



BLUE AND GOLD STAR MARKERS

SUMMARIZED STEPS FOR GARDEN CLUBS

There are many steps in getting a Blue or Gold Star Memorial Marker placed in your town. The following bullets are a condensed outline. It is essential to work with Lynn Noland or Joy DiMaggio as they are the GCFM liaisons to the National Garden Club.

- Your garden club votes to have a Blue Star Memorial Marker or Gold Star Families Memorial Marker
- The type of marker is selected, then an appropriate location is chosen
- **Contact Joy DiMaggio or Lynn Noland for the most current forms and the NGC Guidelines publication**
- Once you have received a quote, fundraising may need to be done; Joy and Lynn can help you with ideas
- Contact your local authority responsible for location (i.e. Highway Department, City Government) for permission
- If your club wishes to have a highway dedicated as a Blue Star Memorial Highway, it must apply to the state legislature
- Decide who will mount the Marker, pay for construction and maintain the immediate area
- Your club may solicit other organizations interested in civic development to help finance, plant and maintain the surrounding garden
- Be sure to invite your local VA to the dedication ceremony