

2026-2027 MGC General Awards Printable List



Number	Name	Description	Award
1	Civic Beautification	Awarded to a garden club or clubs for the planting of annuals and/or perennials that beautify a public area.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.
2	Civic Beautification	Awarded to a garden club for planting wildflowers and/or native plants that beautify a public area.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.
3	Horticulture	Awarded to a garden club that is outstanding in promoting and stressing horticulture by participating in two or more of the following horticultural practices: 1. Growing plants under artificial light. 2. Pest control avoiding hard pesticides. 3. Placing permanent labels on plant material in areas used by the public. 4. Other-field trip, memorial garden, public workshops.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.
4	Horticulture	Awarded to a District or club or for outstanding achievement in either of the following: 1. An outstanding educational activity to promote good horticultural practice. 2. Overall excellence and a well-balanced program for the year in horticultural activities.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.
5	Liberty Hyde Bailey	Awarded to the garden club which has contributed the most comprehensive offering in any phase of horticulture. May be given to the club applying for one of the above Horticulture awards.	State Award for 1 st Place by club size(S,M,L) \$50.00 2 nd Place \$25.00 by club size. <i>This award is sponsored by South Haven Garden Club.</i>
6	Landscape Design	Awarded to a garden club which has made the most significant contribution in planning/ providing for one of the following completed projects: Examples: commercial property, church, hospital, library, civic center, park, waterfront, other.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.

NOTE: Individual entry photographs and club photographs must not be replicated. Photo entries must differ for each award. Photographer applying for individual award may not be a contributor for the Club award. Entries should be accompanied by a typewritten descriptive commentary keyed to pictures. Plant material in artistic design as well as prominent trees or plants should be identified using botanical names. Photos may be retained by MGC, Inc.

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7A	Photography (Club)	Awarded to the garden club (requires 2 or more members participating) that presents the best set of 5 vertical or horizontal 5"x7" color prints suitable for use by Michigan Gardens Clubs, Inc. on MGC's Website or other promotional uses. Photographers will be credited.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.
For 7A & 7B require submission of labeled hard copy photos along with your application and commentary via first class USPS to MGC Award Chair by deadline. Photos printed on regular (20lb) paper will not be accepted.			
7B	Photography (Individual)	Awarded to an individual club member who presents the best set of 5 vertical or horizontal 5"x7" color prints suitable for use by Michigan Gardens Clubs, Inc. on MGC's Website or other promotional uses. Photographer will be credited. Submission of hard copy labeled photographs is required and must differ from photos submitted for 7A.	State Award for 1st place \$25. 2nd Place Certificate.
8A	Native Trees	Award to the garden club that excels in any one of the following: 1. Promotion of the planting and care of Native Trees. Tree must be named and type of care described. 2. Development of a Native Tree Educational program for garden club meetings. 3. Involvement of youth (school children, teens, 4-H Clubs, Scouts etc.) to encourage the planting and maintenance of Native Trees.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.
8B	Arbor Day	Awarded to the garden club for the best overall promotion of Arbor Day. Emphasis on the importance of planting, replenishing, and environmental impact of trees and to heighten community awareness through educational programs, new plantings, and projects.	State Award 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25.00 by club size
8C	Arbor Day Youth Activity	Awarded to the garden club for the best overall promotion of Arbor Day involving youth. Emphasis on teaching youth the importance of the environmental impact that trees have within the community and worldwide.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.

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9	Caroline E. Gray Award Youth	Awarded to a garden club participating in an outstanding project with school-age children in the area of horticulture, nature study, conservation, flower arranging, beautification or civic concern.	1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25.00 by club size <i>(Sponsored By Kalamazoo Garden Council)</i>
10	Educational Publications Club (Printed or Electronic)	Awarded to a garden club, or group of clubs providing the most outstanding 4 consecutive weeks or months of high caliber educational articles on various aspects of gardening published in print or on social media for their club or District. 1. must reference MGC within the publication; 2. must have 2 or more members participating in writing articles. Dated copies of articles must accompany award application.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.
11	Educational Publications Individual (Printed or Electronic)	Awarded for the best feature article written by a garden club member highlighting subject areas of horticulture, gardening, landscape or floral design, or the environment. Published article should be approximately 1000 words and have appeared in a newspaper, periodical, or community publication. Dated article must accompany application.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.
12	Senior Outreach	Awarded to a garden club that provides garden therapy activities for seniors or coordinates with another organization to provide community outreach to seniors in the area of horticulture/ design or environment. Examples: Planting raised bed gardens, teaching table gardening, making/distributing cups of cheer with/to a senior facility.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.
13	Horticulture Display	Awarded to a garden club for a display of Horticulture and/or Design using live or dried material in a public building such as a library, art center, museum, city hall, etc. New display to be placed quarterly throughout the current year. Signage used should acknowledge the club as well as MGC. Include photos with captions.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.

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14	Environmental	Awarded to garden clubs where their project promotes conservation, recycling, environmental programs for meetings or presentations at District/community meetings educating the public. See award on the Michigan Consultants Council website/awards/MCC link.	\$150 to be awarded for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) by Michigan Consultants Council
15A	Share The Harvest Community Vegetable Garden	Awarded to the garden club that works with local residents within the community by educating, planting, and harvesting vegetable/herb gardens. The residents are required to participate with club members in the gardening project.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size. <i>(Award initiated by former MGC President, Nancy Stark)</i>
15B	Share The Harvest Vegetables in Flower Beds	Awarded to a garden club that incorporates vegetable and herbs into established flower gardens to educate the public and then harvest the produce for donation to local food kitchens and community food organizations.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size. <i>(Award initiated by former MGC President, Nancy Stark)</i>
15C	Share The Harvest Youth	Awarded to a garden club that plants vegetables and herbs in containers and/or raised beds where participants can grow and harvest the food. Special consideration should be given to educating children in growing vegetables in containers.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size. <i>(Award initiated by former MGC President, Nancy Stark)</i>
16A	Holiday Decor	Awarded to a club for an outstanding effort to beautify the community with holiday decor using greenery/swags/pots containing live or dried items with a theme that furthers MGC's goals and objectives. Photos required.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.
16B	Holiday Decor Youth	Awarded to a garden club for the best holiday tree decorations created by youth using live, dried, and/or recycled materials following a theme that furthers MGC goals and objectives and is displayed in public for community awareness. Photos required.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.

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16C	Holiday Workshop	Awarded to a garden club that hosts a (make-and-take) workshop for making environmentally- friendly holiday decorations using live, dried or recycled materials. Emphasis on community involvement. Include photos with captions from the workshop.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.
YB	Yearbook	See Yearbook Award on MGC Website for additional information	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.
18	Garden Walk Award	See Michigan Consultants Council Awards MGC Website/Awards/Link.	\$150 to be awarded for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) by Michigan Consultants Council
19	Honoring Our Military	Awarded to a garden club that designs, installs, or renovates a garden using perennials/annuals at a Blue/Gold Star or other site designated to honor our military. Must be designed by club members, stressing member participation. Application must include before and after photos. Work must be completed in the current award year.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.
20	Community Outreach	Awarded to a garden club that sponsors a educational program or workshop for the community that supports the MGC mission of the love of gardening, floral and landscape design, civic and environmental responsibility.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.
21	Membership Promotion	Awarded to a garden club with the most innovative activity, set of activities, or the most outstanding effort to increase public visibility for the purpose of increasing club membership or to make the public aware of the mission and activities of garden clubs. Examples include, membership brochures, leaflets, other club publications, or publicity the club has received. Printed materials must be included and submitted with the application.	State Award for 1st place by club size (S,M,L) \$50.00; 2nd place \$25 by club size.