

Awards Committee Chair Position Description

The Awards Committee is responsible for selecting members of the Seattle Garden Club and members of the Seattle community for GCA National Awards, Zone Awards, and Seattle Garden Club Awards.

The Awards Chair has the following responsibilities and duties:

- Having thorough knowledge of all GCA Awards, Zone Awards and SGC Awards.
- Understanding the deadlines and requirements for GCA and Zone Awards.
- Keeping a list of all awards given to present Active and Sustaining SGC members.
- Maintaining an electronic record of all positions held by Active and Sustaining SGC members.
- Working with the Awards committee to identify SGC members deserving of awards.
- Soliciting award nominee ideas from the SGC Board and membership.
- Working with individual committee members to select those awards to be presented in a given year.
- Having all awards reviewed by committee members for content and errors of omissions.
- Working with local printers to create the actual awards. Current printer used is Sound Printing.
- Keeping the SGC inventory of award medals and presentation folders in sufficient supply.
- Keeping a hard copy of all awards and award letters in a binder and in an electronic format.
- Keeping records of Years of Service for all SGC members, and ordering commemorative certificates from the GCA for significant years of service (i.e. 25 years, 40 years, 50 years, etc.).
- Communicating with the Zone XII Awards Rep on matters of mutual importance.

SEATTLE GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

SGC Special Awards:

- **The President's Award:** Awarded to a member whose substantial and unique contributions exemplify the initiative, spirit of generosity, and community service that represent the purposes of The Seattle Garden Club.
- **Commendation of Appreciation:** Awarded to a club member for dedicated and sustained participation in activities within The Seattle Garden Club.
- **Commendation of Spirited and Enthusiastic Participation:** Awarded to a club member for her spirited and enthusiastic participation in meetings and projects and her willingness to assist others.
- **The Marjorie Wetherill Baird Award:** Awarded to a club member for unparalleled service to The Seattle Garden Club.

SGC Medal Awards for Members:

- **Gold:** For being a recognized expert in her field and sharing her expertise with the Club many times; for a long history of exceptional service to The Seattle Garden Club or The Garden Club of America; for being a willing participant in Club activities.
- **Silver:** For being accomplished in her field and sharing that expertise; for a history of dedicated service to The Seattle Garden Club or The Garden Club of America.
- **Bronze:** For meritorious service to her Club in any field; for willingness to share her talents; for willing and frequent participation in Club activities.

SGC Certificate of Merit for Members: For significant contribution to The Seattle Garden Club projects or for outstanding service to the community in the fields of Horticulture, Conservation, Civic Achievement or Photography which furthers the goals of the SGC.

New & Special SGC Awards given in 2021:

- **Transformative Technology Award:** For innovative leadership and skillful management of technology, exceeding all expectations during unprecedented times.
- **Heavenly Hort Award:** For innovative leadership in the creation of outstanding horticulture programs, exceeding all expectations during unprecedented times.
- **Golden Gavel Award:** For innovative leadership in the initiation of a first-ever online auction, exceeding all expectations during unprecedented times.

SGC Awards for Non-Members:

- **SGC Honorary Membership:** Bestowed to a non-member for outstanding service.
- **SGC Certificates of Merit for Non-Members:** For outstanding service to the community in the fields of Horticulture, Conservation and Civic Achievement to further the aims of The Seattle Garden Club; for significant contribution to the Seattle Garden Club projects.
- **SGC Commendation for Non-Members:** For dedicated service to the community in the fields of Horticulture, Conservation, Civic Achievement or Photography which reflect the purpose of The Seattle Garden Club.

GCA ZONE XII AWARDS

- **Zone XII Achievement Award:** Awarded to a member of a Zone XII club who best fulfills the role of the ideal member. This member should have participated in her club's activities and projects with outstanding zeal, have held office in her club and served as a committee chairman on more than one occasion. She should also have held positions at the zone level.
- **Zone XII Conservation and/or Civic Improvement Award:** Awarded to a member or member club for outstanding service in Conservation or Civic Improvement within the Zone.
- **Zone XII Creative Leadership Award:** For outstanding and unusual talent in leadership exemplifying continued judgment and initiative over a period of time.
- **Zone XII Floral Design Award:** For outstanding achievement in floral design beyond the activities of her own club.
- **Zone XII Mary Drake Freer Award:** For outstanding creativity, achievement and contribution in the field of Floral Design in Zone XII.
- **Zone XII Horticulture Award:** Presented to a member for outstanding horticultural achievements beyond the activities of her own club.
- **Zone XII Photography Award:** Presented to a member for outstanding photographic achievements beyond the activities of her own club.

See the GCA website for a full listing of all GCA Awards.