



Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.
2024 State Awards Presented at the 2025 Annual Meetings

FGCMD Awards Presented at the March 25, 2025 Annual Meeting

NGC 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATE

Guilford Garden Club - District IV

MEMBERSHIP AWARD

District Bowl (*Silver Bowl*) for the greatest percentage increase in district membership in a calendar year - District V - 3% increase in membership

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

Lutherville Garden Club, District III - "Pollinator Garden"

GOVERNOR'S BEAUTIFICATION BOWL (*Silver Bowl*)

Oxford Garden Club, District I - "Plant America Garden"

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

Oxford Garden Club, District I - "Neighborhood Service Center Garden"

MARYLAND ROADSIDE AWARD (*Pewter Tray*)

Shipley's Choice Garden Club, District II - "Season Planting & Decorations for Community Monuments"

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

Green-walled Garden Club, District V - "Catoctin Furnace Historical Improvement Project"

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

Dorchester Garden Club, District I - "DGC Youth Gardening Outreach Robbins Family YMCA"

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS (*Certificates*)

Trish Reynolds - Talbot Garden Club, District I for "Serving on the State Board for two terms, first as Recording Secretary and most recently as Corresponding Secretary, while also serving as editor and publisher of Gardenews for District I"

Christa Pusateri - Mt. Airy Garden Club, District V for "Simultaneously serving as State Recording Secretary and Chair of the Environmental Consultant's Council, Legislation and Youth Gardening Chair for District V and Co-Chair for the garden at Mt. Airy Middle School"

Liz Williams - Chartwell Garden Club, District II for "Designing and implementing the FGCMD website in 2009 and being at the helm since then. Also frequently serving as editor of the state newsletter, Gardenews"

Tina Swanson - Mt. Airy Garden Club, District V for "Serving as editor of Gardenews since 2009 and simultaneously managing the FGCMD Facebook page"

Betty Reeves - Lutherville Garden Club, District III for "Serving as reigning queen of the Annual Meeting, organizing floor plans, schedules and taking care of issues"

STATE PERENNIAL BLOOM AWARD RECIPIENTS (Certificate)

Susan Palmer – Woodbrook-Murray Hill Garden Club, District III

The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland has been privileged to have a tenured member, who like any perennial in our gardens, has made our clubs grow and bloom with her continuous support of our goals and objectives. In recognition of her multiple accomplishments in District III and her leadership roles on the FGCMD Board, the Maryland Daffodil Society and Ikebana International, we are pleased to present the Perennial Bloom Award to Susan Palmer, a member of the Woodbrook-Murray Hill Garden Club, District III. Please join me in congratulating Susan Palmer who will represent the State of Maryland as our Perennial Bloom candidate.

FGCMD PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE BOARD AWARDS

AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT (Certificate)

Patty Kettlestrings – Garden Club of Frederick, District V

The winner of this award has been an active member of the Garden Club of Frederick since 2010. In her first year, she created a project called, “Got Nectar” which asked garden clubs to plant bulbs or perennials to address the needs of early or late pollinators. In two years, over 3,000 bulbs and approximately 120 native plants were planted in the District.

She is the club’s immediate past President and has been the chair of over seven club committees. Most recently, she has served as the District’s Civic Improvement Chairman. She was heavily involved with the District’s Alice Rush McKeon Tree Plantings in 2023-24 and was instrumental in the project’s success. She assisted in the three site selections, actual tree planting by moving trees, digging and staking and then purchased and organized refreshments for the volunteers at each of the three events.

One of the tree planting sites was Frederick County Public Schools’ Earth, Space and Science Lab Arboretum. This resourceful member created a collaboration between the school system and three Frederick FGCMD clubs and garnered a grant from the Maryland Urban and Community Forestry Committee Grants program. The funds allowed diseased trees and invasive species to be removed, native trees planted along with identification signage and a tree location map.

She assisted in the club receiving the State President’s Sustaining Maryland Grant to continue to enhance the Arboretum and garnered a partnership with the Boy Scouts for continued success of this project.

AWARD OF CITATION (Certificate)

Sandy Wrightson – Oxford Garden Club, District I

Diane Smith - Crofton Village Garden Club, District II

Every club should be blessed with members like these two women from Oxford and Crofton Village Garden Clubs. While their achievements are in different areas, both have incredible talent, energy and planning skills. Their depth of ability and willingness to serve is enviable. These special citations could easily be renamed “The Energizer Bunny Awards” because that describes how active they both are; but they are going to be called “Super Members.” We would like to recognize Diane Smith and Sandy Wrightson for all they do.

MARIE COULTER BOWL (Silver Bowl)

Anna O’Kelly – Crofton Greenery Garden Club – District II

Anna has been Club President multiple times, District II Director and held multiple Officer positions on the State Board culminating as State President. She led us through Covid with creativity and perseverance getting all used to a new communication tool called ZOOM. She is a wonderful floral designer, member of the Ikebana Society and a 4 Star Winner. She currently heads the Judges Council and next year will be returning to the Board as State Treasurer.

FGCMD Awards Presented at District Annual Meetings

NGC Anniversary Certificates

Bayside Bloomers Garden Club (II)	10 Years
Monkton Garden Club (III)	30 Years
Dorsey Hall Garden Club (V)	40 Years
Gunpowder Garden Club (III)	55 Years
Joppatown Garden Club (III)	60 Years
Manor Garden Club (III)	65 Years
Cross Country Garden Club (V)	70 Years
Hollyberry Garden Club (II)	70 Years
Dickeyville Garden Club (IV)	85 Years
Town & Country Garden Club (III)	85 Years
Cliff Dwellers Garden Club (IV)	95 Years
Dorchester Garden Club (I)	95 Years
Guilford Garden Club (IV)	100 Years

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

Homeland Garden Club (IV)	NGC Small Standard Flower Show Schedule Award First Place, Small Club
Somerset County Garden Club (I)	NGC Small Standard Flower Show Schedule Award Overall winner (\$50.00) Medium Club
District V	Standard Flower Show Schedule Award (\$50.00)
Four Seasons Garden Club (I)	Yearbook Award: 20-29 members

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Green-walled GC (V)	“Catoctin Furnace Historical Improvement” Medium 1 st Place
Shipleys Choice GC (II)	“Season Planting & Decorations For Community Monuments” Medium 2 nd Place
Four Rivers Garden Club (II)	“Broadneck High School Pollinator Garden” Medium 3 rd Place
Lutherville Garden Club (III)	“Pollinator Garden” Large 1 st Place

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Town & Country GC (V)	“Seed Collecting at Hagerstown City Park” Small 1 st Place
Oxford Garden Club (I)	“Plant America Garden” Medium 1 st Place
Evergreen Garden Club (III)	“Holiday Arrangements Benefiting Liriodendron Foundation” Medium 2 nd Place
Mountain Laurel GC (V)	“Mountain Laurel Garden Club 2024 Garden Tour” Large 1 st Place
Queen Anne’s County GC (I)	“Tub Planting” Large 2 nd Place
Dorchester GC (I)	“Ivy League of DGC WWII Memorial, Dorchester Courthouse” Large 3 rd Place

DECORATING HISTORICAL HOMES AWARD

Town & Country GC (V)	“Miller House Christmas Decorations” Small 1 st Place
Evergreen Garden Club (III)	“Ladew Holiday Manor” Medium 2 nd Place
Naval Academy GC (II)	“Faragut House: Decorating with Plants” Large 1 st Place
Lutherville Garden Club (III)	“Maryland’s First Lady, Dawn Moore, Christmas at the State House Rotunda” Large 2 nd Place

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

Evergreen Garden Club (III)	“Carter-Archer Landscape Improvement” Medium 3 rd Place
Kent Island Garden Club (I)	“Kirwan House Gardens Reconstruction to Butterfly Gardens” Medium HM

GARDEN THERAPY AWARD

Evergreen Garden Club (III)	“Floral Therapy at Jacob's Well”	Medium	1 st Place
Glen Arm Garden Club (III)	“Morningside Garden Therapy”	Medium	2 nd Place
Lutherville Garden Club (III)	“Garden Therapy at College Manor”	Large	1 st Place
Four Rivers Garden Club (II)	“Wellness House Workshop”	Large	3 rd Place
Talbot County Garden Club (I)	“Inclusive Gardening”	Large	HM
Queen Anne’s County GC (I)	“Miniature Holiday Arrangements”	Large	HM

GARDEN FOOD BANK AWARD

Oxford Garden Club (I)	“Neighborhood Service Center Garden”	Medium	2 nd Place
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PUBLICATION AWARD (NEWS LETTER)

Lutherville Garden Club (III)	“Planter's Punch Monthly Newsletter”	Large	1 st Place
Talbot County Garden Club (I)	“Blossom & Bloom”	Large	3 rd Place

PUBLICATION AWARD (EDUCATION)

Chesapeake Garden Club (II)	“The Well-Rounded Gardener”	Medium	1 st Place
Talbot County Garden Club (I)	“Can You Dig It?”	Large	2 nd Place

PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

ANNETTE RICHTER PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Carole Pue	Franklin GC (III)	“Milkweed”	1 st Place \$50
Claire Jones	Monkton GC (III)	“Button Bush”	2 nd Place
Sally Waller	Woodbrook-Murray Hill GC (III)	“Woodland Pinkroot”	3 rd Place
Nancy Boyce	Oxford GC (I)	“Monarda Fistulosa”	HM
Lynn Crenshaw	Monkton GC (III)	“Black-Eyed Susan”	HM
Linda DeCarlo	Franklin GC (III)	“Trumpet Vine”	HM

DISTRICT DIRECTORS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Carole Pue	Franklin GC (III)	“Emerging Monarch”	1 st Place \$50
Sharyn Rhodes	Hampton GC (III)	“New Guinea Impatiens”	2 nd Place
Betty Reeves	Lutherville GC (III)	“Red Admiral Butterfly”	3 rd Place
Ingrid Blanton	Oxford GC (I)	“Carpenter Bee”	HM
Nancy Boyce	Oxford GC (I)	“Little Bee Eater”	HM
Jenny Henry	Shipley’s Choice GC (II)	“Water Lilies”	HM
Claire Jones	Monkton GC (III)	“MaCaws”	HM

HARRY C. REYNOLDS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Sharyn Rhodes	Hampton GC (III)	“Empress Tree”	1 st Place
Nancy Boyce	Oxford GC (I)	“Various, Mostly Oaks”	2 nd Place
Lynn Crenshaw	Monkton GC (III)	“Pecan Tree”	3 rd Place
Bob Howatt	Four Seasons GC (I)	“Bald Cypress”	HM

MARY F. FITZGERALD PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Ann Street	Four Seasons GC (I)	“Creative Line Mass”	1 st Place
Claire Jones	Monkton GC (III)	“Mass Design”	2 nd Place
Ingrid Blanton	Oxford GC (I)	“Mass Design”	3 rd Place

FLOWER SHOW EVALUATION CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

District II Daffodil Show	“Spring Break” 41 st Annual Daffodil/NGC Small Standard FS	4/2-4/2024
Kent Island GC (I)	“Books in Bloom” An NGC Horticulture Specialty Show	06/13/2024
Charles County GC (II)	“A Centennial Celebration” An NGC Standard Flower Show	9/12-15/2024
Howard County GC (V)	“Back to School” NGC Small Standard Flower Show	09/13/2024
St. Mary’s County GC (II)	“Broadway’s Blooming” An NGC Standard Flower Show	9/19-22/2024

FLOWER SHOW EVALUATION CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Crofton Village GC (II)	“60’s Flower Power” An NGC Standard Flower Show	5/21/2024
District I, FGCMD	“Spirit of America” An NGC Patriotic Standard Flower Show	10/05/2024
Four Seasons GC (I)	“The Wizard of Oz” An NGC Standard Flower Show	10/16/2024

DISTRICT PERENNIAL BLOOM AWARDS

Sandy Wrightson	Oxford Garden Club (I)
Diane Smith	Crofton Village Garden Club (II)
Susan Palmer	Woodbrook-Murry Hill Garden Club (III)

YEARBOOK AWARDS

Bayside Bloomers GC (II)	Small Club	1 st Place
Town & Country Garden Club (V)	Small Club	2 nd Place
Carroll Garden Club (V)	Medium Club	1 st Place Tie
Green-walled Garden Club (V)	Medium Club	1 st Place Tie
Country GC of Harford County (III)	Medium Club	2 nd Place Tie
Oxford Garden Club (I)	Medium Club	2 nd Place Tie
Four Seasons Garden Club (I)	Medium Club	3 rd Place Tie
Glen Arm Garden Club (III)	Medium Club	3 rd Place Tie
Bent Twig Garden Club (III)	Medium Club	HM
Chesapeake Garden Club (II)	Medium Club	HM
Kent Island Garden Club (I)	Medium Club	HM
Mt. Airy Garden Club (V)	Medium Club	HM
Worcester Garden Club (I)	Medium Club	HM
Lutherville Garden Club (III)	Large Club	1 st Place
Dorchester Garden Club (I)	Large Club	2 nd Place
Chestertown Garden Club (I)	Large Club	3 rd Place Tie
Naval Academy Garden Club (II)	Large Club	3 rd Place Tie
St. Mary’s County GC (II)	Large Club	HM
Talbot Garden Club (I)	Large Club	HM

LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL AWARD - LANDSCAPE WORK AT A PUBLIC SITE

St. Mary's County GC (II)	"Butterfly Trail at the Parkette"	1 st Place	\$150
Lutherville GC (III)	"Pollinator Garden"	2 nd Place	\$100
Green-walled GC (V)	"Kline Hospice House Beautification Project"	3 rd Place	\$50

LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AWARD

Evergreen Garden Club (III)	"15 th Habitat for Humanity Project"	1 st Place	\$200
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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS COUNCIL AWARD – JEAN LOWRY ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

Bayside Bloomers GC (II)	"Operation Plant Native"	1 st Place	\$500
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YOUTH CONTESTS

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl – Themes "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" or "Lend a Hand Care for the Land"

Chestertown GC (I)	Six (6) Youth Awards
Taskers Chance GC (V)	Two (2) Youth Awards

Recycle/Sculpture – Theme "Encouraging Youth to Keep our Planet Green"

Green-walled GC (V)	Three (3) Youth Awards
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