

**2009 – 2011
DEEP SOUTH REGION AWARDS**

Deep South Region Awards Chairman
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Awards Deadlines and Rules

DEADLINES: January 25: ALL APPLICATIONS for Deep South Region Awards to Debby Cooper, DSR Awards Chairman. Exceptions only as noted in these listed deadlines and in award descriptions.

February 1: Entries for Member Award of Honor (one per state) to Deep South Region Awards Chairman.

February 23: State winners applicable for NGC, Inc. Publicity Press Book Awards to Joan Pryor, DSR Publicity Press Book Chairman.

March 1: List of Deep South Region Publicity Press Book Award winners to DSR Awards Chairman for publication.

October 15, 2010: The 2009 –2011 DS Unified Regional Project Awards are special one-time awards. PLEASE NOTE NEW DEADLINE. Each state's entries, for both the garden club and the youth divisions, must be submitted to Kathy Bedenbaugh, DS Unified Regional Project Chairman, *to be received no later than October 15, 2010.*

Eligibility: The State organization of any of the six States of the Deep South Region of NGC, Inc. (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee) shall hereinafter be referred to as State Garden Club. State Garden Clubs, groups of garden clubs, individuals, circles and/or councils, affiliated with a State Garden Club, are eligible to apply. (See each Award for specific categories of eligibility.) The Deep South Region may hereinafter be referred to as DSR. Junior, Intermediate and High School Garden Clubs and individual youth must be sponsored by a member garden club to be eligible.

Awards Year: January 1 to December 31 annually. Awards #2, #4, and #6 are determined by official records of NGC, Inc., as of October 31, before the Deep South Regional Convention in March of the following year. Award #14

is determined by the DSR High School Gardeners Chairman as of three weeks before the Deep South Regional Convention.

Application: Application must be on current DSR Application Forms obtained from the DSR website (dsregion.org). Two copies of the form are required. The forms must be signed by the State Garden Club President and State Awards Chairman. One form should be permanently attached to the inside front cover of the Book of Evidence. Secure the second copy with a paper clip to the outside front cover of the Book of Evidence.

Note: Award #1 School Grounds Improvement Award requires a special Application Form. Awards #2, #4, #6 and #14 are not applied for.

Book of Evidence: Presentation not to exceed 12 pages (6 pages front and back) on 8 ½" X 11" paper. All text should be typed, neat and concise and cover all requirements in award description and Scale of Points. Material must be attached to pages and secured in a lightweight, theme-type binder. *No heavy scrapbooks, oversized portfolios, or loose clippings, etc., will be judged.*

Outside Front Cover: Attach a label on which is typed the number and name of award, name of applicant(s), city and state.

Title Page (First Page): At the top of the title page type the number and name of the award, the number of members, and a brief, concise description of the project.

Pages: On succeeding pages, summarize the project, state when and where activities began; scope and accomplishment; involvement of members, youth, and/or other groups; publicity; before and after photographs; letters of appreciation; and/or other supporting evidence. Photocopies are permitted. *Reduction of articles should be done carefully.* Every article used should be easy to read. Protective page covers may not be split for the purpose of covering several pages as one – a page is a page. Exception: program books, schedules for flower shows or a book that has information regarding the project. These may be put in protective covers, or the cover may be split. Material must be accessible.

Description: Date project started; scope and accomplishment; involvement of members, youth and community; dated publicity; before and after photographs, and letter(s) of appreciation. Where applicable, list botanical and common names of all plants and trees, size and quantity, used in project. Include plans for maintenance and budget for the project. DO NOT include copies of prior awards.

Landscape Plans: Attach set (professional or amateur) of landscape plans. Include a landscape plan for grounds, grading plan, construction details, and planting plan. These may be folded neatly in an attractive manner and placed in a protective page cover.

Winning entries from each state must be in the hands of the Deep South Region Awards Chairman **before** the January 25 deadline. ONE ENTRY PER STATE PER AWARD, unless otherwise stated, may be submitted for regional competition. The same project entry CANNOT be submitted in more than one award category. AWARDS MAY BE SUBDIVIDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE.

All awards, if merited, will be presented at the annual Deep South Regional Convention. Each winner will receive a *Deep South Region Award Certificate*.

Books of Evidence will be on display at the convention when space permits. First, second, third, and honorable mention winners will be printed in the *Awards Program Book* given at the convention.

Information regarding awards may be obtained from each state's Awards Chairman or the Deep South Region Awards Chairman and on the Deep South Region website dsregion.org Note: Each state will be responsible for printing and distributing additional copies of all materials pertaining to Deep South Region Awards.

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#1 School Grounds Improvement Award (revised 2000)

In Memory of Hubert Owens

Donor: Deep South Region, NGC

Class A: 12 - 30 members

Class B: 31 members or more

A certificate may be awarded in each class for the beautification and improvement of the grounds of any school building (old or new). They may be awarded to an individual garden club, council or group of clubs, a garden club circle, or group of circles acting as a sponsor for this project and who are members of their State Garden Club.

The individual state designated chairman and at least two (2) other qualified persons are to judge the entries. The two winning entries – one from each class - may be submitted to the DSR Awards Chairman no later than January 25th. (Use the special application form).

Scale of Points

Scope of accomplishment	35
Involvement with others with special emphasis on youth	10
Landscape plan, either professional or amateur	10
List of botanical and common names of plant material used:	
Size and quantity	10
Provision for maintenance	10
Presentation (Dated publicity 5, letters of appreciation 5, Before & after photographs 15)	<u>25</u>
TOTAL	100

#2 National Gardener Award

In Memory of Mrs. John R. Parkinson (Kitty)

Donor: Mrs. Haskell Venard, former Editor of The National Gardener

A certificate will be awarded to the member State Garden Club having the greatest number of PAID subscriptions to **The National Gardener** as of October 31, calculated on a percentage basis of state membership dues paid to NGC, Inc. as of December 31, before the Deep South Regional Convention. Not applied for.

#3 Historic Preservation and/or Restoration Award

In Honor of Mrs. George Ray (Mary Helen)

First Chairman of Historic Preservation for NCSGC.

Donor: Mrs. Shelby Myrick (Mary), DS Regional Director 1963-65

A certificate may be awarded to an individual, a club, or group of clubs for a Historic Preservation or Restoration project.

The project must comply with the principles of good landscape design as set down in the *Handbook of Landscape Design* by NGC. Book of Evidence shall include landscape plans designed according to professional standards. Planting plan and photographs should show actual locations. Include botanical and common names, quantity of plants used and arrangements for maintenance.

#4 National Gardener Award

In Memory of Mr. Clyde Greenway
Donor: Mrs. Harmon T. Rowe
DS Regional Director 1969-1971

A certificate will be presented annually to the member State Garden Club with the greatest number of INCREASED PAID subscriptions to *The National Gardener* recorded at NGC over the previous year as of October 31, before the Deep South Regional Convention. Not Applied For.

#5 Public Relations Award (1973, revised 2001)

In Honor of Mary G. Pumilia
Donor: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Class A: State Garden Club

Class B: Individual Garden Club or group of Garden Clubs

A certificate may be awarded in each of the classes for accomplishments in garden club related activities with one or more non-member groups or organizations in promoting good public relations. These should be projects of the State Garden Club, Deep South Region, or NGC, Inc. Competition will be judged on ONE selected co-sponsored project in a field such as Conservation, Horticulture, Litter Control, Environment Improvement, Youth Involvement, Historic Restoration, or any other meritorious activity promoting garden club goals which will broaden the scope of public relations. The identical project is not eligible to win this award for two consecutive years.

#6 Membership Award

In Memory of: Ellen Rowe
Donor: Mrs. Harmon T. Rowe
DS Regional Director 1969-1971

A certificate will be awarded annually to the State Garden Club with the greatest percentage increase in membership during the year. Winner will be determined by official membership records of NGC as of October 31, before the Deep South Regional Convention. Not Applied For.

#7 Litter Control Award (1976, revised 1987)

Donor: Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

An annual cash award of \$25 to a garden club, council or group of clubs affiliated with one of the State Garden Club of the DSR for sponsoring a project in the field of litter control, encompassing such activities as waste reduction, recycling, and endeavors for a quality environment. Youth involvement to be emphasized.

#8 Birds Award (1984, revised 2010)

Donor: Jane Hersey

An annual cash award of \$100 may be awarded to a garden club, group of clubs, or individual member of a club for outstanding activity in the protection or care of birds, such as establishing, maintaining, identifying, or marking sanctuaries; promotion of legislation relative to bird welfare. If sanctuary is by official ordinance (new or maintained), a copy of the ordinance must be included. If it is a continuing project, detail the plans.

#9 Tree Planting Award (1976, revised 1983)

In Honor of Mrs. Thomas C. Lacey (Virginia)

DS Regional Director 1979-1981

Donor: The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.

An annual cash award of \$25 may be awarded to a garden club for the most outstanding tree planting project. Emphasis to be on low maintenance, quality trees suitable to local climatic and ecological conditions. Project may be started at any time but must be completed within the award year in which application is made.

Scale of Points

Action	40
Selection of site, planning, percentage of member participation extent of involvement of community groups, industry, schools government agencies, Youth, media, and final results	
Achievement Evaluation	30
Benefit of project to club, community, and state	
Plans for future maintenance	20
Presentation	10
Neat, concise, and complete as to award rules. Before & after pictures taken from the same angle with A brief description and planting plan with tree species indicated by both common and botanical names included	
TOTAL	100

#10 Special Achievement Award (1977, revised 2001)

In Memory of Mrs. Carey Williams (Celeste)
Past President, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
DS Regional Director 1975–1977
Donor: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Class A: State Garden Club

Class B: Individual Member, Garden Club, or Group of Garden Clubs

A certificate may be awarded annually in each class for the most outstanding achievement in ONE of the following: civic development, conservation, beautification, garden therapy, or any other garden club related project. Youth involvement will be an asset. The identical project is not eligible to win this award for two consecutive years.

#11 Horticulture Award (1979, revised 1987)

In Memory of Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin (Ellen)
DS Regional Director 1977-1979;
NCSGC President 1987-1989
Donor: Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

An annual cash award of \$25 may be awarded to a garden club for the most outstanding activities in the field of horticulture. The award is given to promote planned gardening activities in the study of horticulture by club members. Membership participation shall be emphasized. Summary outlining year’s plan, activities to implement the plan, goals, and results should be included in description of project.

Scale of Points

Quality of program and activities	40
Accomplishment of goals	40
Percentage of membership participation	<u>20</u>
TOTAL	100

#12 Landscape Design Award (1979)

In Memory of Mrs. Vernon L. Conner (Jessie)
First Accrediting Chairman NCSGC Landscape Design Study Courses
DS Regional Director 1965-1967;
NCSGC President 1975-1977
Donor: Freda and Bob Rucker

A certificate may be awarded annually to a State Garden Club in the Deep South Region sponsoring the most outstanding activity in the area of Landscape Design. The activity may be in the area of Landscaping Education or in actual project(s) – (a series of related activities /projects promoting Landscape Design).

Scale of Points

Design	30
Either a planned program in education or design for specific projects	
Public Relations	15
Promoting general knowledge of landscape design, talent surveys, professional climate, etc.	
Suitability for undertaking	10
Distinction of program	10
Participation by garden club members	25
Involvement with public officials	<u>10</u>
TOTAL	100

#13 Historic Preservation and Restoration Award (1980, revised 1988)

In Memory of: Mrs. Lewis Easterly (Clara)
DS Regional Director 1971-1973
Donor: The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.

A certificate may be awarded annually to a garden club or group of clubs for the most outstanding promotion and/or project involving a historic building or buildings.

Scale of Points

Presentation	10
Value and Scope of Project	40
Accomplishment of Goals	35
Percentage of Membership Participation	<u>15</u>
TOTAL	100

#14 High School Gardeners Award

In Memory of Mrs. E. N. Merriwether (Mary Louise)
South Atlantic Regional Director 1959-1961
Donor: The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.

A certificate may be awarded annually to the State Garden Club registering the greatest number of high school gardeners within the Deep South Region, according to the DSR High School Gardeners Chairman as of three (3) weeks before the DS Regional Convention. Established procedure for organizing High School Gardeners must be observed. Not applied for.

#15 Environmental Education Award (1980, revised 2001)

Donor: Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Class A: State Garden Club
Donor: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Class B: Individual Garden Club, Council, District, or Group of Clubs

A certificate may be awarded in each class for the most comprehensive program in the field of environmental education with emphasis on Youth. The identical project is not eligible to win this award two consecutive years.

Scale of Points

How comprehensive was the work and/or study in environmental education? (Definition of comprehensive: having the quality of comprehending, understanding, and including much youth involvement)	40
Involvement of Youth in the program	20
Extent of influence (Actual or potential to which the environmental education work influenced people, club members, the public, school systems, levels of government, and other groups)	40
TOTAL	100

#16 Butterfly Conservation (1985)

In Memory of Mrs. Glenn L. Millar, Jr. (Betty)
 DS Regional Director 1981-1983
 Donor: Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

A certificate may be awarded to an individual garden club for the most outstanding work in the field of butterfly conservation stressing community involvement.

#17 Junior Garden Club Award (1985)

Donor: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

An annual cash award of \$25 may be awarded to a Junior Garden Club sponsored by a State Garden Club, which, through its own efforts, has been successful in promoting all phases of garden club work. Grades: preschool through sixth.

Scale of Points

Year round balanced programs (2 or more) (Flower Show participation or workshop; horticulture workshop, growing projects for individuals; field trips; others)	30
Conservation (2 or more) (Nature study, birds, trees, water, field trips, others)	30
Civic (1 or more) (Community involvement projects; assisting sponsoring club; anti-litter campaigns; Arbor Day celebration, etc.)	20
Other (Garden therapy, world gardening, poster participation, 6-9 meetings with 7 or more members)	10
Presentation of materials (Include yearbook)	10
TOTAL	100

#18 Adopt-A-Park Awards (1987)

In Honor of Marilyn Carlton
DS Regional Direction 1985-1987
Donor: Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
Class A: Club with 12-30 members
Class B: Club with 31 or more members

A certificate and cash award of \$25 may be offered in each class to an individual garden club for the establishment of city, mini, pocket, or subdivision parks and/or enhancement of specific areas in existing parks.

#19 Community Action Award (1989)

In Honor of Mrs. James C. Vines (Louise)
DS Regional Director 1983-1985
Donor: The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.

A certificate may be given annually to a garden club for the most outstanding program/ project relating to garden club objectives. Involvement of community groups to be a major consideration. This may be a continuing project, but the major portion of worthiness must have been accomplished within the year of application. Examples: Arbor Day activities, Blue Star Memorial Marker erection/dedication, beautification of community buildings, churches, or cemeteries, etc.

Scale of Points

Community involvement	40
Scope of achievement, quality of program/project	35
Percent of membership participation	15
Presentation	10
Supporting data to include brief description, pictures, expenses, media publicity, letters of support/ appreciation _____	
TOTAL	100

#20 Wildflower Award (1990, revised 2001)

In Honor of Mrs. Guy H. Northcutt, Jr. (Marvina)
DS Regional Director 1987-1989
Donor: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Class A: State Garden Club
Class B: Individual Garden Club or Group of Clubs

A certificate may be awarded in each class for the most comprehensive activity in the area of wildflowers. This project shall be a concentrated effort in the protection, planting, growing and/or identification of wildflowers within the Deep South Region. The same project is not eligible to win this award two consecutive years.

Scale of Points

Presentation	15
Actual Project	55

Involvement of community and/or Youth	20
Originality	10
TOTAL	100

#21 Historic Trails Award (1991, revised 2001)

In Memory of Mrs. Charles H. Blanchard (Van),
 Past President, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
 Donor: Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

- Class A: State Garden Club
- Class B: Individual Garden Club or Group of Clubs

A cash award of \$50 may be awarded annually in each class for a worthwhile project of lasting value involving a historic trail such as the Bartram Trail, The Natchez Trace, etc.

Scale of Points

Presentation	20
Achievement	50
Supporting Data	30
TOTAL	100

#22 Intermediate Gardeners Award (1999)

In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Lowe
 Donor: Deep South Region, NGC, Inc.

Class A: An annual cash award of \$50 may be awarded to an Intermediate Garden Club sponsored by a garden club in the region for an outstanding project or program worthy of recognition. A Book of Evidence is required.

Class B: An annual cash award of \$50 may be awarded to a State Garden Club registering the greatest number of Intermediate Gardeners with the DSR Chairman as of three weeks before the Deep South Regional Convention. (Established procedure for organizing Intermediate Gardeners must be observed.) The award to be calculated on a percentage basis of state membership dues paid to NGC as of October 31. Not applied for.

#23 Conservation Award (1994)

In Honor of Mrs. Noel T. Cumbaa (Eloise)
 DS Regional Director 1991-1993
 Donor: The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.

An annual cash award of \$25 may be awarded to a garden club for the most outstanding conservation project using "NATIVE" and/or "TOUGH" plants. The project may be started at any time but must be completed within the award year in which the application is submitted.

Scale of Points

Quality of project	30
Appropriateness of plant material	40

Member participation	15
Community involvement	15
TOTAL	<u>100</u>

#24 Deep South Garden Club of the Year

In Memory of Mrs. K. O. Tubb (Jerry)

DS Regional Director 1993-1995

Donor: Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

A certificate may be awarded annually to a garden club that excels in the following categories: membership increase, service to members, club programs, projects, members attending club, district, and state meetings and/or sponsored programs. The garden club shall produce substantiating evidence of the club's accomplishments in the stated categories in the Scale of Points. Place typed information in a theme binder for protection.

Scale of Points

Membership increase for 1 year	20
Number of members Jan.1 _____	
Number of members Dec. 31 _____	
If membership is limited, what number? _____	
Service	10
Continuing service provided by club for members	
Communications (describe briefly)	
Other (describe briefly)	
Club Programs (number _____)	20
Horticulture _____ Design _____	
Environmental Concerns _____	
Special and/or Regional projects _____	
Members presenting programs/ workshops _____	
Describe briefly (include copy of yearbook page showing programs)	
Club Representation	20
Average attendance at garden club meetings _____	
Number attending Spring/.Fall district meetings _____	
Number attending environmental or other State Programs _____	
The following are not required but will be a bonus in case of a tie:	
Members attending State Convention _____	
Members attending Deep South Regional Convention _____	
Members attending National Convention _____	
Club Project	20
Describe briefly on one page. Two photos may be included on a second page.	
Club Finances – Funding club activities	10
Dues only source of income? _____	
Fundraisers (describe briefly) Number _____	
Amount \$ _____	
TOTAL	<u>100</u>

#25 Arbor Day Award (2000)

Donor: Deep South Region, NGC, Inc.

A certificate may be awarded annually to a garden club or group of garden clubs for the most comprehensive program celebrating Arbor Day.

Scale of Points

Quality of program presentation	30
Member involvement	15
Outreach to others	25
Accomplishment of goals	<u>30</u>
TOTAL	100

26 Deep South Region Life Membership Award (2001)

Donor: Peggy B. White
DS Regional Director 1999-2001

A certificate will be awarded to the State Garden Club with the greatest per capita increase in Deep South Region Life Memberships from March 1 to March 1. Winner will be determined by the Deep South Region Life Membership Chairman. Not Applied For.

#27 Roadside Beautification Award (2007)

Donor: Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.

A certificate and cash award of \$25 may be awarded for the most outstanding Roadside Beautification project in each of the following classes:

- A. Single Member Garden Club
 - 1. Small Club 29 members and under
 - 2. Medium Club 30-99 members
 - 3. Large Club 100 members and over
- B. Group of Member Clubs
- C. State Garden Club

The beautification project may be continuous, but must have reached an advanced degree of completion in the year of application. This award may be given only once for the same project.

28 Deep South Region Mentor of the Year (2010)

In Honor of Phyllis J. Wood
Donor: Deep South Region, NGC

An Award may be given to an outstanding Mentor, who as a DSR garden club member is an individual that often goes above the call of normal garden club duties, assignments and/or activities, one who is known as a loyal member that is always available as a willing adviser giving invaluable assistance

and/or support to garden club officers and members across their state and the DSR.

A DSR garden club member may be nominated by any DSR garden club member in the nominee's state by submitting a Book of Evidence of up to four pages, front and back, detailing how the nominated individual has been a Mentor in garden club work within the state. Up to three actual photographs or media pictures may be included in the book. Send to your state's Awards Chairman by their deadline. Each State Garden Club shall select one of the nominees to submit to the DSR Awards Chairman by the DSR deadline. An overall DSR winner shall be selected from those submitted by the State Garden Clubs within the DSR.

NGC Publicity Press Book

Certificates may be awarded to winning Books of Evidence exhibiting quality, quantity and diversity of coverage in the print media promoting garden clubs and NGC goals and objectives.

Deadline: to State Chairman by their deadline; first place winners in each category sent to Region by February 23; first place books in each category sent to NGC by March 23.

Categories:

- A. Single member garden club
 - 1. Small Club: under 29 members
 - 2. Medium Club: 30 - 99 members
 - 3. Large Club: over 100 members
- B. Group of member clubs, councils, districts
- C. Affiliated Garden Center

Requirements for Preparing Publicity Press Book

1. Label on outside cover: name of award, category, name of club/s, city and state.
2. Submit in report cover or folder; 8" X 11" or 9" X 12". No heavy scrapbooks or oversized portfolios. There is no limit on the number of pages. Plastic page protectors may be used.
3. Material must consist only of newspaper, magazine, newsletter or any printed publication clippings with the name and date of publication over each article. Clear photocopies are permitted; reduced photocopies of large or lengthy articles are permitted. Downloading of published newspaper articles from the Internet is permitted.
4. Include Table of Contents. Affix contents in chronological order January 1 through December 31.
5. Clippings evenly cut. No loose clippings permitted.

6. Each published item must contain the name of organization and/or individual/s identified as a member of the organization. Underline first used of name of organization and/or member in each article.

7. Articles should include who, what, when, where, etc.; publicity should relate to organization's or individual's projects and/or activities; promotion of NGC objectives and goals.

Scale of Points

Presentation:	15
Meets all requirements, neat.	
Quality:	40
Articles well written; publicity related to projects and/or activities	
Quantity:	25
Articles for each month (take in consideration dark months), use of publications and media varied (newspaper, magazines, newsletters, journals, etc.)	
Diversity:	<u>20</u>
	100
	TOTAL

Member Award of Honor

A certificate may be awarded to one member in the region whose efforts during a period of five or more years, has made outstanding contributions to club and community, in one or more of the following areas: civic development, horticulture therapy, youth activities, conservation, landscape design, horticulture, floral design, or all-around excellence. Eligibility: any member of a State Garden Club, who has never been a member of NGC Board of Directors, including State Presidents.

Entries are submitted to State Awards Chairman by January 1. (See Award's full details at www.gardenclub.org). State Awards Chairman forwards one entry to Regional Awards Chairman by February 1. Region forwards one entry to NGC Member Award of Honor Chairman by February 20. The eight Regional winners will receive a NGC certificate and be recognized in The National Gardener.

Deep South Region Scholarship

The Deep South Region Scholarship program offers financial aid to a qualified Deep South Region student entering as a Sophomore, Junior or Senior majoring in any garden or environmental related subject and enrolled in an accredited college or university in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, or Tennessee.

Donations and the proceeds from the Deep South Region Life Memberships are applied to the DSR Scholarship Fund, using the invested interest income annually, if funds are available, to provide funding for a scholarship grant of \$2000. The annual grant is dispersed to the designated school by August 15.

Students in each DSR member state are eligible to apply to their State's DSR Scholarship Chairman. The completed application including all five items listed below must be sent to the State Scholarship Chairman in order to be received no later than February 1.

The Deep South Region Scholarship Chairman will consider only one (1) application from each member state. Each state's entry should be sent to the Deep South Region Scholarship Chairman, to be received by February 10. The scholarship winner will be announced at the annual regional convention.

Students Applications Must Include:

1. Completed application form.
2. Completed Statement of Financial Need form, signed by the Financial Aid Officer of the student's college or university.
3. A transcript of high school work.
4. A personal letter from the applicant discussing background, goals and interests. The letter must be typewritten and be no more than one page in length.
5. Three letters of recommendation to include no more than two of the student's high school teachers, and a civic or religious leader in the community. The letters must be typewritten and be no more than one page in length.

The applications will be judged on the student's academic record 30%, financial need 30%, recommendations 10% and commitment to career 30%.

An incomplete application will not be considered!

2009-2011 Deep South Unified Regional Project

P.O.W.! **Protecting Our World** **Living Green – Living Clean**

2009-2011 Deep South Region theme:

“Together as One – Our Hands and Hearts are P.O.W.E.R.”
(Protecting Our World’s Environment and Resources)

2009-2011 National Garden Clubs theme:

“The World Around Us....Love It – Beautify It – Protect It”

The 2009-2011 Deep South Unified Regional Project endorses, promotes and supports both of these themes. Deep South garden club members will concentrate on becoming significant advocates for identifying, promoting and utilizing improved, practical techniques for clean, green living in six categories: Homes and Businesses, Gardens – Private and Public, Schools, Communities, Environmental Education and Natural Resources/Ecology.

The Deep South Unified Regional Project: Protecting Our World...Living Green – Living Clean (or POW!) is an innovative environmental program providing activities with varying levels of participation for all garden club members.

Concepts and plans of action for Living Green and Living Clean will be researched and recorded by Deep South Chairmen to be shared with garden club members, who will, in turn, share them with members of their communities.

A concentrated effort will be implemented to educate the youth of our communities on the urgency and necessity of going green and clean NOW and to motivate them to make fundamental changes in their environmental lifestyles while encouraging others (friends, parents, siblings, classmates) to adopt this new ecological agenda.

G.R.I.T.S. are Going Green and Clean!

(Gardeners Residing In The South are Going Green and Clean!)

Mary Sue Colvin
Deep South Regional Director

Deep South Unified Regional Project 2009 - 2011

The Deep South Unified Regional Project: “**Protecting Our World...Living Green – Living Clean**” is an invitation for persons of all ages, especially young children and the handicapped, to participate with the G.R.I.T.S. members of the Deep South Region. In case, you are wondering what G.R.I.T.S. stands for...it is Gardeners Residing in The South.

This project is **not** a fundraiser. It is an initiative to focus awareness on the urgent need to protect our environment and to formulate actions for living green and living clean. One only needs to look around at our streets, roadways, rivers, and streams to see the various threats to our environment that occurs.

It is through this project that the members of garden clubs of the Deep South Region of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. hope to develop innovative and more up-to-date ideas to educate and motivate our citizens – of all ages – to protect our world.

Your options are far reaching! Direct your project to homes and businesses, gardens, schools, environmental education, communities or natural resources/ecology or incorporate some or all of these areas. Encourage your mayors to join in this effort. Have him/her declare a “**POW**” day.

Information materials to peak your interest and to give you some ideas for your project will be provided. The possibilities are limitless!!! The success of this project totally depends on YOU and your commitment to preserving and protecting the world around us.

Competitive monetary awards are offered for youth, youth club, garden club and state projects. At the end of this two-year term the comprehensive Deep South Region project will be entered into competition with the other regions of National Garden Clubs, Inc., for the best regional project. It is very important that each Deep South garden club member participates in order to make this project a tremendous success.

It is our goal that through your participation in this project, you will gain additional insight and success, personally, as we endeavor to protect our world by living green and living clean – and that our **WORLD** will be a better place as a result of the activities and accomplishments of the project.

Kathy Bedenbaugh DSR Chairman
Georgie Petitjean, Co-Chairman
2009 – 2011 Deep South Unified Regional Project