club or Garden Club Member(s) for an Educational Exhibit which relates to National Garden Clubs, Inc. objectives and is designed to instruct. Winning Exhibit will be displayed at the CAR-SGC Fall Conference, provided space is available. **Application is three sides, front side of page only; see CAR-SGC website for interactive application.** Application to include:

Summary of the exhibit; impetus for the exhibit, where and when exhibit was displayed, number of people viewing the exhibit, concrete results of the exhibit (if known).

Two photographs; may be sent electronically. NOTE - Refer to CAR-SGC General Rules.

2 copies of Application must be submitted to the FGCMD Flower Show Evaluation Chairman within 4 weeks of the date of the Flower Show. No application may be sent directly to CAR-SGC.

- **CAR-SGC SCHEDULE AWARDS.** Certificates and cash awards are given for excellence in flower show schedules. After submitting your Flower Show Report and 4 schedules to the FGCMD Evaluation Chairman for FGCMD recognition, no additional action is required by your organization: our Flower Show personnel will select one applicant for each CAR-SGC category from among the Show Reports and Schedules submitted during the calendar year. Awards are presented at the CAR-SGC Fall Conference, and recipients are notified through FGCMD thereafter.