SOUTH CENTRAL REGION AWARDS

April 13, 2019
Hilton Garden Inn - Bricktown
Oklahoma City, OK

Isabel Olsen
South Central Region Director

Bobbie Verser
South Central Region Awards Chairman
We welcome members of South Central Region and guests to the Awards Presentation held during our annual convention. The awards presented are for entries that reflect projects/activities that occurred in 2018. Congratulations to all who prepared applications. Thank you for sharing your wonderful ideas with us.

Bobbie Verser
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION
AWARD WINNERS FOR THE YEAR 2018

#1, ARBOR DAY DEDICATION

1st Place, Bella Vista Garden Club, AR, $25
Sponsored by Idalia Aguilar
2nd Place, Hondo Garden Club, TX
3rd Place, Garden Club of Rogers, AR

The Bella Vista Garden Club Arbor Day Committee wanted to teach elementary school children the value of trees in both our lives and environment along with basic procedures for planting trees. The Mayor asked many of the 3rd graders questions about trees which prompted an energetic exchange of ideas. The city of Bella Vista is applying to the Arbor Foundation for the city to become recognized as a Tree City USA. The Benton County Forestry Department donated seedlings and will continue to give advice when needed.

#2, CIVIC DEVELOPMENT

1st Place, Morning Garden Club, NM, $25
Sponsored by Isabel Olsen
2nd Place, Angel Fire Garden Club, NM
3rd Place, Dogwood Garden Club, TX

The Morning Garden Club was asked to help with plantings around a planned Bird blind at the J. Kenneth Smith Bird Sanctuary and Nature Center in Roswell. The garden club provided plants for an arc-shaped planter bed on the southwest side of the blind. They selected plants that provide color, seeds and shelter for the birds. A drip system was installed for watering.
#3, CLUB PROGRAM
1st Place, Garden Club of Rogers, AR $25
   Sponsored by Nancy Voyles
2nd Place, Rainbow Garden Club, TX
3rd Place, Frisco Garden Club, TX

The program “It’s All About Mason Bees” was presented by Sherrie Eoff to adults and students who enjoyed making nesting boxes using tin cans, toilet paper rolls and magazine pages. (These were rolled to make tubes, cut to length and inserted into the cans). The audience learned about bees and recycling.

#4, YEARBOOK THEME - Sponsored by Betty Edwards
1st Place, Mesilla Valley Garden Club, NM, $25
   “Gardeners in Motion”
2nd Place, High Desert & Design Club, NM
   “Designing with Friends”
3rd Place, Garden Club of Rogers, AR
   “Keep Arkansas Beautiful”

Many interesting things could be done by a club that thinks about motion. The cover of the yearbook pictured a bicycle with a basket filled with colorful leaves. What other moving items might be seen in a garden? (Tricycle, wagon, wheelbarrow, windchimes, etc.).

#5, NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK
1st Place, Harrisburg Garden Club, AR, $25
   Sponsored by Sally Warner
2nd Place, Bella Vista Garden Club, AR
3rd Place, Garden Club of Rogers, AR

1. Mini-Terrarium Workshop- adults & children involved
2. Demonstration of Container Gardening (planting pink flowers)
3. Read The Saved Seed & planted pumpkin seeds w/children
4. Celebrated club’s 75th Anniversary with luncheon
5. Peony daylilies purchased from NGC and planted downtown
6. Viewing of NGC’s DVD “Growing Our World, Greening…”

#6, COMMUNITY CONCERN
1st Place, Garden Club of Rogers, AR, $25
   Sponsored by Colleen and Fred Hinker
2nd Place, Bella Vista G.C., AR
3rd Place, Grapevine G.C., TX

Monthly programs are enjoyed by the residents of Apple Blossom Assisted Living Facility in Rogers. (Painted pumpkins, planter boxes, and clay pots. Decorated wreaths.

YOUTH BIRD POSTER CONTEST
(Male Ruby throated Hummingbird)

First Place Winners—all from West Brownsville Garden Club in Brownsville, TX

1st Grade, Andrea Murillo
2nd Grade, Mila Galvan
3rd Grade, Victoria Wilkerson
4th Grade, Marijose Rosas
5th Grade, Lidia Garva

YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST
Fourth Grade
1st Place, Addy Biggs, sponsored by Harrisburg G.C., AR

Fifth Grade
1st Place, Chloe Greer, sponsored by Harrisburg, G.C., AR

Sixth Grade
1st Place, Miley Lacy, sponsored by Harrisburg G.C., AR

Eighth Grade
1st Place, Jaden Reese, sponsored by Harrisburg G.C., AR

YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST
“The Impact of Bottled Water on the Environment and the Water Supply”

YOUTH POETRY CONTEST
“Pop Goes the Seed”
#22, DIRECTOR’S PROJECT
“Plant America—Beautifying Our Communities”
To be awarded at 2019 convention
1st Place in Arkansas, Garden Club of Rogers, $200
(and recipient of marker for placement at project’s location)
Renovation of neglected park. Pollinator and native plant friendly,
with information available to visitors. Fifteen beds along a two block
area in historic downtown Rogers are enjoyed by visitors.

1st Place in New Mexico, Angel Fire Garden Club, $200
At the entrance of Memorial Museum red field poppies bloom as a
symbol of remembrance for members of armed forces who died in
the line of duty.
(No applications received from Oklahoma or Texas)

#23, SWEEPSTAKES AWARD
Garden Club of Rogers, AR, $25
Sponsored by Debra Sorrell

YOUTH CONTESTS
YOUTH SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST
Arkansas:
1st Grade, HM, Dylan Reynolds, sponsored by Iris Garden Club
2nd Grade, 1st Pl., Emme Howell, sponsored by Greenkeepers G.C.
4th Grade, 3rd Pl., Laci Burroughs, sponsored by Iris G.C.
5th Grade, 2nd Pl., Hannah Howell, sponsored by Greenkeepers G.C.

New Mexico—sponsored by El Jardin Encanto Garden Club
1st Grade, 1st Pl., Alex Rodriguez

Oklahoma—sponsored by Dahlia Garden Club
3rd Grade, 2nd Pl. and HM, Gracelynn Williams
4th Grade, 1st Pl., Brooke Olbera
4th Grade, 3rd P., Linlee Brummett

Texas
1st Grade, 2nd Pl., Pablo Villanueva, Jr., sponsored by W. Brownsville
2nd Grade, HM, Destiny Muniz, sponsored by West Brownsville G.C.
3rd Grade, HM, Kya Reynolds, sponsored by Hemphill G.C.
4th Grade, 3rd Pl., Ana Bradley, sponsored by Super Seeders G.C.
5th Grade, Isabella Delos Reyes, sponsored by Super Seeders G.C.

#7A, SINGLE CLUB FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE
Sponsored by Judy Grotts
No entries

#7B, MULTIPLE CLUBS FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE
Sponsored by Jo Krallman
1st Place, Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, AR, $25
“Explore the Possibilities”

#8, WATER CONSERVATION—Sponsored by Barbara Vance
1st Place, Angel Fire Garden Club, NM, $25
2nd Place, Little Rock Garden Club, AR
Members of Angel Fire G.C. worked with the Village of Angel
Fire to landscape, improve and maintain the welcome median
and its soil. They were wise to utilize water conservation garden-
ing methods.

#9, LANDSCAPE DESIGN—Sponsored by Nancy Voyles
1st Place, Angel Fire Garden Club, NM, $25
The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is just outside Angel Fire. This
garden club has joined in the mission to preserve the legacy of
those who served by unlocking the power of gardens. Garden
Club volunteers help to maintain an environmentally friendly gar-
den by avoiding chemicals, using organic composts & mulches
while weeding areas by hand.

#10, RECYCLING/LITTER CONTROL
Sponsored by Liz Howell
1st Place, Dogwood Garden Club, TX, $25
2nd Place, Primrose Garden Club, AR
3rd Place, Garden Club of Rogers, AR
Dogwood Garden Club members enjoy “Operation Scarecrow”. They
collect old boots, hats, shirts and lumber. They put together
scarecrows and place around Palestine, TX. to create a fall at-
mosphere.

#11, MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR—All Around Excellence
Ronna Precure, a member of Garden Club of Rogers, has been a
driving force for her club and for Arkansas Federation of Garden
Clubs. She is active in all areas of garden club work. She is thor-
ough, meticulous, artistic, and articulate. She takes her jobs seri-
ously and works diligently until all tasks are complete.
The Little Rock Garden Club invited Debbie Stockstill, a member of The Monroe Garden Study League to present a workshop on leaf manipulation and using leaf manipulation in a floral design. She covered knotting, twisting, splitting, and turned inside out, looping, folding, shredding, coiling and weaving.

Morning Garden Club had a good reason to want to visit the Fire House in Roswell. Their VP’s husband had an emergency one evening and the firemen responded. Paying a visit to express thanks was a natural thing to do. During the conversation one of the firemen expressed a desire to improve the looks of things. The garden club members decided that containers would answer the call. Using their skills they prepared five beautiful containers.