



It's Awards Season! In this week's **Village News** we will take a look at GCFM State Awards.

President Kim Edwards accepted awards for Massachusetts Garden Clubs at the New England Garden Clubs Annual Meeting in Connecticut on October 14 and 15.

Congratulations to the following clubs and keep up the good work!

The Laura Wetmore Conservation Award - **Danvers Garden Club**

The Cornelia Williamson Watson Award For Historic Preservation -

Springfield Garden Club

Excellence In Teamwork Award - **Garden Club of Norfolk Inc.**

The Joyce A. Kimball Container Gardening Award - **Burlington Garden Club**

Yearbook

Class 2 **Groveland Garden Club**

Class 4 **Norwell Garden Club**

Youth Winners - Poetry

1st Place 2nd Grade **Paige Leahy** - *Growing and Giving* - North Reading Garden Club

1st Place 4th Grade **Rosalie Döpfel** - *My Garden* - Framingham Garden Club

Smokey Bear - 1st Place 4th Grade **Alaina Chaufy** - Holliston Garden Club

Now let's find out more about the **GCFM Awards Program**. Does your club have a project or special event worthy of recognition? Have you done community service work in your town? Did you enter an arrangement in a flower show or host a horticulture educational program? Are there young poets in your town? The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts wants to hear about it.

We begin with "Things You Need To Know"

- Eligibility - Open to all GCFM members from districts, clubs, or individuals.
- Deadline - December 1st unless otherwise noted.
- Awards are presented for work in the 2025 calendar year.
- There are more than 50 award categories.
- GCFM also offers youth awards, scholarships (to garden club members and students) and grants to fund club projects.

GCFM presents awards for many types of gardening related projects. There is a full list and description of awards on the GCFM Website found here: [GCFM Awards List](#)

Once your club reviews the description and criteria, and selects a category, the next step is to apply. The GCFM Website has all the information you need to apply for Awards, Scholarships, and Grants. Find additional criteria and descriptions in the Award Handbook [HERE](#)

- For State Awards click the green box: GCFM Awards Application [HERE](#)
- For Flower Show Awards find the Award Application [HERE](#)
- For Cindora Goldberg find out more information here: [Special Awards](#)
- Scholarships:

For Garden Club Members check out the Helen DeOrsay Freidberg Tribute Scholarship [HERE](#)
 HS Students - Various Tribute Scholarships available [HERE](#)

- Details on Civic Development And Historic Preservation Grants: [HERE](#)

You've selected a category and found the correct application. Now what do you do?
 Here are some tips from National Garden Clubs on how to create a winning application.

[NGC Tips](#)

This scoring rubric will help your club make sure it covers all topics.

[NGC Rubric](#)

The GCFM has a presentation which provides you with additional details about the awards submission process found [HERE](#)

We encourage all clubs to participate in the Awards program. By doing so you will share the work and dedication of your members and club with others, document your project for future reference, and provide education and beautification to your community.

We want your questions - please contact us if you have any questions on how to apply, how to choose a category, how to set up your narrative, or even if you don't know what to do.

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Flower Show: Gail Hubacker - GCFMFlowerShowAwards@gmail.com

Cindora Goldberg: Minal Akkad - GCFMCindoraGoldberg@gmail.com

Civic Development and Historic Grants: Jill Malcolm - GCFMGrants@gmail.com

Scholarships

GC Members: Freidberg Tribute Scholarship - GCFMFreidbergscholarship@gmail.com

Students - GCFMStateAwards@gmail.com

Youth Contest (Poetry/Poster/Sculpture): Mary Bandouveres - GCFMYouthContests@gmail.com

Remember - the award submission deadline is December 1.

Stay tuned - additional updates and information will be posted on the GCFM website soon.

Let the submissions begin!