



Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.
2023 State Awards Presented at the 2024 Annual Meetings

FGCMD Awards Presented at the March 26, 2024 Annual Meeting

NGC 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATE

Four Rivers Garden Club - District II

MEMBERSHIP AWARD

District Bowl (*Silver Bowl*) for the greatest percentage increase in district membership in a calendar year - District V - 5% increase in membership

EVELYN M. COTTON MARYLAND CONSERVATION AWARD (*Silver Bowl*)

Green-walled Garden Club, District V - "Conservation Starts at Home"

GOVERNOR'S BEAUTIFICATION BOWL (*Silver Bowl*)

Four Seasons Garden Club, District I - "Earth Day Project with Girls Scouts"

MAE SCOTT FOOD BANK AWARD (*\$100*)

Carroll Garden Club, District V - "Community Garden"

MARYLAND ROADSIDE AWARD (*Pewter Tray*)

Bayside Bloomer Garden Club, District II - "Operation Plant Native"

RAE B. WEEKS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD (*Silver Bowl*)

Talbot County Garden Club, District I - "Fountain Garden"

DESSIE MOXLEY YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AWARD (*Pewter Tray - Recipient*)

Lutherville Garden Club, District III - "Birdfeeders made from Recycle Items"

NATIONAL 4 STAR MEMBER

Mari Stanley - Dorchester Garden Club District I

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS (*Certificates*)

Margaret Smith - Longfellow Garden Club, District V for "Establishing the Climate Action Group"

Peggy Conner - Green-walled Garden Club, District V for "Establishing the Climate Action Group"

Anna O'Kelly - Crofton Greenery Garden Club, District II for "Chairing the Holiday Merriment Design Program featuring David Power"

Linda Harris - Mountain Laurel Garden Club, District V for "Chairing the First Earth Day Event"

STATE PERENNIAL BLOOM AWARD RECIPIENTS *(Certificate)*

For this year only, we were pleased to honor two (2) Perennial Bloom winners for our state due to the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs transitioning to a new award date for 2025.

We have been privileged to have tenured members, who like the perennials in our gardens, have made our clubs grow and bloom with their continuous support of our goals and objectives. Serving as officers and chairmen over the years, and their love of gardening has planted many a seed for our programs and events, while their enthusiastic leadership has inspired members to nurture those seeds into successful blooms. In grateful appreciation for their years of support in our clubs and communities, we are pleased to present the Perennial Bloom Award to two deserving individuals in the state of Maryland. The 1st part of the CAR award year, Paula Winkler, a member of Charles County Garden Club, District II was the state recipient and for the 2nd part of the year Gail Willin, a member of Four Seasons Garden Club, District I was the recipient of this prestigious award. Please join me in congratulating these deserving members who represent our state.

FGCMD PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE BOARD AWARDS

MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR *(Certificate)*

Nancy Percival – Crofton Village Garden Club, District II for “Creating the Stonegate Nature Trail”

Nancy took an abandoned woodland and turned it into a community nature trail. Her conservation efforts inspired the members of her club and neighborhood community to participate in restoring and protecting this woodland habitat. The Nature Trail not only provides habitat to pollinators and is home to a diverse range of wildlife, it benefits the community as a useable outdoor recreational area.

AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT *(Certificate)*

Lauren Toomey – Crofton Village Garden Club, District II for “Pollinator Pathway along the WB & A Trail”

At the conclusion of Lauren’s studies as a Watershed Steward, she proposed a creation of a pollinator pathway of native pollinator plantings along the WB&A Trail. Under the umbrella of Pollinator Pathways, Lauren was able to get assistance from her garden club members, Bee Lab, Watershed Stewards of Anne Arundel County and Master Gardeners resulting in the planting of 2,700 plants in 2022 and 4,700 plants in 2023!

AWARD OF CITATION *(Certificate)*

Shelley Johnson – Green-walled Garden Club, Director - District V for “Walkersville Tree Planting”

With the use of funds from the Alice Rush McKeon Fund, Director Johnson broke new ground! She reached out to the Walkersville Community leaders and citizens, the Department of Natural Resources and members of her garden club. This team was able to purchase trees at a discount increasing the number that could be planted and increasing the plantings to three locations. In all, 57 trees were planted! Shelley was instrumental in her club obtaining an NGC Plant America Grant and has expanded her club’s conservation program to include a recycling program partnering with other civic organizations.

AWARD OF APPRECIATION (*Certificate*)

Dr Sara Via for her “Actions to Mitigate Climate Change”

Dr. Via has been a professor Biology at the University of Maryland since 1997 and during her tenure has received numerous awards including two Distinguished Scholar, Teacher Awards. Dr. Via sees herself as a Climate Change Educator and Evolutionary Geneticist. Her true passion is educating the public on Climate Change and what individuals can do about it. Following a 35 year research career, she has given hundreds of talks to community groups and webinars on various topics on climate change and sustainability. Many of us have benefited from her presentations. Dr. Via exemplifies NGC’s Environmental Mission Statement and we are pleased to present her with an Award of Appreciation. In addition, Dr. Via has received the National Award and will be a guest at the NGC Convention in June being held in Denver.

MARIE COULTER BOWL (*Silver Bowl*)

Mountain Laurel Garden Club – District V for “Promoting the Objectives of NGC and CAR- SGC”

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club is celebrating its 35th Anniversary this year and has been a tremendous asset to our organization. This club holds an annual public garden tour with design demonstrations, has native plant sales, is involved in a Habitat for Humanity project, has sponsored a Blue Star Memorial Marker, supports and beautifies the area around the local library, works with and educates middle and high school students by creating a native meadow as part of their science curriculum. The club has received an arm’s length of grants for their many worthy projects including the NGC Plant America Grant and a check from Espomoa Organic Products. In April, the club is offering a Native Plant Symposium in Garrett County.

FGCMD Awards Presented at District Annual Meetings

NGC Anniversary Certificates

Mountain Laurel Garden Club (V)	35 years
Hampton Garden Club (III)	50 years
Friendship Garden Club (III)	50 years
Crofton Village Garden Club (II)	55 years
Worcester County Garden Club (I)	65 years
Lake Hills Garden Club (IV)	65 years
For-Win-Ash Garden Club (IV)	65 years
Woodbrook-Murray Hill Garden Club (III)	70 years
Garden Workshop Garden Club (IV)	70 years
Silver Fancy Garden Club (V)	70 years
Tasker’s Chance Garden Club (V)	75 years
Lutherville Garden Club (III)	75 years
Naval Academy Garden Club (II)	90 years
Queen Anne’s County Garden Club (I)	90 years
Mount Airy Garden Club (V)	90 years
The Garden Club of Frederick (V)	95 years
Carroll Garden Club (V)	95 years
Four Rivers Garden Club (II)	100 years

CENTRAL ATLANTIC REGION OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS (CAR-SGC) presented to:

Kent Island Garden Club (I)	Civic Development and Improvement Award Medium Club	1 st Place (\$100)
Naval Academy Garden Club (II)	Overall Winner (\$25) NGC Patriotic Standard Flower Show Schedule	
District I	Overall Winner – Small District (\$25) District Standard Flower Show Schedule	
Lutherville Garden Club (III)	NGC Small Standard Flower Show Schedule Large Club	2 nd Place Certificate
Green-walled Garden Club (V)	NGC Small Standard Flower Show Schedule	3 rd Place Certificate

CENTRAL ATLANTIC REGION OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS (CAR-SGC) presented a certificate to Sophie Clark and Reagan Pettitt, Chestertown Garden Club (I) for Grade 4, Fifth Place, tie in the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl 2023 Poster Contest Award

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The Garden Club of Frederick (V)	“Tree Planting at Sophie and Madigan’s Playground” Medium Club	Honorable Mention
Lutherville Garden Club (III)	“Wildflower Meadow”	Large Club 1 st Place
Talbot County Garden Club (I)	“Rails to Trails”	Large Club 2 nd Place

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Bayside Bloomers GC (II)	“Operation Plant Native”	Small Club 1 st Place
Town & Country GC (V)	“Meritus Thrift Store Flowers”	Small Club 3 rd Place
Hampton GC (III)	“Establishing a Vegetable Garden for Boys Hope & Girls Hope” Medium Club	1 st Place
Four Seasons Garden Club (I)	“Earth Day Project with Girl Scouts”	Medium Club 2 nd Place
Mt. Washington GC (IV)	“Kennedy Kreiger Festival of Trees”	Medium Club 3 rd Place Tie
Green-walled GC (V)	“Creating Terrariums at Walkersville Public Library” Medium Club	3 rd Place Tie

BLUE STAR/GOLD STAR AWARDS

Blue Star Award -

The Garden Club of Cumberland (V) 2nd Place

Gold Star Award -

The Garden Club of Cumberland (V) 2nd Place

DECORATING HISTORICAL HOMES AWARD

Lutherville Garden Club (III) “Greening of Hampton” Large Club 2nd Place

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

Talbot County Garden Club (I) “Fountain Garden Refresher” Large Club 1st Place

GARDEN THERAPY AWARD

Four Seasons Garden Club (I)	“Blind Industries”	Medium Club 1 st Place
Kent Island Garden Club (I)	“Chester Wye Garden Therapy Project”	Medium Club 2 nd Place

PUBLICATION AWARD

Oxford Garden Club (I)	“Grapevine Newsletter”	1 st Place
Lutherville Garden Club (III)	“Membership Awareness”	Honorable Mention

PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

ANNETTE RICHTER PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Sharon Rhodes	Hampton GC (III)	“Oak Leaf Hydrangea”	1 st Place (\$50)
Doris Key	Queen Anne’s County GC (I)	“Seaside Solidago”	2 nd Place
Ann Street	Four Seasons GC (I)	“Passiflora incarnata”	3 rd Place
Laura Blaylock	Queen Anne’s County GC (I)	“Wild Grapevine”	Honorable Mention
Phyllis Roberts	Chestertown GC (I)	“Echinacea”	Honorable Mention

DISTRICT DIRECTORS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Laura Blaylock - Queen Anne’s County GC (I)	“Helianthus”	1 st Place (\$50)	
Jan Meara	Monkton GC (III)	“Wrens Nesting in Birdhouse”	2 nd Place
Sharon Rhodes	Hampton GC (III)	“Marigold with Bee”	3 rd Place
Sue Betz	Oxford GC (I)	“Painted Nettles”	Honorable Mention
Betty Reeves	Lutherville GC (III)	“Monarch Butterflies”	Honorable Mention

HARRY C. REYNOLDS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Sharon Rhodes	Hampton GC (III)	“Live Oak”	1 st Place
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MARY F. FITZGERALD PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Sue Betz	Oxford GC (I)	“Dried Creative Arrangement”	1 st Place
Mari Stanley	Dorchester GC (I)	“Still Life”	2 nd Place

FLOWER SHOW EVALUATION CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Somerset County GC (I)	“Summer Herb Garden”	NGC Small Standard Flower Show	7/29/23
District II Daffodil Show	“Opening Day”	NGC Standard Flower Show	4/4/23
Charles County GC (II)	“Cruise Life”	NGC Standard Flower Show	9/14/23
St. Mary’s County GC (II)	“Cruising”	NGC Standard Flower Show	9/21-24/2023
Homeland GC (IV)	“Ode to Spring”	NGC Small Standard Flower Show	5/17/23
Tasker’s Chance GC (V)	“75 Years: Celebrating and Remembering”	NGC Small Standard Flower	10/9/23

FLOWER SHOW EVALUATION CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

District V	“Hot Off the Press”	NGC Standard Flower Show	3/2/23
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YEARBOOK AWARDS

Longfellow Garden Club (V)	Small Club	3 rd Place
Bent Twig Garden Club (III)	Medium Club	1 st Place
Four Seasons Garden Club (I)	Medium Club	2 nd Place Tie
Green-walled Garden Club (V)	Medium Club	2 nd Place Tie
Naval Academy Garden Club (II)	Medium Club	3 rd Place Tie
Carroll Garden Club (V)	Medium Club	3 rd Place Tie
Kent Island Garden Club (I)	Medium Club	Honorable Mention
Halten Garden Club (III)	Medium Club	Honorable Mention
Town and Country Garden Club (V)	Medium Club	Honorable Mention
Lutherville Garden Club (III)	Large Club	1 st Place
Talbot County Garden Club (I)	Large Club	2 nd Place
Dorchester Garden Club (I)	Large Club	3 rd Place

LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL AWARD FOR PUBLIC SPACES

Bayside Bloomers GC (II)	“Operation Plant Native”	1 st Place Tie \$150
Lutherville Garden Club (III)	“Wildflower Meadow at Local Garden Area”	1 st Place Tie \$150
Talbot County GC (I)	“Fountain Garden Refresher”	2 nd Place \$100

LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AWARD

Evergreen Garden Club (III)	Landscaping at a Habitat of Humanity House	1 st Place \$200
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GARDENING COUNCIL – OUTSTANDING EDIBLE GARDEN AWARD

Hampton Garden Club (III)	“Baltimore Boy’s Hope/Girl’s Hope Garden”	\$150
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GARDENING COUNCIL OUTSTANDING CONTAINER GARDEN AWARD

Mountain Laurel Garden Club (V)	“Containers at the Accident Library”	\$150
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YOUTH CONTESTS

Poetry - “I Spy With My Little Eye, Something Green Outside – Celebrating our Green World”

- Four Seasons Garden Club (I) - 2 Youth Awards
- Calvert County Garden Club (II) - 15 Youth Awards
- Chesapeake County Garden Club (II) - 1 Youth Award
- Shipley’s Choice (II) - 3 Youth Awards

Poster - “Smokey the Bear”

- Worcester Garden Club (I) - 3 Youth Awards
- Chestertown Garden Club (I) - 2 Youth Awards