



Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs

Awards Application 2023 – 2025

October 1 - Due date for Yearbook application (two copies).

November 11 - Due date for State Awards applications.

Other deadlines are detailed on the DFGC Awards Schedule Sheet

Mail (do not email) applications to State Awards Chair: Mary Williford, 24900 Magnolia Circle, Millsboro, DE 19966

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Award Name: Public Education - HFHK_____

Award #: ____7_____

Garden Club: Coastal Gardeners

Number of Members: 32(UPDATE)

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The Awards application is limited to this cover sheet and three printed pages (front only), including photos. Exceptions include publications (e.g., books, pamphlets). Yearbooks and other award submissions may be stapled or spiral bound. Please submit one application per award category. Yearbook award applications should include two (2) copies of the yearbook.

Each application should provide (please number the paragraphs accordingly):

1. New project? Yes or No.
2. Beginning date and completion date.
3. Summary and objectives of the project.
4. Details regarding the involvement of club members and/or other organizations.
5. Project expenses and means of funding.
6. State continuing involvement of the club, including any follow-up or maintenance.

Please integrate:

- Photos with descriptions, if available.
- Landscape plan, if appropriate. (Does not need to be professionally drawn.)

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Club Name:

First Place Second Place Third Place Honorable Mention

Committee Comments: _____

Forward to: NGC for Category _____

CARSGC for Category _____

1. New Project: NO
2. Beginning date and completion date.
Beginning Date: 8/2021
Completion Date: Ongoing
3. **Summary and Objectives of the project** - Coastal Gardeners partnered with HFHK to put a vegetable garden at Phillip C. Showell Elementary School in Selbyville in 2021. HFHK (Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids) is a non-profit with a mission to inspire healthier lives by providing youth with joyful school gardening experiences and opportunities to eat the garden-fresh vegetables they've grown. HFHK operates school gardens throughout the state of Delaware. The mission for HFHK aligns with Coastal Gardeners' goal to encourage and promote interest in the love of gardening. Phillip C. Showell has approximately 300 students. All students participate in the HFHK program. Vegetables are selected that have a 6- to 8-week growing time. Fall and spring planting takes place each year. Types of vegetables grown include bok choy, lettuce, arugula, carrots, radishes, and swiss chard. Each grade level has a different task. The kindergarten and first grade plant the seeds, while second grade prepares the soil, third grade waters the vegetables, fourth and fifth grade harvest the vegetables, and fifth grade cleans and composts the garden beds. The whole school participates in the Harvest Celebration, which takes place when all the vegetables have been harvested.
4. **Details about involvement of the club members** - Other organizations that were involved. - Coastal Gardeners volunteers open the HFHK gardens, remove the winter cover and turn the soil before spring planting begins. PSES students plant the spring seeds soon afterwards. Volunteers from Coastal Gardeners periodically check the beds and put the garden to bed after each growing season in the fall and spring. Club members also help harvest the vegetables. The members close the garden beds for the summer by clearing all remaining veggies and weeds, removing the irrigation system, turning, and raking the soil in both beds and finally covering the beds. Coastal Gardeners work closely with Phillip C. Showell's principal, Christy Kerr. The co-chairs for the project have remained the same - Mary Kunst and Darlene Boerlage. For the fall, the members did some minor weeding, turned over the soil, and set up the planting lines/irrigation. The Club also helped the school clear 2 additional raised garden beds as requested by the school. They plan on using them with their 5th Grade garden club.
5. **Project expenses and funding for the event** - The Coastal Gardeners Club is the financial sponsor for the HFHK garden at Phillip C. Showell. The club has proudly fulfilled its financial commitment a year early. This will be our last payment, with a balance of \$700.00. The Club raised funds by holding multiple Dine and Donates this year, collaborating with local retailers for a holiday Sip & Shop, in which a percent of proceeds were donated to the Club. We also held our inaugural Plant Sale event in September to raise additional money.

6. **What is the ongoing involvement of the club, including any follow-up or maintenance** - The Coastal Gardeners will continue to provide hands-on assistance with the garden throughout the growing seasons at this time. While our financial commitment has been met, we will be working with HFHK on other projects going forward. A conference call with the HFHK director and a few members of the Club has been scheduled for early November to further discuss our work with Philip Showell, as well as other opportunities with HFHK. The school has expressed interest in our help with creating a Butterfly and Rain Garden on both sides at the front entry; they are in the process of writing grants to secure funds for these projects. They have also expressed interest in having the Club assist their 5th Grade F=Garden Club. A meeting with the principal and teacher sponsor will be scheduled for later this winter, once Coastal Gardeners have talked with the director of HFHK.

7. **Enter photo's here.**



Opening The Garden, March 2024



Closing It All Up, Spring 2024

LOOK at our veggies!

(to the side)

Fall Opening 2024



The seeds are already growing!