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ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

A-1	The Maslin Award	Winner	Linda McLendon	Evergreen GC Goldsboro	11	Garden Club of North Carolina	
A-2	Member of Honor Award	1 st Place	Cathy McDowell Poulos	Cape Fear GC Wilmington	11	Garden Club of North Carolina	SCROLL
	Member of Honor Award	2 nd Place	Sandra Dutton	Two Green Thumbs Knightdale	10		
	Member of Honor Award	3 rd Place	Ilene Hinson Drum	Good Earth GC	1/2		
A-3	Award of Excellence		Flower Lore Garden Club	Winston-Salem	4	Starmount Garden Club	\$ 25
A-4S	Club of the Year Award (membership of 18 or less)		NO ENTRIES			Garden Club of North Carolina	\$ 200
A-4M	Club of the Year Award (membership 19-40)		NO ENTRIES			Garden Club of North Carolina	\$ 200
A-4L	Club of the Year Award (membership 41 or more)	1 st Place	Cape Fear Garden Club	Wilmington	11	Garden Club of North Carolina	\$ 200
		2 nd Place	Trent Woods Garden Club	Trent Woods	11		\$ 100
A-5	District w/ Most Award Applications Award	1 st Place	District 11 – 54 Applications		11	Garden Club of North Carolina	SCROLL
		2 nd Place	District 10 - 46 Applications				
		3 rd Place	District 1/2 - 23 Applications				
A-6	Carolyn Ashbrook Special Achievement Award	1 st Place	Steel Magnolias Garden Club	Zebulon	10	Marilyn Wright	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Emerald Isle Garden Club	Emerald Isle	11		
		3 rd Place	Mooreville Garden Club	Mooreville	3		
A-7	Jas. & Frances Outstanding Innovative Endeavor	1 st Place	Raleigh Garden Club	Raleigh	10	Caroline Augustine	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Emerald Isle	Emerald Isle	11		
		3 rd Place	Waynesville GC	Waynesville	1		

BEAUTIFICATION

B-1	Debby Zavadil Beautification Award		NO ENTRIES			Beth Carlton	\$ 50
B-2	Pat Olejar Holiday Decoration Award	1 st Place	Troutman Garden Club	Troutman	3	Raleigh Garden Club	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Modern Gardeners	Mt. Airy	4		
		3 rd Place	Emerald Isle Garden Club	Emerald Isle	11		

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B-3	All Decked-Out Garden Club Award	1 st Place	Rocky Mount Garden Club	Rocky Mount	12	Two Green Thumbs	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Monroe Garden Club	Monroe	3		
		3 rd Place	Troutman Garden Club	Troutman	3		
B-4	Vickie Kornegay Award	1 st Place	Cross Creek Briarwood GC	Fayetteville	8	Emerald Isle Garden Club	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Transylvania Garden Club	Brevard	1		
		3 rd Place	Yadkin Valley GC	Elkin	4		
B-5	Mountain View Gardeners "Plant It Pink" Award	1 st Place	Village Home and Garden GC	Welcome	4	Mountainview Gardeners	\$ 25
		2 nd Place	Two Green Thumbs GC	Knightdale	10		
B-6	Marcy Hege Get Your Green On Award	1 st Place	Transylvania Garden Club	Brevard	1	Raleigh Garden Club	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Cape Fear Garden Club	Wilmington	11		
B-7	Charlotte Maddox Notice Small Things Award	1 st Place	Rocky Mount Garden Club	Rocky Mount	12	Emeral Isle Garden Club	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Cary Garden Club	Cary	10		
		3 rd Place	Troutman Garden Club	Troutman	3		
B-8	Steel Magnolias Art in the Garden Award	1 st Place	Emerald Isle Garen Club	Emerald Isle	11	Steel Magnolias Garden Club	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Two Green Thumbs	Knightdale	10		

BIRDS/BUTTERFLIES/WILDLIFE AWARDS

BBW-1	Frances Hunley Bird Award	1 st Place	Cape Fear Garden Club	Wilmington	11	Monroe Garden Club	\$ 50
BBW-2	Jenene Curtis Smith Bird Award	1 st Place	Englewood Garden Club	Rocky Mount	12	Jenene Curtis Smith & anonymous	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Flower Lore Garden Club	Winston Salem	4		
		3 rd Place	Mooreville Garden Club	Mooreville	3		
BBW-3	Brenda Crocker Bluebird Award	1 st Place	Four Seasons Garden Club of Lillington	Lillington	8	Rocky Mount Garden Club	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Flower Lore Garden Club	Winston Salem	4		
BBW-4	The Hummingbird Award	1 st Place	Loblolly Garden Club	Wilmington	11	Bettie Woodward	\$ 50
BBW-5	Barbara Blackwelder Conservation of Bird, Butterflies & Wildlife Award	1 st Place	Cape Fear Garden Club	Wilmington	11	Troutman Garden Club	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Lake Norman Garden Club	Sherrills Ford	2		
		3 rd Place	Steel Magnolias Garden Club	Zebulon	10		

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BBW-6	Karen Suzanne Brenza Butterfly Garden Award	1 st Place	Lake Norman Garden Club	Sherrills Ford	2	Rowena Sewell	\$100
		2 nd Place	Raleigh Garden Club	Raleigh	10		
		3 rd Place	Two Green Thumbs Garden Club	Knightdale	10		
BBW-7	The Cary Garden Club for Wildlife Award		NO ENTRIES			Cary Garden Club	\$ 50
BBW-8	Gardening for Pollinators Award	1 st Place	Cape Fear Garden Club	Wilmington	11	Beekeepers of the Neuse	\$50

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL AND ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT

BS RD-1	Rowena Sewell Blue Star Memorial Highway Award		NO ENTRIES			Rowene Sewell	\$ 50
BS RD-2	Gold Star Memorial Award	1 st Place	Evergreen Garden Club	Goldsboro	11	Two Green Thumbs	\$ 50

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT

CD-1	Trish Sumners Award for Habitat for Humanity	1 st Place	Cary Garden Club	Cary	10	Joyce Adams	\$ 50
CD-2	Viola Kiker Award for Civic Beautification Award	1 st Place	Cape Fear Garden Club	Wilmington	11	Frances Hunley & anonymous	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Home and Lawn Garden Club	Farmville	12		
		3 rd Place	Steel Magnolias Garden Club	Zebulon	10		
CD-3	Public School Beautification Award		NO ENTRIES			Jenene Curtis Smith	\$ 50
CD-5	The Rose GC Award for Civic Beautification Award		NO ENTRIES			The Rose Garden Club	\$ 25
CD-6	Martha Franck Fragrance Garden Award		Rich Square Garden Club	Rich Square	12	Brenda Crocker	\$ 50
CD-7	Friends of the Elizabethan Gardens Award		NO ENTRIES			Friends of the Elizabethan Gardens	\$ 100
CD-8	The North Carolina Arboretum Award		NO ENTRIES			Westwood Garden Club	\$ 75

CLUB/COUNCIL HISTORY

CCH-1	Best One-Year History Award	1 st Place	Raleigh Garden Club	Raleigh	10	Robin Weisner/Cindy Weisner	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Two Green Thumbs	Knightdale	10		
CCH-2	Erica Winston Best Five-Year Club History Award		NO ENTRIES			Frances Cain	\$ 75

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EDUCATION

E-1	Erma Dufel for Youth Education Award	1 st Place	Trent Woods Garden Club	Trent Woods	11	Joan Eccard	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Steel Magnolias Garden Club	Zebulon	10		
		3 rd Place	Cary Garden Club	Cary	10		
E-2	Charolotte Council Education Award	1 st Place	Trent Woods Garden Club	Trent Woods	11	Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Lake Norman Garden Club	Sherrills Ford	2		
E-3	The Sylvia Gatzky Award	1 st Place	Trent Woods Garden Club	Trent Woods	11	Chapel Hill Garden Club	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Helen Mayhew	Charlotte	3		
		3 rd Place	Steel Magnolias Garden Club				

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

EA-1	Conservation Award	1 st Place	Cape Fear Garden Club	Wilmington	11	Sarah James	\$ 50
EA-2	Eleanor Yates Nature Conservancy Award	1 st Place	Coastal Garden Club	Shallotte	11	Sardiswood Garden Club	\$ 25
EA-3	Margaret Holton Environmental Award	1 st Place	Loblolly Garden Club	Wilmington		Mary Lou Goodman	\$ 50

FLOWER SHOWS

FS-1	Greensboro Council Flower Show Award		NO ENTRIES			Greensboro Council of Flower Clubs	\$ 25
FS-2	Lawndale Garden Club Flower Show Award		NO ENTRIES			Lawndale Garden Club	\$ 25
FS-3	Shirley Valentine Creative Holiday Flower Show Award		NO ENTRIES			Waynesville Garden Club	\$ 50
FS-5	Best Standard FS Schedule w/o Financial Aid Award		NO ENTRIES				SCROLL
FS-6	Best Standard FS Schedule w/ Financial Aid Award		NO ENTRIES				SCROLL
FS-7	Flower Show Award		NO ENTRIES				
FS-8	Marge Comer Horticulture Division Award		NO ENTRIES			Coastal Garden Club	\$ 25
FS-9	Small Standard Flower Show Award		NO ENTRIES			NC Flower Show Judges Council	\$ 25

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GARDEN COUNCIL/CENTERS

GCC-1	Ethel Daughtridge Garden Center Award	1st Place	Rocky Mount Garden Club	Rocky Mount	12	Rocky Mount Graden Club	\$ 25
		2nd Place	Raleigh Garden Club	Raleigh	10		

GARDEN THERAPY

GT-1	Louise Middlebrooks Garden Therapy Award	1st Place	Cross Creek Briarwood GC	Fayetteville	8	Shay Blakemore	\$ 50
GT-2	Heritage of Durham Award for Garden Therapy	1st Place	Raleigh Garden Club	Raleigh	10	Heritage Garden Club	\$ 50
		2nd Place	Cape Fear Garden Club	Wilmington	11		
		3rd Place	Trent Woods Garden Club	Trent Woods	11		
GT-3	Asheville GC Award for Garden Therapy	1st Place	Two Green Thumbs GC	Knightdale	10	Asheville Garden Club	\$ 50
		2nd Place	Asheville Garden Club	Asheville	1		
GT-4	Alta Kornegay Award for Garden Therapy	2nd Place	Trent Woods Garden Club	Trent Woods	11	Brenda Crocker	\$ 50

GARDENS OF AMERICA HISTORIC PRESERVATION

GA/HP-1	District 12 Conservation & Preservation Award	1st Place	Transylvania Garden Club	Brevard	1	Carolyn Ashbrook	\$ 50
GA/HP-2	Marie Ashworth Memorial Gardens Award	1st Place	Two Green Thumbs Garden Club	Knightdale	10	Beth Richards & Barbara Lucas	\$ 50
GA/HP-3	Cape Fear GC 100th Anniversary Award	1st Place	Cape Fear Garden Club	Wilmington	11	Cape Fear Garden Club	\$100

HORTICULTURE AND COMMUNITY GARDENING

H/CG-1	Westridge Gardeners Herb Award	1st Place	Englewood Garden Club	Rocky Mount	12	Westridge Gardeners Club	\$ 25
		2nd Place	Cross Creek Briarwood GC	Fayetteville	8		
H/CG-2	Dorothy Secrest Pope Award	1st Place	Cape Fear Garden Club	Wilmington	11	Four Seasons Garden Club of Lillington	\$25
H.CG-3	Ginny Parker Succulent Award	1st Place	Coastal Garden Club	Shalotte	11	Raleigh Garden Club	\$ 50

LANDSCAPE DESIGN

LD-1	Landscape Design Award	1st Place	NO ENTRIES			Maggie Larson	\$ 25
LD-2	Cary Garden Club Landscape Award	1st Place	Village Home and Garden GC	Welcome	4	Cary Garden Club	\$ 25

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LD-3	Lake Trace GC Landscape Award	1 st Place	Lake Norman Garden Club	Sherrills Ford	2	The Lake Trace Garden Club	\$ 25
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LIFE MEMBERSHIP

LM-1	District Largest # of New NGC Life Memberships	1 st Place	District 11			Garden Club of North Carolina	SCROLL
LM-2	District Largest # of New SAR Life Memberships	1 st Place	District 11 - 2 new memberships		11	Garden Club of North Carolina	SCROLL
LM-3	District Largest # of New GCNC Life Memberships	1 st Place	District 11 7 new memberships	13 total new LM	11	Garden Club of North Carolina	SCROLL

LITTER CONTROL AND RECYCLING

LC/R-1	Reclaim, Recycle and Reuse Our Nat. Resources Award	1 st Place	Monroe Garden Club	Monroe	3	Martha Sanford	\$ 50
LC/R-2	Marge O'Keefe Award for Litter Control Award		NO ENTRIES			Marjorie Castleberry	\$ 25
LC/R-3	Linda Schmidt Holiday Decoration Award		NO ENTRIES			Hillsborough Garden Club	\$ 50

MEMBERSHIP

M-1	District w/ Largest Number of New Clubs	1 st Place	1/2, 5, 10, 11 – tied 1 new club ea.		TIE	Garden Club of North Carolina	SCROLL
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YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

YM-1	The Marge Pooser Youth Membership Award	1 st Place	Raleigh Garden Club	Raleigh	10	Martha Cohen	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Emerald Isle Garden Club	Emerald Isle	11		
		3 rd Place	Trent Woods Garden Club	Trent Woods	11		

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

NGW-1	National Garden Week Award	1 st Place	Cape Fear Garden Club	Wilmington	11	Sandra Dutton	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Transylvania Garden Club	Brevard	1		
		3 rd Place	Two Green Thumbs GC	Knightdale	10		

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PROGRAMS

P-1	Georgia Mixon Program Award	1 st Place	Cross Creek Briarwood GC	Fayetteville	8	Georgia Mixon	\$ 25
P-2	Betty Gorrie Media Presentation Award	1 st Place	Steel Magnolias Garden Club	Zebulon	10	Carolyn Augustine	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Raleigh Garden Club	Raleigh	10		
		3 rd Place	Transylvania Garden Club	Brevard	1		
P-3	Power Point, Video Program Award	1 st Place	Loblolly Garden Club	Wilmington	11	Linda Snider	\$ 50

PRESS BOOKS/PUBLICATIONS

PB-1	Ruth Yarbrough Publicity Press Book Award	1 st Place	Cape Fear Garden Club	Wilmington	11	Daylily Garden Club	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Southport Garden Club	Southport	11		
PB-2	Marilyn Dutton Newsletter & Magazine Award	1 st Place	Raleigh Garden Club	Raleigh	10	Frances Cain	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Two Green Thumbs Garden Club	Knightdale	10		
PB-3	Website Award	1 st Place	Steel Magnolias Garden Club	Zebulon	10	Billie Oakley	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Raleigh Garden Club	Raleigh	10		
		3 rd Place	Land O'Sky Garden Club	Hendersonville	1/2		

SCHOLARSHIPS

S-1	Gail Hill Scholarship Award		The Little Garden Club	Warrenton	9	Gail Hill	\$ 50
S-2	Judy Barnes Scholarship Award	1 st Place	Lake Norman Garden Club	Sherrills Ford	2	Judy Barnes	\$50

TREES

T-1	Shirley Tuttle Tree Award	1 st Place	Cape Fear Garden Club	Wilmington	11	Statesville Garden Club	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Coastal Garden Club	Shallotte	11		
		3 rd Place	Transylvania Garden Club	Brevard	1		
T-2	Hannah McNeil McMillan Arbor Day Award	1 st Place	Cross Creek Briarwood GC	Fayetteville	8	Anonymous	\$ 50
T-3	Arbor Day Award	1 st Place	Two Green Thumbs GC	Knightdale	10	Robin Weisner	\$ 50

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WILDFLOWERS AND NATIVE PLANTS

W/NP-1	Jackie Dellinger Wildflower/Native Plants Award	1 st Place	Lake Norman Garden Club	Sherrills Ford	2	Marilyn Wright & Suzanne Gurski	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Steel Magnolias Garden Club	Zebulon	10		
		3 rd Place	Cape Fear Garden Club	Wilmington	11		

YEARBOOKS

YB-1	Rusty Van Pelt Award– Membership 100 or more	1 st Place	No winner			Greensboro Garden Club	\$ 25
		2 nd Place	Cape Fear Garden Club	Wilmington	11		
YB-2	Margaret Daughtridge Barnes Award – Membership 70-99		NO ENTRIES			Rocky Mount Garden Club	\$ 50
YB-3	Catherine Williams Award – Membership 51-69	1 st Place	No winner			Phebe Kirkman	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Trent Woods Garden Club	Trent Woods	11		
		3 rd Place	The Club of Twenty Gardens	Winston Salem	4		
YB-4	Elma K Porter Bowden Award– Membership 30-50	1 st Place	Old Salem Garden Club	Winston Salen	4	Jenene Smith	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Two Green Thumbs Garden Club	Knightdale	10		
		3 rd Place	Southport Garden Club	Southport	11		
YB-5	Lila Petersen Award – Membership 20-29	1 st Place	Troutman Garden Club	Troutman	3	Gail Hill	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Loblolly Garden Club	Wilmington	11		
YB-6	Beverly Shearon Award – Membership under 20	1 st Place	Roxboro Garden Club	Roxboro	9	Beverly Shearon	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Village Home and Garden GC	Welcome	4		
		3 rd Place	Mountain View Garden Club	Mount Airy	4		
YB-7	Martha Schell Yearbook Cover Award	1 st Place	Troutman Garden Club	Troutman	3	Trent Woods Garden Club	\$ 50
		2 nd Place	Cape Fear Garden Club	Wilmington	11		
		3 rd Place	Coastal Garden Club	Shallotte	11		