

CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT 2018-2020

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Beautification Program

- Plant a tree in your local community. Trees can be planted in memory or honor of club members, service men and women, etc.
- **Alliance for Community Trees** (www.ACTrees.org) has been building healthy, green, interconnected, and prosperous communities. Millions of trees have been planted over the years. Volunteer at a local community tree planting event or an ongoing tree care initiative; contact an ACTrees member organization near you. Participate in National NeighborWoods® month by volunteering, hosting a local event, or donating to help plant trees during October.
- Work with your local schools to plant a bird and bee friendly garden. Teach the children about the safe use of pesticides. Let them learn about the benefits of composting. **National Audubon Society, 225 Varick St., Fl 7, New York, NY, US, 10014 · (212) 979-3000**
- Every third-grade student throughout New Jersey is eligible to receive a free tree seedling in an effort to increase environmental awareness and learn about the benefits of planting trees. Trees may be picked up at regional locations or delivered by UPS for a small shipping fee. Go to: www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/nj_forest_nursery.htm
- Take part in GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock's initiative to have 1,000 trees planted by GFWC clubs on Arbor Day
- Cultivate houseplants in your home or create decorations using fresh, dried or silk flowers. Invite a speaker or hold a workshop at a club meeting on the proper care of houseplants and/or creating decorations.
- Organize a garden/pond tour in your community.
- Recognize special events such as; Keep America Beautiful Month (April), Earth Day (April 22), Arbor Day (the last Friday in April). For more information visit www.America-the-Beautiful.org and www.arborday.com
- Survey your community to determine the need for litter prevention. Organize and participate in a litter prevention project in your town. (Beautification Program)
- Provide butterfly kits to an elementary class, hold a ladybug release at a park or construct "bee houses".

Resource Conservation

Recycle and Preserve New Jersey

- Interest schools, community organizations, and scouts to conduct a "clean your town" program/day. Hold a t-shirt design contest for younger students and a recycling can painting contest for older students.
- Determine if your county has a list of agencies that accept donations of used items. If not, develop one and distribute in your community.
- Take part in GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock's initiative to have 1,000 pairs of shoes donated by GFWC clubs to the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe (recycle old running shoes) or to Soles4Souls (recycle gently used shoes; also accepts new shoes).
- Consider the Pine Barrens or Great Swamp Watershed for a day/weekend trip. (www.state.nj.us/pinelands/ www.greatswamp.org).
- Participate in the cleaning of local beaches. See website for additional information: www.cleanoceanaction.org Tel: 732-872-0111
- Hold a nature program for the club, public or schools.
- Raise funds to support our parks through the National Parks Conservation Association (www.npca.org), the Nature Conservancy (www.nature.org) or the National Wildlife Federation (www.nwf.org).
- Create a backyard/schoolyard wildlife habitat program. Contact National Wildlife Federation at 703-438-6000 or at www.nwf.org for more information. Recognize National Wildlife Week in April.
- Subscribe to "KIND (Kids in Nature's Defense) News" for elementary school students. "KIND News" is an eight-page, full color classroom newspaper which is delivered to classrooms five times a year that teaches children the value of kindness toward people, animals and the environment. Cost is \$30.00/classroom for a one-year subscription. Contact The Humane Society 2100 L St NW, Washington, DC 20037, www.humanesociety.org, 202-452-1100 attention Rachel Feldman or www.kindnews.org. Animal shelters, humane agencies, and GFWC members may purchase classroom subscriptions at a discount. Your eligibility will be verified. See <https://www.pubservice.com/hsus/?type=b&pc=kn>
- Utilize the Nature Generation website, www.NatGen.org, an environmental nonprofit, to inspire and empower youth to make a difference. It reaches our nation's youth through innovative environmental stewardship programs in literature, science and the arts.

Review the 2018-2020 GFWC Manual - Conservation Section for additional project ideas and resources.

2018-2020 NJSFWC Achievement Day Contest

The Achievement Day Contests are held in each District in the spring. The Conservation contests are divided into two divisions: Artistic Design and Horticulture.

- All entries must be pre-registered with the District Conservation Chairman, two weeks prior to the District Achievement Day. Contact the District Conservation Chairman to determine the pre-registration deadline for your district. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN PRE-REGISTERED.**
- Entry forms must include all of the required information including the member's name, address, club and district, and be legible. Entry forms will be available from your Club President, the District or State Chairmen or can be found at www.njsfwc.org
- All entries must be the work of the clubwoman.
- Only ONE entry per clubwoman in each class.
- Only ONE entry per clubwoman in each category/subcategory
- Entry must be completed within the past year. Entry may not have been entered in a previous Federation contest.
- Entries will be handled with care, but they will be handled and are entered at owner's risk.
- Items may not be removed from the exhibit area prior to check out without special permission of the Chairman.
- Height is defined as distance from the top of the table to the top of the arrangement. All other measurements refer to the greatest dimensions (excluding circumference).
- All categories may be sub-divided by the committee or the judges.
- **DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL.**

ALL GOLD RIBBON WINNERS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL MUST BE ENTERED IN THE CONTEST AT THE NJSFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Awards

Awards will be given in each category and sub category based on the criteria stated in this supplement. The winning entries will be decided by the judges and their decision is final. All entries should receive written comments from the judges.

Grand Prize	Gold Ribbon
First Place	Blue Ribbon
Second Place	Certificate
Third Place	Certificate

- **Each item is judged on its own merit.**
- **Scoring will not be provided.**
- **Comments should be provided by the judges for each entry.**
- **No more than one GOLD will be awarded per class.**
- **No more than one GOLD will be awarded per category/sub-category**
- **There may not be a GOLD awarded in every category. EXCEPTION: At the District Achievement Days, there will be a Gold Award in every beginner level category/sub-category, if possible.**

ARTISTIC DESIGN DIVISION

Entry form in the Artistic Design Decoration Division must also include one of the following levels:

Beginner -	Up to three years in category
Advanced -	Three or more years experience in the category OR prior State First Place Award (Gold ribbon or previous Blue ribbon in category).
Professional -	One who sells work for income or teaches the craft professionally

Accessories are permitted in all classes, as long as the accessories are within the prescribed size limitations. No dyed fresh flowers are permitted in the arrangements. Flower petals must be silk or dried. Stems/leaf veins can be manmade material.

CATEGORIES

1. Dollhouse Floral Arrangement - Up to 3 inches in any direction, including any stand. Material used is at discretion of designer. Note: If using fresh flowers – take a picture at District and remake arrangement if it goes to Convention.
2. Pressed Fresh Flowers Under Glass
 - A. Maximum frame size up to 12" in any direction
 - B. Maximum frame size greater than 12", not to exceed 18" in any direction
3. Hat decorated with flowers, not to exceed 18" in any direction.
 - A. Silk flowers
 - B. Dried flowers
4. Seasonal Flower Arrangement - artificial materials-not to exceed 18" in any direction. Note: If using fresh flowers – take a picture at District and remake arrangement if it goes to Convention.
 - A. Spring
 - B. Summer
 - C. Fall
 - D. Winter
5. Flower arrangement **in a teacup** with saucer - Not to exceed 7" in any direction. Note: If using fresh flowers – take a picture at District and remake arrangement if it goes to Convention.
 - A. Fresh
 - B. Dried
 - C. Silk
6. Flower arrangement in a teapot- Note: If using fresh flowers – take a picture at District and remake arrangement if it goes to Convention.
 - A. Single serving teapot- decorated with fresh dried or silk flowers height up to 5" (includes top finial), width up to 5", length (spout to handle) up to 7". Indicate plant material (fresh, dried, silk) on entry form
 - B. Multi-serving teapot - to be arranged with fresh, dried or silk flowers. Height up to 10" (includes top finial), width up to 6", length 10" (spout to handle). Indicate plant material (fresh, dried, silk) on entry form
7. Door Decoration - Dried, silk and/or fresh plant materials. Note: If using fresh plant materials – take a picture at District and remake arrangement if it goes to Convention.
 - A. Small - 6" - 11" maximum size in any direction
 - B. Large - 12" - 22" maximum size in any direction
8. Potpourri - Must be homemade and in a decorative container.
 - A. A list of materials used for the potpourri must be attached to the entry. The container size must not exceed 6" in any direction. The container must be capable of staying open for display and be securely closed for transportation and storage. The container does not need to be homemade.
9. A fresh flower design using some evergreens, suitable for placement on a foyer table. Not to exceed 16" in any direction. Note: If using Fresh flowers – take a picture at District and remake arrangement if it goes to Convention.
10. Flower Arrangement in recycled container - fresh, dried and/or silk materials. Not to exceed 18" in any direction including container. Note: If using Fresh flowers – take a picture at District and remake arrangement if it goes to Convention.

HOUSEPLANT DIVISION

In this Division, there are no "levels" (beginner, etc.) It is not necessary to grow the plant from seed or propagate it yourself. Plants must have been in your possession a minimum of 6 months before the District Contest. Container size must not exceed 12" across. The outside of the pot must be clean. You may put a saucer under the pot. No plant dressing or decorative accessories (figurines, fish, etc.) may be used - except when noted. **ALL PLANTS MUST BE FREE OF INSECTS. NOTE:** If your houseplant is in full bloom for the District contest, and you win a Gold Ribbon, and the blooming period is finished by the time of Convention, take a photograph of the entire plant (including the blooms), and include the photograph with your plant at the NJSFWC Annual Convention.

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11. Terrarium – have more than one plant in the terrarium, accessories to scale allowed. Not to exceed 18" in any direction.
12. African Violets - Single Crown Only
 - A. Single flower
 - B. Double flower
13. Cacti and Succulents
 - A. Any single cactus
 - B. Christmas cactus
 - C. Small cactus and/or succulent garden
 - D. Succulents
14. Fern - may not exceed 24" in any direction.
15. Orchids
 - A. Small
 - B. Large
16. Pothos
17. Other Houseplants
 - A. Blooming (other than cacti) Plants should be in bloom at time of entry.
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 - B. Foliage (other than fern)
 - C. Dish Garden--may be combination of blooming and foliage
 - D. Air plant