Dear Garden Club Friends~

Your GCG Youth Team continues to welcome you in to Youth Gardening. We trust you are back with your young gardeners or thinking of creating a new youth garden club. Share this newsletter with your members so everyone knows the joys and fun we experience helping our young people to really connect with our natural world.

The Spring Youth Newsletter offered all the new contest information, which is also available on our GCG website. In this issue we will re-cap contests and offer new information we hope you will find of interest to you.

The GCG Photo Release for Minors Form is included in this issue. I have also included a “Sample Letter” you may edit for your use to give to parents along with the form. Parents are certainly familiar with release forms but this may be helpful, should questions arise.

As always, your ideas and articles are welcomed in the youth newsletter. We would love to have your news and information about what you are doing within your youth garden clubs. Let’s share the excitement with all our GCG friends and encourage youth gardening.

Let us continue to encourage our Youth to learn that “Sowing Seeds of Knowledge Reaps Conservation with Beauty”. See you along the garden path!

Susan

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mollykimler@gmail.com

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Home: 478-825-3540   oshieldsjj@bellsouth.net
Cell: 478-397-7660

Youth Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest State Chairman:
Mary Ogden – 51 Horton Road, Odum 31555-7832
Home: 912-586-6125   Cell: 912-294-4144   mjogden@hotmail.com
At your recent Annual District Meeting, President Martha Price shared a message about AWARDS. Your District & GCG Youth Team is eager to help support Martha and YOU in entering contests and applying for Youth and High School Awards. Awards are due to the designated District or State Chairmen on the appropriate date as indicated. Many are due December 1st so there is plenty of time to get your entries together!

Use GCG contest labels to affix to the reverse side, bottom right corner of the Poetry and Poster Contest entries. It will help chairmen at every level by providing accurate information. These labels are available on the website with your District Contest Chairman’s information pre-typed for your convenience. Blank labels are in this Newsletter. The labels are pre-set to run on a standard size 8.5” x 11” page with 2” X 4” label size with 6 per sheet.

GCG Youth Awards Listing - Details of Award requirements may be found on the GCG website @ www.uga.edu/gardenclub and the NGC website @ www.gardenclub.org

GCG Adult Youth Related Awards – Adult work with Youth.
Contact Molly Kimler, Youth Awards Chairman for questions on applying for Youth Related Awards. Awards are due December 1st to Molly Kimler unless otherwise noted.

GCG Award #57 – Junior and /or Intermediate Activities (See NGC Award #8)
GCG Award #58 - Junior Club Leadership Award (See NGC Award #60)
GCG Award #59 – High School Gardeners Activities Award (See NGC Award #8)

GCG Junior &/or Intermediate Awards
Due December 1st to Molly Kimler, unless otherwise noted. mkimler@uga.edu ph. 770-464-3589

J-1 Junior and/or Intermediate Activities Award (Now reference GCG Award # 57 and NGC Award #8)
J-2 Yearbook Award
J-3 Civic Beautification Award
J-4 Horticulture Program Award (See NGC Award #14)
J-5 Conservation Award (See NGC Award #32 and DSR #22A)
J-6 Certificate of Merit for Jr. and/or Intermediate Garden Club (See NGC Award #10)
J-8 Environmental Concern Award (see NGC Award #55 & DSR #22A)
J-9 Flower Show Achievement Award for Jr. and/or Intermediate Gardeners
(See NGC Award #47 A&B; See GCG #H-6) Refer to HB for Flower Shows, 2007.

Apply to Marge Willis 19258 GA. Hwy. 3 Thomasville 31792-8940

J-10 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest – Apply to District Chairman by Dec. 1st
J-11 Jr. and/or Intermediate Poetry Contest (NGC Poetry Contest) 2015-2016 Theme: “Croaking Leaping Frogs”
Apply to your District Chairman by Dec. 1st

NGC Youth Sculpture Contest – Apply to Susan Turner, GCG Sculpture Contest Chairman by January 1st
GCG High School Gardener Awards

Contact Barbara Horner, High School Awards Chairman for questions on applying for H.S. Awards at 706-860-0769 cell: 706-955-6699 email: bawhorner@aol.com

All Awards are due December 1st to Barbara Horner, unless otherwise noted.

H-1 Scrapbook Award
H-2 Yearbook Award
H-3 Outstanding HIGH SCHOOL Gardeners Club Award (See NGC Award #33)
H-5 HIGH SCHOOL Gardener Conservation Award
H-6 Flower Show Achievement Award for High School Gardeners
   (See NGC Award #47A&B; See GCG #J-9) Refer to HB for Flower Shows, 2007.
   Apply to Marge Willis 19258 GA. Hwy. 3 Thomasville 31792-8940
H-8 HIGH SCHOOL Gardeners Essay Award
   2015-2016 Theme: “Don’t Let the Frogs Croak!”

NGC YOUTH AWARD #76
The High School Distinguished Service Project Award along with $100 for first place and $50 for second place may be awarded to a high school student, grade 9-12, for an outstanding civic project making a significant improvement for public benefit, e.g. environment, conservation, landscape, horticulture, recycling, horticulture therapy, etc. A single member club, group of member clubs, districts or a state garden club must sponsor the contest.

Please refer to the NGC website at www.gardenclub.org for complete Contest Rules, descriptions and Scale of Points for all awards including NGC High School Essay Contest & H.S. Distinguished Service Project Award.
NAME________________________________________
Grade____ School________________________________
City_________________Teacher____________________
Garden Club Sponsor:________________________________,
GC City________________________;
Your club contact:_________________________________,
Email_____________________________Ph_____________
District ____________________________;
Garden Club of Georgia; Deep South Region.
Mail to your District Chairman by 12/1/15.
Dist Contest Chairman__________________________,
Ph___________________________________________
City/St/Zip____________________________________
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Mail to your District Chairman by 12/1/15.
NGC YOUTH POETRY CONTEST J-11 for K through Ninth Grade
Questions may be directed to your District Poetry Chairman or
State Chairman Jean O'Shields oshieldsjj@bellsouth.net 478-397-7660

THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.

Invites YOU to participate in the

NGC YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

The 2015-2016 Contest Theme is “Croaking Leaping Frogs”

Be imaginative; express your knowledge and share your insight as to the importance of these amphibians to our earth!

Contest Rules & Scale of Points: Title – 10; Content – 40; Creativity – 30; Style - 20

1. All entries must be typed and titled.
2. Include name, age, grade, school, school address on the back of entry.
3. Sponsoring garden club and contact person and state federation/club name must also be identified. Contact person is the mailing address for any winning entries.
4. "Generations of Gardeners" sponsoring garden club may be that of a Grandparent.
5. All entries become the property of NGC, Inc.
6. Poems do not have to rhyme.
7. Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems (diamonte), limerick, Haiku, Lune, Tanka, tongue twisters or jump rope rhymes.

Eligibility: General Education: Kindergarten through 9th Grade. Special Education: Kindergarten through 9th Grade. English as a Second Language: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

Submit Entries to your District Poetry Contest Chairman before or by December 1st.
Youth Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

J-10 for First Grade through Fifth Grade.
Questions may be directed to your District Poster Chairman or State Chairman Mary Ogden
mjogden@hotmail.com

Announcing the 2016 Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest!

Children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in the 2015 National Garden Clubs, Inc., Poster Contest!

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc., are giving students the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of wildfire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl.

SMOKEY SAYS: ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!

Smokey Bear is recognized nationally and internationally as the symbol for wildfire prevention. The original Smokey Bear appeared in 1944. Smokey’s message, “Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!” encourages personal responsibility for wildfire prevention. Smokey Bear teaches children and adults to be careful with campfires, barbecues, trash fires, and matches.

WOODSY SAYS: LEND A HAND, CARE FOR THE LAND!

Woodsy Owl is America’s icon for the conservation of the environment. Since 1971, Woodsy has helped parents and teachers inspire children to observe, explore, and care for the environment.

He challenges children to “Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!” and to take an active role in caring for the land through recycling, reusing, and reducing waste; planting and caring for trees; using resources wisely; and not littering.

PRIZES:

• The National Grand Prize Winner of the Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest will be honored with a Recognition Ceremony in Washington, DC. Round-trip airfare and accommodations for four will be provided.
• The National Garden Clubs, Inc., will award $50 to each of the First Place national winners in all five grades.

Submit Entries to your District Poster Contest Chairman before or by December 1st.
Recognition Ceremonies

- It is recommended that local and/or State recognition ceremonies be coordinated in conjunction with local events during Earth Week in April or during National Public Lands Day in September. Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear should be present at these award ceremonies if at all possible.


- The 1st place National Winners for each grade level category and the National Grand Prize winner will be announced at the 2016 National Garden Clubs, Inc., Annual Meeting.

- Certificates and prize money ($50) for the four national winners will be mailed following the 2014 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Annual Meeting. The National Grand Prize Winner will receive their check and certificate at the recognition ceremony in Washington, DC.

- The recognition ceremony for the National Grand Prize winner takes place every year during late Spring or Summer in Washington, DC.

- Forest Service conservation education and wildfire prevention regional coordinators can help you identify local Forest Service units that may assist you by having Smokey and Woodsy appear at your event. A list of coordinators is available at www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation.

Poster Tips

1. A good poster has a bold and simple design.
2. Its message is easily understood, and is delivered both in picture and in text.
3. Educators can provide paper to children in order to initiate the program.
5. Posters will be judged for originality, design, slogan, artwork, and overall effectiveness of the message.
Poster Rules

1. All poster entries must be sponsored by a local Garden Club.
2. Posters must feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl and must not feature both together.
3. Smokey Bear posters must include Smokey’s wildfire prevention message: Only you Can Prevent Wildfires! Woodsy Owl posters must include Woodsy’s conservation message: Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!
4. Posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires or conserving natural resources.
5. Each entry should be 11 x 17 inches in size.
6. Materials that can be used include: crayons, markers, poster paints, water colors, etc. The choice of paper is up to the child.
7. No three-dimensional posters, computer scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted.
8. The following information should be written on the back of the poster in the lower-right corner: The artist’s name and grade; the name of the sponsoring local garden club; and the name, address, phone number, and email of the contact at the local garden club (such as the Club President or the Youth Chair). If it is permissible, the following information should also be included: teacher’s name and the address, phone number, and email address of the artist and/or his or her parent or guardian. Dark markers should not be used because they may show through. This information may be either written directly on the back of the poster or written on a separate sheet of paper that is then pasted in place.
9. Posters are to be completed by individual student artists. Competition may include students from first to fifth grade.
10. Clubs apply to your District Chairman by December 1. The District Chairman must submit the poster entries to his or her State Chairman no later than January 20, 2016. The State Garden Club Chair must submit the five winning posters from his or her State to Regional Garden Club Chairman by February 14, 2016.
11. Since Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are official icons protected by law, the colors of their clothing need to be accurate. Check the colors on the Web site www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation

“Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires!”

“Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!”
Poster Rules (continued)

12. Students should be reminded to check spelling. Posters with spelling errors will be disqualified.

13. Any group of children can participate. Scout troops, after-school programs, and the like are perfectly appropriate. The child's grade must be included on the poster so that the participant can compete in the correct grade category.

14. Local Garden Club coordinators should offer certificates of appreciation to all participants. Certificates are available for download at www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation and at www.gardenclub.org. They are also encouraged to organize a recognition ceremony. If there is a national forest nearby, the forest can be contacted to ask if Smokey or Woodsy can come and join the recognition ceremony. National forest addresses are available at www.fs.fed.us.

15. The Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl poster contest is an opportunity for local Garden Clubs to connect with their communities. The contest may be used to promote the club, attract children and their parents, and raise awareness of the importance of caring for the environment.

16. Winning posters should be copied as they will not be returned.

17. Past winners are permitted and encouraged to participate again.

18. Posters may include artwork pasted upon a second piece of paper. However, they must be flat. 3D posters are not allowed.

19. A poster may include just the head of Woodsy or Smokey.

20. National Garden Clubs, Inc., local coordinators for the Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl poster contest should contact their State or Regional Poster Contest Chairman in order to get promotional materials. Promotional materials are also available at www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation and www.gardenclub.org.

21. Posters that compete for the National Grand Prize become property of the Forest Service. They ARE NOT returned to the participants. Participants and State and Regional Poster Contest Chairmen should make copies or scan and save the posters they submit.

Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!

Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!
National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Youth Sculpture Contest  
Encouraging fun and creative ways to  
Reduce, Reuse & Recycle.

The purpose of this contest is to encourage youth to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving our planet.

**Contest Rules:**

1. Children in 4th grade through 8th grades will be eligible to enter the contest.
2. Sculpture must consist of recyclable, reused and reduced materials.
3. Width of the sculpture can be no more than 8 ½ X 11 inches.
4. Height should be proportional to width.
5. Entry form can be found on the NGC website, [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)
6. Entries should include as many photographs as can be printed on the back of the entry form but two 4X6 photographs are recommended.
7. Club entries should be submitted to the State Chairman before or no later than January 1, 2016. Please mail completed entry form with photo(s) to: Susan Turner 3380 Glencree, NW Conyers, Georgia 30012
8. For more information contact Susan Turner at 770-922-4411 or email: glencree@bellsouth.net

**Scale of points:**
Creative use of materials and self-expression – 60 points
Description of sculpture and materials use – 30 points
Craftsmanship and techniques - 10 points

**Susan Turner**
GCG Youth Sculpture Chairman
3380 Glencree, NW Conyers, GA  30012
770-922-4411 glencree@bellsouth.net
National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Youth Sculpture Contest Entry Form

Child's Name: ________________________________________________________________

Age: ________ Grade: __________

Name of School: _________________________ Town: _____________________________

Sponsoring State Garden Club: ________________________________________________

District: ________________________ NGC Region: Deep South

Name of club contact person: 
__________________________________________________________________________

Email address ___________________________ phone #___________________________

List materials used:

Describe sculpture in 3-5 sentences:

On the back of this form, please attach photos. Two-4x6 photos are recommended.
Club entries should be submitted this State Chairman before or no later than January 1, 2016. Please mail completed entry form with photo(s) to: Susan Turner 3380 Glencree, NW Conyers, Georgia 30012. For information contact Susan Turner at 770-922-4411 glencree@bellsouth.net

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The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Invites you to participate in the
National Garden Clubs, Inc.

High School Essay Contest

2015-2016 Theme
“Don’t Let the Frogs Croak!”

Eligibility: Contests are open to high school students attending 9th through 12th grades. A single member garden club, group of member clubs, councils or districts, or a state garden club must sponsor the contest. All entries become the property of NGC. Emphasis is on the theme, as stated.

Length of essay to be between 600-700 words. The entry will be penalized if the essay does not conform to the required length. All words are to be counted. All entries must be typed and titled. Students should write the essay so it is suitable to be published in the NGC publication, The National Gardener.

Please refer to the NGC website at www.gardenclub.org for complete Contest Rules and Scale of Points. For additional information contact Barbara Horner, Contest State Chairman.

Deadlines: All Entries are sent directly to GCG State High School Essay Chairman to be received by DECEMBER 1st

Mail to: Barbara Horner, GCG High School Gardeners Awards & Essay Contest Chairman. P.O. Box 815 Evans, Georgia 30809
706-860-0769 cell: 706-955-6699 bawhorner@aol.com

Observe Your State Deadline.
Review additional High School Gardeners Awards at www.gardenclub.uga.edu
THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.

HIGH SCHOOL GARDENER AWARDS

All Due Dates are December 1st

Please refer to the NGC website at www.gardenclub.org or our GCG website at www.gardencub.uga.edu for complete contest rules, descriptions and Scale of Points on all High School Gardener Awards.

H-1 Scrapbook Award

H-2 Yearbook Award

H-3 Outstanding High School Gardeners Club Award

H-4 High School Gardeners Activities Award

H-5 High School Gardener Conservation Award

H-6 Flower Show Achievement Award for High School Gardeners

H-8 High School Gardeners Essay Award

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706-860-0769 cell: 706-955-6699 bawhorner@aol.com
Observe Your State Deadline.
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Photo and Video Release for Minors

I hereby give The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. (GCG) or its District Administration permission to publish or reproduce photos or videos of a minor child and to use these photos or videos in the development of educational or promotional materials such as GCG publications and the GCG website.

Name of person photographed (print)            Age of minor

Street Address

City, State, and Zip Code

Signature                                                      Date

Printed name of Parent or Legal Guardian       Relationship

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is a non-profit, educational and charitable organization.

Since 1929, promoting Beautification – Conservation – Education
www.uga.edu/gardenclub
Dear Friends:

I am so pleased to work with the wonderful members of our YOUTH CLUB NAME Garden Club, sponsored by YOUR CLUB NAME Garden Club. I hope each year our members gain new knowledge, awareness and respect for nature and our environment.

As a member of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., we are pleased to offer contests and programs that speak to our mission statement “Beautification, Conservation and Education”. As you know, we generally take part in some of the contests offered to our Junior, Intermediate and High School Gardeners. (CHOOSE WHOMEVER YOU SERVE)

I am attaching a Photo Release form for your consideration. Please know this is not mandatory for their participation in any of our garden club activities. The purpose is this; you as parents are very gracious to allow us the use of your child’s image for the promotion of our youth programs and projects. We are respectful that you will agree should we choose to show a group or individual photo of your child.

The form is simple and self-explanatory. If you have any questions or concerns, you may direct them to me. Contest winners, youth clubs, and GCG sponsored events with minors all need to have a Photo Release form signed and on file at GCG Headquarters to allow us to use a child’s image in any type of publicity or publication. We love seeing the work being done and the smiling faces as these young gardeners reap their rewards! Thanking you again for your consideration I remain,

Sincerely

YOUTH LEADER OR CLUB PRESIDENTS NAME

CLUB NAME
PHONE NUMBER
EMAIL ADDRESS
FUN AUTUMN ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

- CREATE FLOWER DESIGNS IN PUMPKINS OR GOURDS.
- GATHER LEAVES TO PRESS IN A PICTURE FRAME OR MAKE A TRANSFER PRINT ON FABRIC.
- IDENTIFY LEAVES ON A WALK OR WHILE RAKING IN THE GARDEN.
- READ THE NGC BOOK THE FRIGHTENED FROG BOOK TOGETHER AND ENTER THE GCG POETRY CONTEST.
- CREATE A GARDEN TOTUM AND ENTER THE NGC YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST.
- DISCUSS FIRE SAFETY OR LITTER CONTROL & RECYCLING AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SMOKEY BEAR OR WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST.
- EDUCATE KIDS AS TO WHERE OUR VEGETABLES COME FROM (NOT A CAN OR THE FREEZER!). PLANT A WINTER GARDEN. A SMALL PLOT IN THE GARDEN OR RASIED BEDS MAY BE PURCHASED OR BUILT AT HOME (ANOTHER GREAT LESSON!). https://www.southernstates.com/.../winter-vegetables
- CONTINUE WITH LESSONS ABOUT BIRDS. MAKE NESTING BASKETS, FEEDERS AND WATER TROUGHS. CREATE YOUR OWN BACKYARD BIRD COUNT!
- LEARN ABOUT BATS AND HOW THEY BENEFIT OUR ENVIRONMENT. www.nrcs.usda.gov
Our Willie Watershed Youth Booklets are still available to GCG Registered Youth Garden Clubs.

Junior and Intermediate Youth Clubs
With current dues paid are eligible to receive this booklet from The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Your GCG State Board voted to reprint this uniquely informative workbook targeted for our Junior and younger Intermediate Youth Garden Club members. This conservation booklet with a focus on water was originally printed under the direction of our Former GCG President Dollie Harper. Her vision was to expand the prior FLOW (Forging Leadership in Our Watersheds) project by “Creating a Ripple”, to involve our youth. Karen Hendrix and Ximena Holcombe worked together with Dollie and “Willie Watershed” was born! This booklet is still relevant and contains an important message and teaching tool for our youth today. There is information as well as puzzles to entertain young minds about waterways in Georgia and beyond.

For additional information or orders, contact
Susan Turner, Youth Coordinator
770-922-4411 glencree@bellsouth.net
Or, Linda Cobb, Youth Garden Clubs Chairman
770-784-6634 lindalou218@earthlink.net
Don’t forget to send this form to Linda Cobb by December 1st

THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.
ANNUAL YOUTH CLUB REGISTRATION

Due annually by December 1st

Name of Youth Club _________________________________ Date ________________

Number of Member’s in Youth Club _____ Est. No. of Mtg’s Planned (5+preferred) ______

Type of Group: Junior: K to 6th grade _______ Intermediate: 7th & 8th _____________
High School: 9th-12th________ #Boys____ __#Girls____ Average Age __________

Clubs may be a combination of ages/group designation. Choose the most appropriate for your group & purpose.

Sponsoring Club ____________________________ District ______________________

President ____________________________ Email ____________________________

Address ____________________________ Phone Number (s) __________________

Leader’s Name __________________________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________________

Phone Number (s) ____________________________ Email ____________________________

Programs and projects planned or accomplished. Add any additional ideas or comments. Where do you meet? (Describe briefly; use reverse or additional page if space is needed).

Plans for participation in Flower Show ______ Arbor Day ___ Earth Day ___ Nat’l. Garden Week ___

Civic/School Improvement ______ National or State Programs/Competitions _________________

If your group has a garden, please describe where & what type.

If your group has a nature trail, please explain where, how funded, etc.

* Please include check made payable to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
* Annual Dues are $3.00 for Junior & Intermediate Youth Clubs or $5.00 for High School Youth Clubs.
* Youth Forms & Standard of Excellence forms also available on www.uga.edu/gardenclub.
* Mail with completed form to your State Youth Garden Clubs Chairman.

Linda Cobb P.O. Box 1048 Social Circle 30025 Home 770-784-6634 lindalou2184@att.net

Dues are for each club registering, not per member. Form Rev. 10/15
Don’t forget to send this form to Linda Cobb for your Certificate!

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Youth Garden Clubs Application for Standard of Excellence

Name of Youth Club ___________________ District __________________

Junior ______ Intermediate ______ Jr. /Inter. ______ High School ______

(Indicate type of club and give number of members.)

Sponsoring Club ______________________________________

Advisor/Leader’s Name ___________________ Phone No. __________

Address ____________________________ Email ___________________

Return completed form to designation GCG State Youth Chairman by August 1st. Must achieve a minimum of eight (8) of the eleven (11) numbered items. Additional consideration may be given for any special activities listed.

1. Sponsoring club is a member of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. ______
2. Have met requirement for a minimum number of members. __________
3. Have met requirement for a minimum number of meetings. __________
4. Registration form sent ______ & dues paid _______

__________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

6. Participation in Flower Arranging Workshop in Flower Show. ________
7. Describe Litter Control or Clean-up Activity. ______________________

8. Describe Garden Therapy Activity. ________________________________
9. Describe Arbor Day or other Tree Planting Activity. ________________
10. Describe Other Special Activities. ________________________________

11. Has applied for State Award (List Name & Number). ________________

Use separate sheet or reverse, as necessary.

* Youth Forms & Standard of Excellence forms also available on www.uga.edu/gardenclub.
* Mail with completed form to your State Youth Garden Clubs Chairman. Linda Cobb – P.O. Box 1048 Social Circle 30025 Home 770-784-6634 lindalou2184@att.net

Form Rev. 10/15
GCG Youth Garden Clubs
Sowing Seeds of knowledge in our youth!
Sponsoring a Youth Garden Club may be easier than you think! Here are a few ways to begin and program ideas to help you get started.

~ Quick Steps to Get Going~

- Work with an existing group such as a Scout Troop or Pack, school group, 4H Club or a class at your place of worship.
- Meeting requirement minimum is only 5 times per year.
- Be sure to apply for a GCG Youth Standard of Excellence Certificate.
- A Youth Club Registration Form and all youth forms & information may be found on the GCG website @ www.uga.edu/gardenclub Contact Linda Cobb, GCG Youth Clubs Chairman for more info. lindalou2184@att.net

~A Few Program Ideas May Include~

- Flower designs; start simple with a line design.
- Participate in a local Standard Flower Show or County Fair.
- Environmental concerns such as air quality, conserving water, litter & recycling. Have a discussion with artwork or a craft (rain sticks and collages are fun!).
- Sponsor a neighborhood or school “Clean-up”.
- Annual NGC Youth Poetry Contest 2015-2016 Theme: “Croaking Leaping Frogs” Jean O'Shields GCG State Chairman.
- NGC Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. Mary Ogden GCG State Chairman.
- Have a recycle program and enter the NGC/GCG Youth Sculpture Contest. Susan Turner GCG State Chairman.
- Create Holiday or Seasonal décor using fresh plant material found in the garden. Fresh, dried or a combination is easily obtained.
- Herb Program ∼ Bird Program ∼ Container Gardening
- A Garden Therapy activity in your community is so appreciated.

Let’s get Georgia’s Youth excited about Gardening as they learn that “Sowing Seeds of Knowledge Reaps Conservation with Beauty”. 
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. supports NGC President Sandra Robinson with her Special Project “Service in Action”.

The purpose is to promote the protection of bees, butterflies, and frogs through conservation, education, backyard habitats, roadside plantings, and publications. Leadership is also a focus for NGC. Each of these projects will be great resources for youth education. As you have read, the Youth Poetry and High School Essay Contest focus is on FROGS. Join NGC President Sandy Robinson and

Leap Into Action

Visit the NGC website www.gardenclub.org to read their full article “Protect our Friends the Pollinators” Here is a sample...

The aim of the 2015-2017 School Gardens Project, "Protect Our Friends the Pollinators... They are Plants Best Friend" is to educate school students in North and South America in how to create native gardens on school grounds and to emphasize the importance of pollinators.

By using the classroom as the laboratory, this project can engage students and teachers. In planning for this project, clubs should emphasize using native plants that attract bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other native pollinators to the garden. The gardens may be large or small, portable or stationary. Clubs may also incorporate educational instruction or materials and the sustainability of the gardens. Awards are made to individual gardens: 1st place $100, 2nd place $75, 3rd place $50 and 4th place $25.
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THE FRIGHTENED FROG

The Children’s Project for 2015-2017 is a book for early readers titled The Frightened Frog – An Environmental Tale, which will be available for use by clubs and schools. The book written by NGC members Brenda Moore and Jean Ohlmann, with illustrations by Emily Lackey, is a cross between Bernstein Bears and Dr. Seuss.

Bulletin board kits and lesson plans that meet national standards will be available for use by educators in the classroom. Visit www.gardenclub.org to:

- Purchase The Frightened Frog book from NGC for $10.00
- Download the FREE lesson plan for K-4
Autumn continues to be a great time for you and your young gardeners to visit a State Park.

Opportunities abound as you explore the outdoor beauty Georgia has this season! Join GCG Parks and Public Lands State Chairman Marilyn McDonnell and discover outdoor spaces in your neighborhood, your town or anywhere in Georgia. You will be glad you did! Visit Marilyn at mmcdonnell25@comcast.net
Continue to inspire our young people to enjoy the beautiful fall weather. Take a walk around the neighborhood, meet friends and share time. These are the activities I know we all remember as children. Give the gift of the great outdoors. It has been given to us and it is our duty to care for it and teach others, especially young people, to do the same. Our youth need your guidance and inspiration to enjoy all that our grand world has to offer.

Contact Youth Team members for help with youth clubs, contests and awards. We are all available to help you with any questions you may have.

Remember, “Sowing Seeds of Knowledge Reaps Conservation with Beauty”. Enjoy the autumn and all the blessings it offers to us all!

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