

Green the Gulf Coast



Update Report October, 2006

The funds for National Garden Clubs' Green the Gulf Coast Project have reached nearly \$76,000 due to the wonderful generosity of our Garden Club members and friends.

The NGC Garden Clubs and Districts in the five states affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita-Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, are urged to submit applications for funds as soon as projects can be planned and implemented. Important points to remember are:

- *An itemized list of needs must be submitted with a proposed budget.
- *Emphasis is to be on live plant material to be used in public areas, not private residences or by homeowner's associations.
- *Funds may not go toward construction, labor or design costs of the project.
- *Amount of each grant will be determined by the scope of the project, with a \$2,000 limit on each project.

Simplified application forms are available from your State President or this Chairman. Applications will be accepted in two Phases, with #1 dates of acceptance, March 1-May 1, 2007 and #2 dates of acceptance June 1-October 1, 2007

The applications will be evaluated by the NGC Chairman and Regional Directors with the following scale of points:

Emphasis on live plant material-45; Scope of project-40; Scope in relation to number of members-5; Networking with others-5; Application form complete-5, for a total of 100 possible points.

President Kitty Larkin and I are looking forward to receiving many worthy applications, as the Gulf Coast returns to the beauty of the past.

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