

HAPPINESS IS RECEIVING
STATE, DEEP SOUTH, NATIONAL AWARDS

WHY SHOULD YOUR CLUB APPLY FOR AN AWARD?

- ***Recognition for Accomplishments creates pride. Each of us likes to be a winner
- ***Receiving an award encourages members to further their efforts.
- ***Noteworthy projects exemplify a club as an asset to the community.
- ***An active award-winning club attracts new members.

PLANNING POINTERS

- ***Appoint a club Award Chairman or an Awards Committee
- ***Go to the internet and download the description of all awards listed for State, Deep South and National. Put this and other important information in a ring binder.
- ***Then download the National Instructions for compiling a book of evidence.
- ***Read all of the descriptions for State Awards first.
- ***Now use the LGCF webpage (louisianagardenclubs.org) and locate the **“TIP SHEET.”**

This site will tell you what Deep South and National Awards are similar to the state awards:

For Instance: If you apply for State Award No. 21 – Historic Preservation and/or Restoration Award, then you may also be eligible to apply for Deep South Award #13 and National Award #50.

Be sure to read the descriptions carefully. **Prepare a separate book of evidence for each award for which you apply. It is possible that one project will allow you to apply for more than one award.**

- ***Use the information you obtained from digesting the State, Deep South and national Award Descriptions to help in making plans for your next garden club year.
- ***Decide which awards for which you want to apply.
- ***Keep a file folder for each Award for which you expect to apply.
- ***Take photographs – before, during and after . From the same angle is best.
- ***Obtain publicity for projects. Keep copy of publicity in folder for each award you are applying.
Be sure to include date and paper name with each article.
- ***Keep a record of income and expenses for each project.
- ***Secure letters of appreciation if not sent voluntarily.
- ***Prepare a book of evidence.

“THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO HAVE FUN”