

AWARDS MANUAL 2017-2019



PART II - Flower Show Awards

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or reviewed/printed from FCGCT Webpage**

Flower Show Awards

Introduction:

A Flower Show represents much work, energy and creativity by many members of your club! Individual members will be recognized for their floral designs and expertise in growing plants and flowers by ribbons and rosettes at the show. And, your club can be recognized for its successful show with a Flower Show Achievement (and other) Awards – however, you must apply!

This manual provides an overview of Connecticut awards given at a Flower Show to individual and group exhibitors, as well as New England Region awards, plus Achievement Awards, given for an exceptional Show. Descriptions of NGC awards given at Flower Shows to exhibitors are described well on pages 39-48 in the 2017 NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, and are not included in this manual.

*Both National and Connecticut Federation awards fall into two categories: **awards given at a show** and **awards given for a show**. Details and advice on how to plan and present a flower show will be available on the new FGCCT webpage. And of course, at anytime, please contact the Chair of the Connecticut Judges Council for advice and any questions. If your club does not have a judge among your members, one may be designated to serve as an advisor to your Flower Show Planning Committee. Just contact the Chair of Judges Council – see the Board of Directors list on the FGCCT webpage.*

All Flower Show awards are based on the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) Standard System of Awarding. Details are found in the 2017 NGC Handbook for Flower Shows and are not described in this manual. .

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CONNECTICUT FEDERATION AWARDS GIVEN AT NGC FLOWER SHOWS
By Judges Based On The Flower Show Schedule And The Results Of Judging.

*Connecticut Flower show rosettes and entry cards may be purchased from the FGCCT office at
(203) 488-5528 - office@ctgardenclubs.org or fgcctoffice@gmail.com*

Definitions:

- Exhibit - After an 'entry' has been classified and placed in a flower show, it is referred to as an exhibit. (These include plant specimens, floral designs, photographs, educational displays, etc.)
- Class - A group of exhibits in an NGC Flower Show conforming to the same specifications.
- Division - The major categories of an NGC Flower Show: Horticulture, Design, Education, Youth/Sponsored Groups and Botanical Arts.
- Show Schedule - A printed document listing Divisions, Sections and Classes within the Flower Show. Rules and requirements are stated, along with the NGC Standard System of Awarding. Schedules take into consideration the show theme, abilities of participants, venue capacity, season of the year, etc.

Overview of NGC Standard System of Awarding

NGC has a standard system of awarding used at all Flower Shows. The following point system is used.

1st place - blue ribbon – one per class, minimum of 90 points.

2nd place - red ribbon – one per class, minimum of 85 points.

3rd place - yellow ribbon - one per class, minimum of 80 points.

Honorable Mention - white ribbon - one or more per class, minimum of 75 points.

[Note: *Information on the NGC Standard System of Awarding are detailed in the 2017 NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, pp. 39-48; Scales of Points for judging are on pp. 129-134]*

If exhibits are of exceptional quality, they may be scored 90 plus (90+), even if they receive red/yellow/white ribbons. It is possible for all the non-blue ribbon designs in a Design class to be designated 90+, and in a Horticultural Class, there may be multiple 90+ exhibits.

Three or more classes make up a **Section** in a show; a section is eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards given by NGC for the best single exhibit in the section. These are described in the 2017 Handbook on pages 40-45.

In addition, FGCCT offers section and other awards for exhibits at Flower Shows. In some cases, these are given for sections that are not eligible for an NGC Award. Federation Awards are generally not given in sections in which an NGC Top Award is given. Most Federation Awards are available for club shows; some are only given at the State Flower Show in Hartford.

All awards in this manual are based on the decision of the judges who judge the show. Some clubs have awards specific to their club in addition to NGC and FGCCT awards. All awards offered must be listed, and eligibility described, in the Flower Show Schedule.

FGCCT AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR EXHIBITS at CLUB AND STATE SHOWS

[This includes shows sponsored by one or more clubs; councils, and the State Federation; shows may also be co-sponsored with plant societies, museums, etc.

Connecticut Federation Awards are generally available for Sections that are not eligible for an NGC award. In a few cases, CT awards are given to exhibits that are high scoring but did not win an NGC Top Exhibitor Award. The Flower Show Schedule delineates eligibility.

Design Division

CONNECTICUT JUDGES DESIGN AWARD Rosette of old gold ribbons. One is offered, and may be given to an outstanding exhibit, scoring 95 points or more, in a design section which is ineligible for a National Garden Clubs award.

Horticulture Division:

CONNECTICUT GARDEN AWARD A rosette of green and white Ribbons. One is offered and may be awarded to the outstanding garden scoring 95 points or more in a Standard Flower Show and /or House and Garden Show or Tour.

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| Scale of Points | |
| Design of garden and special features | 30 |
| Plant quality and suitability | 25 |
| Color harmony | 15 |
| Relationship to house or building | 15 |
| Maintenance | <u>15</u> |
| | 100 |

THE CONNECTICUT GROUP HORTICULTURE AWARD Rosette of hunter green and gold ribbons. One is offered and may be awarded at any Standard Flower show presented by The Federation or member clubs for a group or club effort for garden design or other horticultural effort, scoring 95 points or more.

THE MARY LOU SMITH AWARD OF MERIT Rosette of Turquoise and Green. Five may be offered and may be awarded as Section Awards for Container Grown Plants when NGC Section Awards are not offered for that section(s). Mary Lou Smith was a member of the Garden Club of Orange and a former FGCCT President (1985-1987).

Education Division:

CONNECTICUT JUDGES SPECIAL AWARD Rosette of yellow and white ribbons. One is offered and may be given to an exhibit in the Education Division, scoring 94 points or more which awakens interest in a subject and stimulates the viewer to learn more. Space requirements are the same as for the NGC Education Award. The winner of the Educational Top Exhibitor Award winner is not eligible.

Scale of Points

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| Achieves objective of involving the viewer | 40 |
| One dominant thought | 20 |
| Staging | 20 |
| Theme conformity | 10 |
| Accuracy of information | <u>10</u> |
| | 100 |

CONNECTICUT SILVER AND BLUE AWARD Rosette of silver and blue ribbons. One or more may be offered awarded to an Education Exhibit scoring 90 points or more (no space requirement) at the discretion of the judges. This award may be given to exhibits other than the winner of the Educational Top Exhibitor Award.

Youth Division:

CONNECTICUT SILVER AND PINK AWARD Rosette of pink and silver ribbons. One or more may be given in the Education Section of the Youth Division. This award may be offered to exhibits eligible for the NGC Youth Top Exhibitor Award. It is not given to the winner of an NGC Youth Top Exhibitor Award.

FGCT AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR THE STATE SHOW ONLY

The State Flower Show Schedule delineates eligibility and other requirements.

Horticulture Division:

THE ELISABETH SWAIN PROPAGATION AWARD Rosette of green and lime green ribbons. One is offered for an outstanding botanically named plant scoring 95 or more propagated by the exhibitor. This award is in memory of Mrs. Roger Swain.

Design Division:

THE TERRY STOLESON CREATIVE DESIGN AWARD Rosette of purple and orange ribbons. One is offered and may be given to the design that best represents the creativity, imagination and originality in Creative Design. Petite and Table Designs, Club Competition and traditional designs are not eligible.

THE NELL McGUINNESS AWARD A certificate is offered and may be awarded to the most outstanding exhibit in the Design Division. A Silver Traveling Tray is presented at The Federation Awards meeting in October.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE DESIGN AWARD IN HONOR OF BARBARA BRUCE

A certificate will be awarded to the first place winner, selected by ballot, as the people's favorite design in the Design Division. Attendees at the Flower Show through noon on Sunday may vote for their choice of design. Winner will be sent a State Flower Show People's Choice Award certificate. Winner as well as 2nd and 3rd place will be acknowledged on The Federation website www.ctgardenclubs.org.

Botanical Arts Division

CONNECTICUT PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD A rosette of cream, navy, burgundy may be offered and awarded to a Photography Exhibit in the Photography Section scoring 95 points or more.

CHERYL COLLINS AWARD – Rosette of lavender and light and dark green ribbons. One is offered and may be awarded to the Photograph of flowers or gardens judged to be the most creatively photographed in the Photography Section. Winner need not be a Blue Ribbon winner.

FGCCT Flower Show Achievement Awards:
Awards given by the Federation to a Club or a Group of Clubs
for a flower show put on by the Club(s)

Achievement Awards for Flower Shows are offered by the Federation. All Flower Shows applying for an award must be evaluated by a panel of judges, drawn from those judging the show. Contact the Judges Council Evaluation Chair for details of having your show evaluated.

FGCCT STANDARD FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

To be considered for an Achievement Award, a Flower Show first must be evaluated. This is done by a panel of three judges selected from those judges judging the show. The Judges Council Evaluation Chair selects the Evaluation Panel from the list of judges provided by the club. Club Flower Show chairs should contact the Evaluations Chair well in advance of the show so that judges selected to evaluate the show can be confirmed.

Sometimes there are more flower shows in Connecticut than the available number of NGC award categories for high achieving flower shows. This means that not every show scoring over 95 can go to National. The FGCCT Achievement Awards are listed below.

1. **The FGCCT Award of Excellence in Flower Show Achievement.** This Red Rosette may be given to a Standard Flower Show evaluated and scoring 95 or above and not going on to National for an award.

Note: *For the year 2017-2019, the Judges Council Evaluations Chair will summarize the evaluation scores for all evaluated shows, by the categories 2-4 below. These will be reviewed by a Judges Council Awards Committee, who will forward the qualifying clubs to the FGCCT Awards Committee.*

2. **The FGCCT Award of Achievement.** This certificate may be given to a Standard Flower Show evaluated and scoring 90 or above.
3. **The FGCCT Award of Merit.** This certificate may be given to a Standard Flower Show evaluated and scoring 76 - 89.
4. **The FGCCT Citation.** This certificate may be given for a notable area in a Standard Flower Show:
 - a. Education Award – for an outstanding division
 - b. Artistic Crafts Award – for an outstanding section
 - c. Youth Section Award – for an outstanding youth section
 - d. Horticulture Award – for an outstanding division
 - e. Design Award – for an outstanding division
 - f. Garden Award – for an outstanding garden display
 - g. Schedule Award – for a superior schedule

h. Staging Award – for distinguished staging

5. **The FGCCT Award of Excellence in Flower Show Achievement for a Small Standard Flower Show.** This Pink Rosette may be given to a Small Standard Flower Show scoring 95 or above. Small Standard Shows do NOT go to National. Other awards also available as above in 2,3 and 4.

Eligibility for FGCCT Flower Show Achievement Awards

1. **Standard Flower Show** – For a show staged by a club or group of clubs (all FGCCT members), which meets the minimum requirements for a Standard Flower Show (minimum of 5 classes in Design with 4 exhibits in each class for a minimum of 20) and in Horticulture, (minimum of 20 exhibits) with appropriate number of Education Exhibits.
 - a. Certificate of Achievement MUST be awarded.
 - b. Award of Merit may be awarded.
 - c. Citations may be awarded

2. **Small Standard Flower Show** – The following awards for a show that fulfills the requirements for a Small Standard Flower Show (Minimum of 3 classes in design - 12 exhibits and 5 classes in horticulture, with a minimum of 20 exhibits).
 - a. Certificate of Achievement may be awarded.
 - b. Award of Merit may be awarded.
 - c. Citations may be awarded.

Deadlines for Achievement Awards will be announced on FGCCT webpage.

Note With the introduction of the new 2017 NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, there are now two new types of Flower Shows: Horticulture Specialty Shows (no Design) and Design Specialty Shows (no Horticulture). ***Details for the FGCCT Specialty Show Achievement Awards will be available in mid-2018.***

RELATED AWARDS:

TAPESTRY OF DESIGN AWARD (*established 2006*): A traveling pewter vase, awarded to a club or individual for an unusual or outstanding Flower Show, Program, Event Project, or combination of such that promotes the art of Floral Design. *A club or multiple clubs working together may apply or be nominated for this award. A description of the Show, Program or Project should not exceed 3 pages, including photos, should be sent to the Chair of Judges Council, electronically not later than May 31st, and she/he will forward to the Judges Council Awards Committee which will make the decision. The JC Awards Committee will send the designated winner to the FGCCT Awards Committee.*

THE MARY LONCIN FLOWER SHOW AWARD (*established 2004*) - a traveling pewter bowl and certificate will be awarded to the club (or shared among the participating clubs) for the top evaluated Standard Flower Show in the State. This award was established by FGCCT Past President Mary

Loncin to honor her love of floral design and to encourage Connecticut garden clubs to continue that art by holding Standard Flower Shows. This award will be determined by the highest number of points given to a show by the evaluating panel and scoring 95 or more. In case of a tie, the Judges Council Evaluations Chair will make a decision using the Books of Evidence as criteria and/or in consultation with judges who judged at both shows.

NEW ENGLAND GARDEN CLUBS FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

The New England Garden Clubs, Inc. represents all six New England states: Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Connecticut. The region has a long history of recognizing outstanding achievement in Flower Shows through awards for individual exhibits as well as for shows.

*All awards are based on work done during the regional awards year which is **June 1- May 31**. . The awards are competitive between the six New England states. Details are online at <http://www.ngcner.org>*

Generally, a modest application is required (form online), along with a photograph that is clean, crisp and without ribbons or people in it. While the current application process is paper-based, the Region is transitioning to digital applications. Check on the website for the most recent requirements.

Awards offered:

- Mary Louise Smith SFS Schedule Award for **BEST SCHEDULE**
- Jeanne-Marie Parkes Award for **BEST EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT ON ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS**
- Dee Mozzochi Award for **BEST CREATIVE DESIGN**
- Maureen M. Colton Award for **BEST CLASS OF DESIGN**
- Virginia Kenney/Maureen M. Colton Award for **BEST HORTICULTURE DIVISION**
- The Maria J. Nahom **TABLE DESIGN AWARD**

For the Dee Mozzochi Award and the Maria Nahom Award, applications are due to the CT State Judges Council Chair by August 1. The JC Chair selects a panel of three judges to select the designs that will represent Connecticut. For the other awards, a call for nominations will be made by the Judges Council Chair with a May 30th deadline. Panels of judges will recommend the applications to move forward by August 1.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB INC. FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FOR CLUBS, etc.

These awards are based on a Book of Evidence prepared by the club or Council after evaluation by a panel of judges drawn from those judging the show. A Show must score a minimum of 95 to qualify. The State Awards Committee and Judges Council provides directions for these awards based on NGC requirements and scales of points.

NOTE: The National Flower Show Achievement Awards are staying the same as what is on the website for the rest of 2017. The NGC Awards and Awards process is being redone to be in sync with the new 2017 Handbook for Flower Shows. Information will be available on the NGC, Inc. website, but will not be used until January of 2018. All Books of Evidence and Flower Show Award numbers are the same for this term. Anything sent to the National Chair Jeanne Nelson (NY) for the January 2018 deadline is under 2015-2017 rules. (e-mail from Jeanne Nelson 8/13/2017)

From the 2017 Handbook: page 48:

A. An NGC Flower Show Achievement Award is the recognition given to an NGC member organization for its sponsorship of a superior flower show. NGC Flower Show Achievement Awards are listed in the National Gardener (reference the printed publication or the Member's section online at www.gardenclub.org) in odd numbered years with changes noted in even-numbered years. NGC member or affiliate clubs wishing to apply for these awards must contact their State Awards Chair...for forms and procedures.

B. Award Year is January 1 through December 31.

C. Information on NGC Flower Show Achievement Awards and application requirements can be found on the NGC website.

Hints and Helpful Information for Compiling a Book of Evidence for

NGC FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

See www.gardencubs.org/forms

A list and requirements for the highly prestigious NGC Flower Show Achievement Awards are given in the fall issue of *The National Gardener* in odd-numbered years. Information on this topic is on the NGC Website.

Remember that those who assess your Book of Evidence will rely on your descriptive words and clear photos to experience your show, as if they were there in person. Plan ahead for collecting the information required. The following list will be helpful in assembling the Book of Evidence.

A. DURING THE FLOWER SHOW

Take lots of photographs! Assign several members the job of photographer. Include. Show entrance, theme staging in all divisions, overall views of each division's staging, unique staging, Top Exhibitor Award winning exhibits, Educational Exhibits, special features. Take close ups of signs. Move horticulture in front of blank wall or place cardboard behind horticulture and/or design exhibits for clear, uncluttered picture of winners. Collect information necessary to label and give word description of all photos.

B. COMPILING THE BOOK OF EVIDENCE

Photographs: Photographs need not be professional pictures. Photos should be large, in focus with good lighting; cropped if necessary. Photos of all Top Exhibitor Award Winners in all divisions are needed. Horticulture award winners may be grouped together in one or more photos.

Do not include local award winners or non-Top Exhibitor Award winners such as Sweepstakes and Award of Appreciation winners unless you have extra space to fill. Additional photos of club/local award winners and other outstanding non top award winning exhibits are optional and may add interest to the book –only include if there is room. Remember that you have a page limit.

Each picture should be labeled with Division, Section, Class, award (if applicable) and brief description of staging. Label Top Horticulture Award winners with sections & classes, botanical names, awards received. Label Top Design winners with sections & classes, design description, awards received and staging and type of plant material used. Label Education Exhibits with word descriptions and staging.

Staging: Theme staging and actual staging, with overall views within each division; also staging of individual sections in all divisions. Photos and word descriptions tell how the theme was interpreted in all divisions, ex. entrance, posters, sections/classes signs, objects, color/s, etc. Overall views of each division: Photos and word descriptions of how horticulture, designs and Education exhibits were actually staged, ex. shelves stacked on clay pots, pedestals. Label the photos.

Publicity: Newspaper and other publications, with name and date of publication. City/county newspaper publicity preferred, but not mandatory. Scripts or schedules from radio/TV broadcasts, flyers, and pictures of posters displayed in public buildings are also acceptable. Publicity is the last item in the book of evidence. Large newspaper articles may be reduced on copier.

SUBMITTING THE BOOK OF EVIDENCE

Books of Evidence must first be evaluated on the state level by a panel of three (3) Accredited Judges. The State Awards Chair will include the Evaluating Panel's Evaluation Forms before submitting the Book of Evidence to NGC Awards Chair for judging. The Book of Evidence is 25% of score, the averaged scores of the Evaluating Panel is 75%. The combined score must be 95 or more to receive NGC Flower Show Achievement Award. The Judges Council Chair and the Evaluations Chair will select the judges who will evaluate the Book of Evidence from each club.

NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD SHOW DATA FORM

(as of August 2017- please see the NGC Webpage for the latest version)

1. List of sponsoring clubs and/or organizations – if more than one.
If space is inadequate, insert separate sheet and so indicate on this form.

2. Number of club members in sponsoring organization/s: _____
3. Number of participating members: _____
4. Percentage of participating club members: _____

Total number of exhibits in:

Horticulture Division _____
Design Division _____
Education Division _____
Youth Division _____
Botanical Arts Division _____

5. List NGC Top Exhibitor Awards offered. Note if any awards not given:

Horticulture Division: _____

Design Division _____

Education Division _____

Youth Division _____

Botanical Arts Division _____

- . Source of flower show funding: _____

NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION FORM

Procedure for applying: Sponsoring organization must submit this application with the Book of Evidence by deadline date established by state. State Awards Chair must then submit state winners to NGC Flower Show Achievement chair to arrive no later than January 15th. You should check on the NGC webpage for the latest version of the form.

Note: it is anticipated that rather than a paper copy of the Book of Evidence, a digital format will be preferred or even required.

Date of Application: _____

Name of Achievement Award Being Sought: _____

Number and Category (if Applies) or Achievement Award: _____

Title of Standard Flower Show Seeking Award: _____

Name of State Garden Club _____

Name of Applicant/s (Club/s, Council, District, State)

Applicant's Contact (Name of Individual Representing Organization)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature of State Awards Chair: _____

Address: _____

Signature of State President: _____

Note: Plan for time to get signatures of Award Chair and State President.