

## **2026 Club Yearbook Information**

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## **Important Dates:**

### **2026**

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| June 7-13, 2026    | National Garden Week                     |
| September 17, 2026 | National Fall Board Meeting – (ZOOM)     |
| September 22, 2026 | GCNC Board of Directors Meeting, Raleigh |

### **2027**

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| March 19, 2027  | North Carolina Arbor Day (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday following March 15) |
| April 15-17     | SAR Convention, Bowling Green, Kentucky                              |
| April 30, 2027  | National Arbor Day (last Friday in April)                            |
| May 13-17, 2027 | National Garden Club Convention, Madison, Wisconsin                  |
| May 23-25, 2027 | GCNC Annual Meeting – Wilmington, North Carolina                     |

## **SOUTH ATLANTIC AWARDS 2025-2027**

### **AWARD RULES**

1. **Award year:** January 1 through December 31
2. **DEADLINE:** January 25th is the deadline for most SAR award entries to reach the SAR Awards Chairperson. All entries shall first be judged by respective states at the STATE level. The State Awards Chairperson shall do one or a combination of the following: MAIL – the State winner of each award to be reviewed in ONE (1) PACKAGE or EMAIL each separately to the email address shown with these rules. Each State Awards Chairperson MUST send a list of the award winners being submitted to SAR for review and all award submissions MUST include the SAR Award Name.
3. **Application Form:** The application form is a separate sheet. Forms available at the end of the awards list or may be found on the website as a separate item at: <https://www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org/> (look for 'Awards' drop down menu) or from your State Awards Chairperson.  
Items to Note:
  - Three (3) page limit – One side only of the page; does NOT include application form;
  - Font style: Times New Roman NOT smaller than size "10" font;
  - Please fill out an Application Form for each Award you apply for;
  - Binders & vinyl sheet protectors are no longer needed nor allowed; NOTE there is an exception!
  - Submissions will NOT be returned after the SAR Convention;Applications may be submitted for certain awards on CD or Thumb Drive.
4. **Yearbook, Press Book and some Youth Awards** are exceptions which have specific rules, etc. Please consult award descriptions for details.
5. **Categories by Club Size:** Some awards specify awards according to club size and they are as follows:
  - Small Club: 20 members or Less
  - Medium Club: 21 – 50 members
  - Large Club: 51+ members
  - Two or more clubs

## #22 YEARBOOK AWARDS

**\$25 Cash Award** to the individual garden club with the best overall yearbook. Scoring of yearbooks will comply with the point system established by NGC.

i) Small Club ii) Medium Club iii) Large Club

- **Format: 15 points**

- Book Structure **3 points**
- Practicability (convenient size, durability, neatness)
- Arrangement of Contents

**1. Cover 2 points**

Name of club, town, state, year (design optional); if permanent type of binder used, substitute paper cover for contest.

**2. Title Page & Table of Contents 4 points**

Name of club, town, state, year and number of members National Garden Club and other organizational memberships.

**3. Subsequent pages 6 points**

Name and email addresses of National President, Regional Director, State President, District Director, Council Chairman (if any). Club membership roster with complete mailing addresses and phone numbers. Calendar of Events (other than regular meetings).

**Program Content: 85 points**

Goals for ideal club program: Study and activity in some NGC objectives such as: Birds, Blue Star Memorials, Civic development, conservation, flower shows, Garden Therapy, High School/Junior/Intermediate Gardening, horticulture, landscape design, litter control, roadside development, world gardening, etc.

**A. Club Meeting(s) (at least 7 per year – in any form) 50 points**

- **When** (date of meeting).
- **Where** (place of meeting).
- **Who** (name of person to address group).
- **What** (title of program). When a theme is used it should prevail in at least a majority of meetings.

**B. Club Projects 35 points**

- Continuing projects and new projects for the current year should be listed separately.
- Give location, description and member participation in both types of projects.
- Note where meetings – programs pertain to project work.

**Total 100 points**