

## Victor H. Ries Outstanding Garden Club Award

Professor Victor H. Ries, the founder of OAGC, was fervently interested in all phases of garden club activities. Therefore, it is only fitting that his name be on the award for the outstanding achievements made by a garden club. This award was established in 1950. An outstanding club may have club members who enter OAGC contests and promote OAGC through new members. They should also be active in their community and support junior garden clubs. In order to be eligible for the award a club must achieve a minimum score of 75 percent. An award of \$200 is presented to the winning club at the annual convention. The Intent to Enter form and the project book Application/Score sheet can be found on pages 108-109.

Clubs wishing to compete for this award should note the following requirements:

- The club submits an Application for Intent To Enter form to the state 1<sup>st</sup> vice president
- The club monitors its activities over a two-year period, beginning October 1 of one year, and ending September 30 two years later.
- Using the scorecard as a guideline, the club compiles and submits an Application/Score sheet, a project book covering its two-year period of activities and both corresponding years' program books to the state 1<sup>st</sup> vice president, by December 15 of the concluding year. Note: Allowances will be made when the various club contest scores are not yet available from the state department chair at the time when the project book is submitted.
- In the event that more than one club meets the qualifications, multiple awards may be presented.

## Victor H. Ries Outstanding Garden Club Recipients

1969	Winding Trail Garden Club, Region 11	1995	Four Seasons Garden Club, Region 12
1970	Afternoon Garden Club, Region 5	1996	Open Gate Garden Club, Region 11
1971	None	1997	Tuslaw Garden Club, Region 14
1972	Trowel & Spade Garden Club, Region 3	1998	Double Delight Garden Club, Region 10
1973	Rutland Friendly Gardeners, Region 11 Posey Garden Club, Region 16	1999	None
1974	Fairborn Garden Club, Region 16	2000	RFD Garden Club, Region 6
1975	None	2001	None
1976	Garden Partners Garden Club, Region 5	2002	None
1977	Amherst Garden Club, Region 6	2003	Twin Rivers Garden Club, Region 1
1978	Town & Country Garden Club of Tiffin, Region 6	2004	Little Hocking Garden Club, Region 11
1979	None	2005	Lima Garden Club, Region 2
1980	Doylestown Garden Club, Region 14	2006	Whispering Meadows Garden Club, Reg. 6
1981	Rockhill Garden Club, Region 10	2007	Flushing Garden Club, Region 12
1982	Minford Garden Club, Region 10	2008	None
1983	Harbour Town Garden Club, Region 6	2009	None
1984	Tan & Toil Garden Club, Region 7	2010	Coshocton Town & Country Garden Club, Reg. 8
1985	Ladybug Garden Club, Region 3	2011	Earth, Wind & Flowers Garden Club, Reg. 7
1986	Willow Garden Club, Region 10	2012	Newark Garden Club, Reg. 8
1987	Springdale Garden Club, Region 4	2013	Hillsboro Garden Club, Reg. 16
1988	Rural Roots Garden Club, Region 8	2014	None
1989	Moreland Garden Club, Region 14	2015	None
1990	Open Path Garden Club, Region 16	2016	Roots and Shoots Garden Club, Reg. 2
1991	Slocum Garden Club, Region 10	2017	None
1992	Harlem Township Garden Club, Region 7	2018	None
1993	Colonial Garden Club, Region 16	2019	
1994	Little Hocking Garden Club, Region 11	2020	

# VICTOR H. RIES OUTSTANDING GARDEN CLUB CONTEST APPLICATION & SCORE SHEET

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

In preparation to enter the prestigious Victor H. Ries Outstanding Garden Club Contest, clubs must complete and submit to the state first vice president the *Intent To Enter* form found below. The intent form can be submitted digitally.

Using the Score sheet found below as a guideline, clubs keep records spanning a two-year period. At the conclusion of the two-year period, the Score sheet along with a letter of any explanations needed, the project book containing proof of activities listed below, and the last two current club program books are to be submitted to the state first vice president by December 15.

## INTENT TO ENTER (submitted prior to the start of the two-year period)

Club Name/Code/Region: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Club President: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCORE SHEET (submitted at the conclusion of the two-year period)

Club Name/Code/Region: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Club President: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

The project book cover sheet to list the following:

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Date of club organization

Date affiliated with OAGC

Number of members, during first year entered in contest

Number of members, during second year entered in contest

Average number present at regular meetings

### A. COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY

1. Participation in county fair or area-wide flower shows		30
Number of members awarded ribbons at show in design	10	
Number of members awarded ribbons at show in horticulture	10	
Number of members who participated in other ways	10	
2. Sponsorship of a junior garden club		20
Number of adult members who assisted with junior meetings	10	
Do your junior members participate in any community projects	5	
Do your junior members participate in OAGC regional and/or state activities	5	
3. Membership		15
Did you increase your club membership	10	
Did you sponsor a new adult club	5	

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4. Community beautification efforts		15
Number of community projects	5	
Number of members who worked on community projects	5	
Number of hours volunteered on community projects	5	
5. Club garden tours		15
Number of members who hosted or assisted	10	
Number of non-club members attended	5	
6. Community contribution		3
Donated new garden related books	1	
Provided financial support for local projects and/or a scholarship	1	
Presented a public program or workshop such as a Root Camp	1	
7. Garden therapy work		15
How often	5	
Number of members involved	10	
8. Conservation efforts. Provide details		5
<b>B. OAGC ACTIVITIES PERTAINING TO THE PAST TWO YEARS</b>		
1. Regional outstanding nominations made (need not be from your club)		6
Gardener (name, club, year)	2	
Garden club member (name, club, year)	2	
Garden club (name, year)	2	
2. Regional meeting participation		15
Average number of members attended: 1 <sup>st</sup> year: _____ 2 <sup>nd</sup> year: _____	10	
Number of members participated on a committee (setup/teardown, vendor table, educational displays, etc.)	5	
3. OAGC regional and state contest participation		100
Program Book Scores: 1 <sup>st</sup> year: _____; 2 <sup>nd</sup> year: _____	20	
Publicity Book Scores: 1 <sup>st</sup> year: _____; 2 <sup>nd</sup> year: _____	20	
Therapy Book Scores: 1 <sup>st</sup> year: _____; 2 <sup>nd</sup> year: _____	20	
Beautification Project Scores: 1 <sup>st</sup> year: _____; 2 <sup>nd</sup> year: _____	20	
Flower Show Contest Scores: (county fair, home or other):		
1 <sup>st</sup> year scores: _____; member participation: _____	10	
2 <sup>nd</sup> year scores: _____; member participation: _____	10	
4. State Convention participation		20
Number of members attended: 1 <sup>st</sup> year: _____; 2 <sup>nd</sup> year: _____	10	
Committee assistance	5	
Displays	5	
5. Has your club extended invitations to events (what and when)		4
Other clubs	1	
Regional officers	1	
State officers	1	
Public	1	
6. Number of members who attended other OAGC sponsored activities		20
Gardeners Day Out	5	
Nature Study Retreat	5	
Exhibitors' and Judges' School	5	