NGC Special Projects

MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE-CHOICES MATTER

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The 2013-2015 President's Two-Year Special Project, "Making A World of Difference - Choices Matter" will open new doors for in-depth and creative learning, and educational opportunities centered on the natural resources of planet earth - our air, water, forest, land and wildlife. It is important that members of National Garden Club, Inc. promote education as the "Key" in making responsible decisions for today and tomorrow. Educated garden club members are responsible stewards, who then are able to make wise choices for saving and protecting our Planet Earth and its natural resources.

The Special Project is divided into two categories for awarding purposes – States and Clubs. Both states and clubs will have equal opportunities to participate. Through generous grants, National Garden Clubs, Inc. will present monetary awards and certificates recognizing outstanding achievements for projects in each named category. Book of Evidence deadline is March 31, 2015. No exceptions. Visit www.gardenclub.org and/or www.dsregion.org.

Research and scientific sources of educational and other types of information on air, water, forest, land and wildlife should be requested from the related Chairmen who serve on the project committee. National Garden Clubs, Inc. Chairmen representing related areas of interest are also readily available. General project information should be obtained from the Special Project Coordinator.

STATES — DOES IT MATTER? - Education for Responsible Choices

States are asked to promote education through workshops, speakers, seminars, articles in newsletters and using one or any combination of available learning tools that will help in educating their members and the public, in making responsible choices that will protect and conserve our natural resources - our air, water, forest, land and wildlife.

CLUBS — MAKING A DIFFERENCE - Protecting and Conserving Our Natural Resources

AIR – WATER – FOREST – LAND – WILDLIFE

Although water and air are recognized as our most essential and familiar resources – forests, lands and wildlife are also very important concerns. NGC Garden Clubs are asked to get involved in the President's Special Project by planning and completing a project related to a local concern involving one or more natural resources. Education of both the members and community may be necessary in order to make responsible choices.
Club projects could be partnered with other community organizations – including NGC Environmental Councils or Master Gardeners. Communities across the nation are different, with varied concerns that may be unique to a specific area, state, county or village. Club projects may have been started before May 2013.

Further information will be available from Regional Directors, State Project Chairmen or the NGC Special Project Coordinator. Information will also be published in NGC Keeping In Touch (KIT).

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Please retain this page containing awards listing and awards rules for the 2013-2015 Special Project

The President's Two-Year Special Project was initiated to highlight through State Programs and Garden Club Projects the basics stated in the NGC Conservation Pledge:

I pledge to protect and conserve our natural resources of planet earth and to promote education so that we may become caretakers (stewards) of our air, water, forest, land and wildlife.

The National Garden Club firmly believes that education is the key that opens the doors to the responsible decision-making process that allows us to make responsible decisions pertaining to conserving and protection our natural resources - AIR - WATER - FOREST - LAND - WILDLIFE.

The Special Project will present outstanding NGC State programs and NGC Club projects with monetary awards and certificates of recognition. Remember "You can't WIN if you're not IN".

AWARD APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE 2013-2015 PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO BOTH STATE AND CLUB APPLICATIONS

- Award Application: Typed and preferably sent by email to designated chairman. Postal mail acceptable. To be received no later than March 31, 2015. Applications received after that date will be returned. Retain a copy for your records. Application will not be returned. Application is limited to three (3) pages - letter size paper - printed on front of pages only. (No plastic or binder report covers allowed). Photos should be included (digital photocopies permitted)

Top of First Page must include complete name of applicant (State or Garden Club) exactly as it should appear on any award/certificate. Include each of the following: State or Club Category (Small, Medium, Large, X-Large), State Garden Club, Region, Contact Person with their email address and telephone number (verify information), and Title of Program or Project with a Brief and Concise Description.

Project or Program Summary should "tell the story" and include involvement of members, public, other organizations, publicity, expenses and/or funding sources, continuing involvement and follow-up if applicable, evaluation of goals or achievement.

- State Award Applications. Send to: Marion Hilliard, Project Coordinator marionh@bellsouth.net

State Garden Clubs applications shall be judged according to size determined by number of members on whom NGC dues are paid. A First Place ($200.) and a Second Place ($100.) will be given in Category A, B, C, and D.

A. Small State: ............ up to 999 members
B. Medium State ...... 1,000 – 2,999 members
C. Large State ......... 3,000 – 7,999 members
D. X-Large State ...... 8,000 – and over members

- SCALE OF POINTS: STATE APPLICATION

Presentation – 5 pts. Neat, concise, includes all required information on first page of application.
Achievement – 65 pts. Scope of program(s); goals; prior planning; brief history if ongoing or continuing; need; education programs and activities to attain goals; accomplishments and benefit(s).
Participation – 15 pts. Numbers of members and clubs; involvement of clubs and members; youth; community organizations; government agencies; others (not all must be involved).
Documentation – 15 pts. Supporting applicable data; (may include labeled photographs, samples of publicity, program and speakers, letters of appreciation, financial report) Photocopies accepted.