

Benefits of being part of CFGC and NGC

1. **Non-Profit Organization:** CFGC Clubs are part of a Colorado Secretary of State (CO SOS) registered non-profit organization by belonging to the CFGC. This allows:
 - **Tax Exemption** - Clubs, Districts, & CFGC are Tax Exempt. Items purchased for Club, District, or CFGC projects/business are not charged tax. Clubs can use the CFGC tax exempt certificate to get an exemption. Club Presidents should have a copy.
 - **Donations are Tax deductible:** Donations (Monetary and Products) to clubs, districts, and CFGC are tax deductible to the donor when allowed by the State and/or the IRS because CFGC is a registered Non-Profit organization and a 501c organization.
 - **Silent Auctions without a Raffle License** - CFGC, Districts and CFGC Clubs can hold silent auctions without having to register and buy a raffle license from the State. The CO Secretary of State (SOS) allows registered non-profit organizations (CFGC) to hold silent auctions without a raffle license because they consider it to be a donation to the non-profit organization. This is documented on the CO SOS website.
 - **National Level Organization:** Being part of the CFGC and NGC allows your club to be associate with organizations that are well known, are registered non-profit organizations and 501© organizations, which allows donors and sponsors to feel comfortable they are dealing with a group backed by reputable, well-known organizations and they will be more willing helping your club with community projects, fundraising and events.
2. **Education**
 - **Educational Speakers:**
 - **Speaker List:** CFGC gathers, collates, and maintains a list of speakers at the State (CFGC) level and distribute it to the Districts and Club Presidents so their clubs can obtain quality speakers for meetings and conferences. Submit your favorite speakers to add to the list!
 - **Money for Speakers:** CFGC has started a new program to allow districts and clubs to apply for a grant (**Up to \$300/year/club, \$500 for District**) to help pay for educational speakers at your meetings or events. This program is managed by a committee has instructions and application form available to the Club Presidents.
 - **Educational Classes:**
 - Access to NGC Classes (online and in person) which can get taken as part of a certification program or just as informational. These schools are highly informative and typically have several different highly respected speakers. They are reasonably priced and provide great value.
 - **Certifications:**
 - Classes and Certifications for Gardening, Landscape Design, Environmental Studies, and Flower Design. Classes are provided both in person and online in most cases.
 - **Conferences:**
 - Attend District, State, Regional and National Conferences to hear great speakers, participate in fun educational workshops, meet other garden enthusiasts, and continue your gardening &/or design education.
 - Participate in the Colorado Garden and Home Show with CFGC. You can recruit new members for your club if desired. Hosts during the show (usually 2-3 hrs) also get into the show for free all day plus a free parking pass. Colorado Garden and Home show is put on by the non-profit Colorado Garden Foundation.
3. **CFGC Headquarters:**
 - **FREE** use of Emerson House with pre-booking. The HQ building is in downtown Denver. It has large and medium sized meeting spaces, a small kitchen, a waiting area, and a front and rear garden area. It has Wi-Fi and a color laser copier/printer. It can be booked for meetings, a club day out, a celebration, and many other opportunities.
4. **Information**
 - **Gardening Blogs, Videos and Newsletters:**
 - The State (CFGC), Region, and National have Blogs and Newsletters to give you access to information about gardening, floral design, environmental topics, and landscape design. Below are a couple of examples:
 - [Hostas](#): (29 minutes)
 - [Cleaning Your Garden Tools](#): How to get your gardening tools ready for spring. (6 minutes)
 - [NGC Daffodils 2020](#)- Darlene Newell, a National Garden Clubs horticulture instructor, shares some great information about daffodils. (3 minutes)

- **Floral Design Tips**
 - [Flower Preparation Tips 2022](#): Whether you have store bought flowers or ones from your garden, Cathy Waitinas, from Tennessee, a popular, in-demand Flower Show School instructor, has some winning tips on how to keep your flowers looking fresher, longer. (5 minutes)
 - [Meet Lynn Fronk, Host of Design Tips and Bytes](#): Design Tips and Bytes are short videos Lynn will be creating, plus she has lined up additional NGC floral designers, all sharing their expertise. (2 minutes)
 - [Introduction to Armatures 2022](#): A "how-to" so you can make your own armatures for your floral work from one of NGC's top floral design instructors, Lynn Fronk (8 minutes)
 - [Tapestry Design 2022](#): NGC Instructor Penny Decker discusses Tapestry Design type, providing the fundamental requirements for a great design with several great examples.(33 minutes)
 - [Let's Go to Flower Show School 2022](#):- Learn about the opportunities when you come to a National Garden Club Flower Show School. (3 minutes)
 - [Mechanics of Good Design 2022](#): (25 minutes)
- **Access to people with similar interests**: Access to many members outside of your club that are knowledgeable in gardening, landscape design, environmental, and floral design, technology, and many other things. And they can answer questions and share their knowledge. You can meet these people in person at District, State (CFGC), Regional (RMR), and National Conferences and meetings.

5. Technology

- **Canva PRO licenses**: CFGC has procured **50 licenses** to be used at the State, District, and Club levels. Each CFGC Officer, Chair, and Club will have the option to receive a PRO level license (some clubs may receive 2 licenses depending on club size & needs) for **FREE**. CFGC worked to get these licenses to provide additional value to our members so that you do not need to purchase these yourselves. The Tech committee will be setting up the accounts over the next several months. We have had classes on using Canva and will do more in the near future.
- **Zoom**: CFGC has a zoom account for virtual meetings currently. CFGC Officers, Chairs, Districts and Clubs can request to have a meeting scheduled using the CFGC Zoom account. The requests will be reviewed and approved on a 1st come, 1st serve basis, not to interfere with standing meetings scheduled by CFGC and provided that a CFGC Officer or Tech Committee member is available to start the meeting for you (someone will most likely be available). This is **FREE** to you. We can also help coordinate if clubs want to purchase their own Zoom accounts through CFGC's TechSoup (50% discount) or wish to share one with another club.
- **Color Laser Printing/Copying**: CFGC has a color laser printer/copier and a back-up color inkjet printer at Emerson House. Clubs may use the printer/copier at Emerson House **FREE** of charge.
- **Wi-Fi**: CFGC has Wi-Fi at Emerson House which is **FREE** of charge for members to use while at Emerson House.
- **Google Suite**: CFGC has approved purchasing Google Suite/Drive for storage. This allows us to store documents securely in the cloud and make them available to our members. It also allows multiple people to collaborate at once on a document and see what each other is doing. We have classes on Google Workspace apps.
- **YouTube**: CFGC has a YouTube Channel. We are slowly adding videos and hope this will be a place we can share videos and podcasts for educational purposes and entertainment for our members.
- **Tech Tips**
 - [ZOOM Refresher](#)- quick review of ZOOM skills (2 minutes)
 - [Presentation Preparation 2022](#)- Simple Tips to help prepare you when you are presenting, whether you will have an online audience or in person. These are frequently used by actors and speaking professionals. (50 seconds)
 - [ZOOM Controls for Hybrid Presentations](#)- Learn how to use the Zoom settings for your hybrid meetings. From camera settings to audio controls plus how to add additional cameras.(13 minutes)
 - [Explore Hybrid Strategies](#)- How to use ZOOM for Hybrid applications for general club meetings, special events, DIY, and more. Using Hybrid offers many ways to connect with your members and creates community opportunities. Includes equipment suggestions and essentials. (9 minutes)
 - [Introduction to Canva 2022](#)- Introduction on how to use Canva in your media and publicity projects. (9 minutes)
 - [Creating a Greeting Card with Canva 2022](#)- How to create a greeting card using the Canva program. (12 minutes)
 - And many more to come!

6. General Programs

- **PLANT AMERICA:** (<https://gardenclub.org/>)
 - **PLANT AMERICA: Feed America:** One of the 2023-2025 administration President's projects is a campaign to help feed the hungry across America. Called Plant America-Feed America the project will encourage every NGC member to participate in one of several ways to help fight food insecurity.
 - **PLANT AMERICA: Landscape for Wildlife:** Certify your yard or community project.
 - **PLANT AMERICA: Plant for Pollinators:** Certify your yard or community project.
 - **PLANT AMERICA: Community Grants:** Community Project Grants help enhance public areas and community gardens. These grants provide education about gardening and create a pride throughout communities.
 - **PLANT AMERICA: Blue and Gold Star Memorials:** Blue & Gold Star Markers Program: CFGC and NGC are very active in planning and placing Blue Star and Gold Star Markers to honor U.S. Armed Forces service members and their families.
 - **PLANT AMERICA: Penny Pines** (being renamed): CFGC, NGC and the USDA Forest Service are proud to have formed a partnership sustaining our national and urban forests through this reforestation program.
- **Many other Programs:** There are too many programs to list but they are on the CFGC, RMR, and NGC websites.

7. Youth Programs and Scholarships

- **Award Opportunities:** National Garden Clubs provides many educational opportunities through competitions for the youth at the pre-school, elementary, middle, and high school level. Current contests include:
 - [Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest](#)
 - [Poetry Contest](#)
 - [High School Distinguished Service Project Award](#)
 - [Youth Pollinator Gardens Grant](#)
 - [Youth Sculpture Contest](#)
- **Activities to Engage Children and Teens**

To educate our youth, and to nurture a sense of world stewardship in the next generation of gardeners, National Garden Clubs has developed numerous projects directed at children and teenagers. NGC's youth outreach includes a wide range of activities, scholarships, and contests designed to promote horticulture and a love of gardening, conservation, sustainability, and environmental stewardship. Several of these popular national programs include partnerships with such organizations as the U.S. Forest Service.
- **Resources**
 - [Do Something Green Workbook](#)
 - [Ecology Warriors Workbook](#)
 - [Pollinator Power Book](#)
 - [Minor Photo Release for Publication & Website](#)
 - For more information, contact: [Bob Markey](#), Youth Committee Chairman
- **Youth Grant Opportunities: Pollinator Gardens**
 - National Garden Clubs, Inc. is excited to provide a grant opportunity for Garden Clubs working with youth clubs or groups planning and planting Pollinator Gardens. Grants, up to \$200, are available for projects that include educational materials on the vital role pollinators play in nature and youth involvement in planning and planting gardens providing nesting and food sources for pollinators. Youth will learn the importance of providing appropriate food sources, nesting areas, shelter, and practicing sustainable gardening practices for pollinators by planning, planting, and maintaining these pollinator gardens.
 - To apply for a grant, complete an [NGC Grant Application](#), provide detailed information about the project, and submit your request to the NGC Youth Committee Chairman for approval.
- **Resources**
 - [Pollinator Power Book](#)
 - For more information, contact: Youth Pollinator Garden Grants Chairman, [Vickie Stedman](#)

8. CFGC & NGC Scholarships

CFGC offers an annual scholarship for students majoring in a variety of environment and horticulture related fields. The guidelines and forms for this scholarship are the same as for the National Garden Clubs scholarship, which are on their website: www.gardenclub.org. Go to "Youth" then select "Scholarship" from the menu. All scholarship applications are considered first at the state, then the winner of the **\$2,000** CFGC scholarship is automatically considered for the **\$4,000** NGC scholarship.

- **National Scholarship Chairman:** [Lisa Robinson](#)
- **Scholarship Application Forms:**
 - [Financial Aid Guidelines](#)
 - [Financial Aid Form](#)
 - [State Scholarship Chairman Contact Information](#)
 - [State Chairman Checklist & Guidelines](#)

9. **CFGC Awards & Grants (over \$1,100 per year available per club just at the State level!)**

- There are MANY opportunities to apply for awards and grants to receive money or products at the State (CFGC), Regional, and National (NGC) levels.
- **Tree Grants** – Free money to buy trees for your club’s projects. Apply today!
- **Helen Clifford Civic Development Awards**
 - **Civic Development:** May be awarded to a club for distinguished civic work or conservation work making permanent improvement for public benefit. This may be a completed project or one that needs “seed money.” There may be 3 cash prizes:
 - **1st Place: \$300.00**
 - **2nd Place: \$200.00**
 - **3rd Place: \$100.00**
- **Achievement Awards**
 - **CFGC Presidential Citation:** May be awarded by the CFGC president to a member, club or district who has contributed outstanding work for CFGC. Chosen by the CFGC President, no application needed.
 - **CFGC President’s Project:** May be awarded to a member, club or district for the project that best emphasizes the project of the Colorado Federation President. The CFGC president will notify each Club President of her (his) project at the beginning of their term of office.
 - 1st Place: \$50.00**
 - 2nd Place: \$25.00**
 - **National President’s Project:** May be awarded to a member, club or district for the project that best emphasizes the project(s) of the NGC President. As this will change with every term, details will be available after the NGC Convention in the odd numbered year.
 - 1st Place: \$50.00.**
 - **Conservation:** Educational or legislative activity in conservation field project, natural resource development, such as a watershed, erosion control, reforestation or wildlife refuge.
 - 1st Place: \$50.00.**
 - **Pollinators:** May be awarded to a member garden club, or a group of clubs that does the most to help birds, butterflies, bees, bats and other pollinators through support and/or education. The placement of houses/boxes improving habitat, reducing pesticides, establishing gardens and nest watching is encouraged.
 - 1st Place: \$25.00**
 - **Garden Therapy:** May be awarded to a member club, or clubs, for sponsoring an outstanding program of garden therapy to benefit members of an at-risk population, disability access, meditation, challenged community center or specialized medical center.
 - 1st Place: \$50.00.**
 - **Historic Preservation:** May be awarded to a member club, or clubs, for completion of a historic preservation project, such as the restoration of a park, a building, and/or garden of importance to the heritage of a particular locality, state or the nation. Landscape plan and before-and-after photos must be included.
 - 1st Place: \$50.00.**
 - **Award of Excellence:** A Certificate of Merit may be awarded to a non-member of CFGC who has made a significant contribution toward the advancement of the goals and purposes of CFGC and NGC.
- **CFGC Horticulture Awards**
 - **Literary Production of Horticultural Interest:** May be awarded to any literary production of horticultural interest. May be distributed to club members or the public and be used for Membership, Project, Publicity, Program or Club event. Books or publications by Authors must have Publication release form #4.
 - **Garden Club Program:** May be awarded for the most outstanding year’s garden club program of activities on growing, studying, identification and culture of plants, propagation, pruning, fertilizers and/or insects; exhibits and displays, growing and showing new introductions and unusual plants. Club study of one plant family; member participation in public horticulture studies, etc.
 - 1st Place: \$25.00.**

- **Outstanding Horticulturist:** May be awarded to the person judged to have done outstanding work in the field of horticulture in Colorado during the current year.
- **Landscape Design Awards**
 - **Significant Contribution in Landscape Design:** May be awarded to the member garden club which has made the most significant contribution in providing planning and planting for public interest. The Book of Evidence should include the landscape plan.
1st Place: \$50.00.
 - **Native Plants:** A Certificate of Merit may be given to the garden club that establishes, maintains, restores or contributes to a local garden with emphasis on Native plant material. To include memorial, historic or the Girl Scout badge qualification program.
1st Place: \$25.00.
 - **Organic Gardening:** A certificate of Merit will be given to the first place entry that emphasizes and employs the use of organic materials, methods and practices in a project or educational activity by a member club of group of clubs.
- **Roadside Awards**
 - **Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker Landscape Project or Blue Star Memorial Byway Project:** May be awarded to a club, or clubs for the most outstanding completed Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker or Byway landscape project.
1st Place: \$25.00.
 - **Gold Star Marker:** May be awarded to a club or clubs for the most outstanding completed Gold Star Memorial project.
1st Place: \$25.00.
- **Membership Awards**
 - **Membership Promotion:** A certificate of Merit will be given to the first-place entry for the most innovative activity or program to increase public visibility, awareness, and membership in a garden club. Including events, programs, public outings & booths at festivals, fairs, or conventions. Must include Release form #4.
 - **Increase in membership award:** A Certificate of Merit will be given to individual clubs whose membership increased. The increase in membership is calculated by all paid memberships from June 1 to March 1, annually. CFGC Membership Chair & Assistant Treasurer must notify the Awards Chair of Clubs that qualify.
 - **Hundred Percent State Life Memberships:** May be awarded to a member club having 100% of its listed members as State Life Members. Send award application to State Life Membership Chairman. Application for this award must include club roster and the date of issue for each State Life Membership as shown on the member's card.
 - **New Clubs:** May be awarded to the district, club(s) and or individual bringing one or more new clubs into the CFGC. The sponsoring party is to notify the Membership Chairman.
 - **New Club Achievement Award:** Awarded to a newly established club after their second year of membership in CFGC. A garden club President's pin is to be awarded to the club, to be passed from President to President. *It is obligation of the Club to notify the Membership Chairman that this award is due.*
 - **Lyn Verretta Heart Warmer Award:** This program recognizes outstanding dedication and efforts of garden club members for work directly related to the functions and activities of the club. Each club may designate one person by the March Board meeting. Requirements of the nominee are paid dues to the club for a minimum of three years, outstanding dedication to the club and a person whose actions "warm the hearts" of club members. Use the Heart Warmer Award Application form # 3 and include a short paragraph of the nominee's accomplishments.
- **Publication Awards**
 - **Certificate of Merit for Yearbooks:** A Certificate of Merit will be given for promoting the sponsoring organization. Two copies must be submitted by the March Board meeting. One for CFGC and one to go to RMR Awards Chair if applicable. Include the completed Yearbook Evaluation application form #1 which the Awards Committee will use to judge the entries. Certificates will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category.
 - Member clubs under 20 members
 - Member clubs 21-29 members
 - Member clubs 30-44 members

- Member clubs 45 – 69 members

The first-place entry in each category will be submitted to RMR for consideration by the Regional Awards Committee. [Download: Yearbook Evaluation Form](#)

- **Newsletters:** A Certificate of Merit may be awarded to a Club for a Newsletter (printed or by electronic device) demonstrating club interest and activities – not to exceed six (6) pages. At least six newsletters should be submitted with each issue published within the current club year. Include the Publication release form #4.
- **“e” Awards**
 - **Website:** A Certificate of Merit will be given to the first place Website promoting the sponsoring organization. No Book of Evidence is needed. Use the application form to list the website address and the webmaster or business editor.
 - **Social Media:** A Certificate of Merit will be given for promoting the sponsoring organization. Highlighting CFGC and NGC objectives on a Social Media Platform. i.e. Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest, Tumbler etc. Use the Social Media Evaluation form # 2 to guide your application and list the name of the Site with the Administrator and/or Editor.
“e” Award Certificates will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place entries.
- **Youth Awards**
 - **Youth Garden Club Work**
Certificate of Merit to the Junior, Intermediate and High School clubs which through their own effort have been most successful in promoting all phases of garden club work.
 - **Working with Youth:** May be awarded to a member or sponsor garden club that contributes the most outstanding service toward the promotion of gardening among youth, based on the belief that to develop future horticulturists and conservationists as their attention needs to be inspired and encouraged early. This may be a “youth club” or a onetime “youth project”
1st Place: \$50.00.
- **Educational Speaker Grants:** This is covered earlier and will be posted on our website, Application and instructions has been sent to club Presidents. This is up to **\$300** per club, per year and up to **\$500** for Districts to apply for to pay for educational speakers. Applications will be judged and selections for the grants will be based on a set criterion. This is **FREE** money for clubs. Another perk of belonging to CFGC! These funds are provided by a yearly grant we receive from the Colorado Garden and Home Show foundation. So please support that event!
- **Award Forms**
 - [Social Media Award Evaluation Form](#)
 - [Flower Show Awards Form](#)
 - [Heartwarmers Award Form](#)
 - [Awards Programs](#)
 - [Awards Application Form](#)

10. **NGC Awards** (Most also go through CFGC and RMR and **many have additional large \$ awards**)

- **[Native Plants and Wildflower Grant](#)**
 - A grant of up to **\$500** is available for direct expenses for an educational program on the subject of native plants & Wildflowers. State Garden Clubs, districts, councils, and individual garden clubs may co-sponsor a symposium with state agencies, arboreta, native plant societies, or similar organizations.
- **Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest:** The Forest Service holds a ceremony for each Smokey Bear / Woodsey Owl Poster Contest winner each year. Work with your local schools and the CFGC Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chair. Winners are submitted through CFGC to NGC.
 - [Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Winners for 2020, 2021, & 2022.](#) (40 minutes)
- **PLANT AMERICA Grant:** Hundreds of Plant America grant recipients are awarded.
 - **[PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants](#)** help enhance and beautify our public areas and community gardens. Grants may be used for physical landscaping or environmental projects, or for horticultural or educational opportunities for the community. Grants totaling more than **\$225,000** have been awarded. Grants are awarded in amounts up to **\$2,000**.
 - **The NGC Awards Handbook:** Go Green - Plant America Awards 2023-2025: [Download the Awards Handbook](#)
 - **[PLANT AMERICA 8 Steps to Success](#)** - How to create a successful project in eight simple steps. (4 minutes)

- [Plant America Community Grant Program](#) - this video provides an overview of the Plant America grant process and takes you step-by-step how to apply. (30 minutes)
- [PLANT AMERICA Grant Winners](#): In this video, we introduce three grant recipient clubs who created beautiful, sustainable projects for their communities: Westhampton, NY, Anna, IL, & Beaufort, SC. (32 minutes)
- [NGC Awards Overview 2021-2023](#): The NGC Award Chairmen goes over the new garden club awards program and how to use the award pages on the website. (40 minutes)
 - [NGC Award of Excellence 2021](#)- Each year, NGC's Award of Excellence recognizes exceptional individuals, organizations or institutions that advance our organization's goals and purposes. Award of Excellence is NGC's highest honor for non-members. (2 minutes)
 - [AMES Tool Grants 2021](#)- Apply to receive FREE high quality garden tools for your club! Ames Tools partners with National Garden Club to provide garden clubs with tool grants for their projects. (2 minutes). Very simple application process.
 - [Espoma Grants 2021](#)- Espoma partnered with National Garden Club to provide garden clubs with FREE items for their projects. (7 minutes)
 - [NGC Awards and Grants Overview](#)
- [Natural Disaster Grant Fund](#)
 - The Natural Disaster USA Fund was established by NGC to assist local & state clubs with their garden-related restoration efforts. This fund has helped to replant parks, municipal gardens and other garden related sites due to natural disasters caused by floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, ice storms and wildfires. Grants of up to **\$5,000** per project may be awarded in a fiscal year to local or state clubs.
- **Many other Awards and Grants**: There are too many programs to list but you can find them on the CFGC, RMR, and NGC websites. And many offer money to help your clubs with your community projects and programs. The CFGC Awards chair can assist you in applying for awards & grants at all levels. Some awards & grants go straight to NGC. We can also help with those.

11. NGC & CFGC Resources

- **Find A Club:**
 - [Find A Club Video](#) that demonstrates how to add your club's contact information to the NGC club directory. (2 minutes).
 - NGC and CFGC Request Information Forms: Potential members from anywhere can contact your club through NGC to CFGC. Potential members use the NGC Request Form (NGC does NOT post or give away your personal information), then NGC uses the contact list to contact the state (CFGC) membership chair, who in turn determines which club(s) are the best fit (usually due to location) and puts the potential member in touch with the Club President. We've had 6 inquiries from NGC about joining a Club since July.
- **Leadership Video - Asking and Answering the Difficult Questions:** [This video](#) addresses the sticky questions clubs have sent us asking for help.
 - How to disagree agreeably
 - How to handle an obstructive member
 - How to use parliamentary motions
 - How to get clubs to federate with us
 - What are the traits of a great leader

Chances are that you have experienced one or more of these situations. This video will help you seek solutions that help your club gain harmony.
- **Virtual Tour of the NGC Website 2021-** [NGC Website Tour](#): View online publications, read our blogs, learn about our programs, schools, grants, awards and other member resources. Learn some navigation tips and how to use online forms. (26 minutes)
- **Website Board Member Section:**
 - Password protected area for BOD Members to include all State Presidents. This provides information for State Presidents and other BOD members, calendar of events, access to NGC forms and contact information for various committees and officers at NGC.
 - [Board of Directors Section Virtual Tour](#): A short tour of the BOD area of the NGC website, which is password protected. (9 minutes) **Note:** Only members of the NGC BOD can access.

- **Membership Videos**
 - [Membership 3Rs- Recruit 2021](#)- This is the first of a series of workshops to help clubs with membership opportunities. (1 hour)
 - [Membership 3Rs- Retain 2022](#)- Once you recruit great members, how do you keep them coming back? How do you get them happy and engaged, ready to step up to leadership positions? How do you make them ambassadors for your group? In this video we explore some key elements of member retention. (28 minutes)
 - [Membership 3Rs- Revitalize 2022](#)- This video is the third in our 3Rs Membership building series - Revitalize. Learn how to revitalize a tired club, how to reinvigorate the love of your club's mission, and how to forge forward into the virtual arena of connection.(29 minutes)
- **Parliamentary Procedure:**
 - [Parliamentary Procedure Made Easy video](#): An introduction to Bylaws, Standing Rules, Policies, Procedures, and Custom, taught by NGC Parliamentarian Patty Arndt and NGC Leadership Chairman, Robin Pokorski. This video provides the fundamentals of parliamentary authority to help your organization conduct meetings & do business efficiently & effectively. (27 minutes)
- **NGC & CFGC School Information**
 - [Environmental School](#)
 - [Gardening School](#)
 - [Landscape Design School](#)

12. Tours

- **Virtual Tours**
 - [NGC Headquarters](#)- The headquarter grounds of National Garden Club in St Louis Missouri. (3 minutes)
 - [Christmas with Robin 2021](#)- A tour of Robin's Christmas house. (26 minutes)
 - [Home for the Holidays 2021](#)- A tour of Christmas traditions of NGC members in the Americas. (1 hour)
 - [Perfect Vision Virtual Flower Show 2020](#)- A National Garden Club virtual flower show. Exhibitors took several photos of their entry from all sides and sent them in for the show. Judges then used the photos to judge the show. This is a sampling of some of the winners and 90+ entries. (7 minutes)
 - [Perfect Vision Flower Show 2020 Photography](#)- Photography in the 2020 Perfect Vision Virtual Flower Show. (8 minutes)
 - [MANTS- Mid-Atlantic Nursery Trade Show 2022](#): Interviews with vendors at the world's largest nursery trade show in Baltimore, Maryland. Learn about new products and plants. (30 minutes)
- **In-Person Tours:** NGC arranges for NGC Convention. CFGC & Districts help coordinate local tours and outings.

13. NGC Webinars

- Webinar invitations are sent by email to National Gardener subscribers. To receive invitations for future webinars by email, [subscribe here](#). If you have questions regarding NGC Webinars, please contact: [Lauren Beck, Virtual Resources Chairman](#).
- **Ball Seed Webinar:** Anna Ball is the CEO of Ball Horticulture Company, a family company, 117 years old, a total of 4 generations. The company deals with many aspects of horticulture from breeding, biotechnology, production and marketing of hybrid plants. (38 minutes)
- **Homegrown National Park by Doug Tallamy 2022:** Noted author and speaker, Doug Tallamy, shares his grassroots call-to-action for all to regenerate biodiversity in one's own yard and/or volunteer at community open spaces. (54 minutes)
- **The Power of Plants to Prevent, Heal and Cure Diseases 2022:** Dr. Aurélie de Rus Jacquet, is an Ethnopharmacologist. Her presentation focuses on the work of studying plants in different cultures that cure illness and heal injuries. Her current work focuses on finding plant-based cures for Parkinson's disease. A truly educational and fascinating program. (40 Minutes)
- **Expanding the Role of Agriculture 2022:** Josie Walker covers the many opportunities that she has experienced working with nonprofit groups, mostly in North Carolina. She offers good advice for garden clubs in how they too can contribute in helping this growing problem in our country by growing food and teaching others how to do the same. (37 minutes)

- [ECHO: Global Agriculture Sustainability 2022](#): Danielle Flood, ECHO Communication VP talks about how this unique nonprofit works across the globe helping others to create sustainability in their agriculture food practices and needs. (35 minutes)
- [Bees in Ancient Egypt](#): Dr. Gene Kritsky shares his wonderful knowledge and slides about the documented role of bees going back to ancient Egypt. It is fascinating to learn how this culture used bees for health, growing their food and even to use in their "afterlife." (43 minutes)
- [Q & A Ancient Bees](#): Kritsky Webinar (27 minutes)
- [Flower Trials](#): Krystal Snyder, is involved with the Penn State Extension team in charge of the Flower Trails. She shares how the university trials that have been supported by the school since 1936, are conducted. It is fascinating to hear the process. You learn what makes a plant pass the criterion to get to market, a process that sometimes takes years. (40 minutes)
- [Brad Austin Presents - Sharing His Floral & Entertainment Business](#): Brad Austin's career spans over 40 years, providing unique floral designs for the entertainment and events business. This includes work for Hollywood movies, TV productions, and large scale LA executive and private parties. He presents a rare look behind the entertainment world's "magic curtain". (37 minutes)

14. Additional NGC Awards

Award Category	Awards Included	Eligibility & Exceptions	Forms
COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS (CE)	CE 1 Community Gardens CE 2 Permanent Community Improvements CE 3 Food Bank Donations CE 4 Roadside Plantings CE 5 Beautification Project CE 6 Community Project with Native Plants/Wildflowers CE 7 Blue Star/Gold Star Marker Landscaping CE 8 Landscaping of Public or Religious Grounds CE 9 Landscaping of Historic Areas	CE Eligibility & Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application • General Scoring Rubric • CE 3 Specific Scoring Rubric
ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION (EC)	EC 1 Conservation Activities EC 2 Conservation Education EC 3 Wildlife Survival EC 4 Water EC 5 Native Plants & Wildflowers EC 6 Organic Practices	EC Eligibility & Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application • General Scoring Rubric • EC 3 Specific Scoring Rubric
FLORAL DESIGN (FD)	FD 1 Calendar Arranger of the Year FD 2 Floral Design Program	FD Eligibility & Requirements FD 1 Includes International Affiliates (see COMAAI website) FD 1 Due Date is July 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FD 1 Vision of Beauty Entry Form • FD 2 Application • FD 2 Specific Scoring Rubric
FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT (FS)	FS 1 Club Standard Show FS 2 Holiday Standard Show FS 3 Patriotic Standard Show FS 4 Petite Standard Show FS 5 Club Small Standard Show FS 6 Holiday Small Standard Show FS 7 Patriotic Small Standard Show FS 8 Petite Small Standard Show FS 9 Near-Club Standard Show FS 10 Council Standard Show FS 11 District/Region Standard Show FS 12 State Flower Show FS 13 Youth Flower Show	FS Eligibility & Requirements FS 2, 4, 8, 16 Include International Affiliates (see COMAAI website) All FS Due Dates are January 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flower Show Achievement Award Application • FS Achievement Award Show Data • FS Scale of Points for Judges • FS Achievement Award Evaluation • Design Specialty Show Evaluation • Horticulture Specialty Show Evaluation

FS 14 Plant Society Show
 FS 15 Horticulture Specialty Show
 FS 16 Design Specialty Show

- [Standard & Small- Standard Evaluation](#)
- [Award Application Details](#)
- [Book of Evidence Sample](#)

GARDENING (G)

G1 Container Gardening
 G2 Edible Gardening
 G3 Therapy Gardens
 G4 Public Wildlife Gardens

G Eligibility & Requirements

G1, 2 Include International Affiliates ([see COMAAI website](#))

- [Application](#)
- [General Scoring Rubric](#)
- [G1 Specific Scoring Rubric](#)
- [G2 Specific Scoring Rubric](#)
- [G4 Specific Scoring Rubric](#)

MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT & EDUCATION (MAE)

MAE 1 Membership Awareness
 MAE 2 Social Media/Website
 MAE 3 Digital Media Presentation
 MAE 4 Publications
 MAE 5 National Garden Week
 MAE 6 Membership Increase
 MAE 7 Life Memberships

MAE Eligibility & Requirements

MAE 4 Includes International Affiliates ([see COMAAI website](#))

MAE 6 and MAE 7- No Application

- [Application](#)
- [General Scoring Rubric](#)
- [MAE 1 Specific Scoring Rubric](#)
- [MAE 2 Specific Scoring Rubric](#)
- [MAE 3 Specific Scoring Rubric](#)
- [MAE 4 Specific Scoring Rubric](#)

SERVICE & RECOGNITION (SR)

SR 1 Award of Excellence for Non-Members
 SR 2 Award of Excellence for States
 SR 3 Award of Excellence for Regions
 SR 4 Member Award of Honor
 SR 5 Citation for Distinguished Service
 SR 6 Presidential Citation
 SR 7 NGC Award for Major Non-Standard Flower Shows

SR Eligibility & Requirements

SR1 Non- Member Award
 SR 1, 2, 3 Due Date is January 1
 SR 4 Due Date is February 20
 SR 7 Request 6 months prior to Show

- SR 1, 2 and 3 Application
- SR 4 Application
- SR 1 Scale of Points
- SR 2 Scale of Points
- SR 3 Scale of Points

YOUTH WORK (YW)

YW 1 Youth Garden Club Outstanding Sponsor
 YW 2 Horticulture Activity for Youth Garden Club
 YW 3 Outdoor Planting with Youth Garden Club
 YW 4 Environmental Activity with Youth Garden Club
 YW 5 Junior Garden Club Wildlife Gardening Education Project
 YW 6 High School Garden Club Outstanding Sponsor
 YW 7 High School Distinguished Service Project
 YW 8 Horticulture Education for Youth
 YW 9 Environmental Education Project with Youth
 YW 10 Individual Outstanding Service to Youth

YW Eligibility & Requirements

YW 7 Non- Member Award

- Application
- General Scoring Rubric
- YW 5 Specific Scoring Rubric