



RIFGC AWARDS APPLICATION FORM 2019

Club Awards Chairman must submit to RIFGC Awards Committee no later than **February 15**

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Award #24 Award Name: RI Federation Project of Merit

Submitted by RIFGC Garden Club: Plum Beach Garden Club Date: December, 2019

Name of Applicant: Plum Beach Garden Club

(type exactly as name should appear on any award received: name of club or individual)

Number of **dues-paying** members in garden club: 50

Name of Club Awards Chairman: Barbara Dawson

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Application limited to **three (3) pages**, (unless otherwise indicated) – one side only.

Application Form IS counted as one page. No report cover, binders, or plastic sheets allowed.

Please complete each topic, if applicable. Use numbering as below when completing form.

1. New project: yes ___ no X Beginning date: 2003 Completion date: On-going
2. Brief summary and objectives of project.
3. Involvement of club members, other organizations etc.
4. Project expenses and means of funding.
5. Continuing involvement, follow up, maintenance.
6. Attach or insert photos, digital photos.

2. Description of Project

One of the missions of the Plum Beach Garden Club is public education. Since 2003, our most significant education outreach project for the general public has been our Dunes Club Luncheon and Lecture. In the first year, approximately 40 people attended. It was such a hit that, since then, the event is a sell-out attracting from 250 to 300 people from all over the state and beyond. The events have featured local, regional, and national gardening experts who have expanded the audiences' visions and knowledge about a wide variety of gardening and landscaping topics.

Here is a summary of the 11 lectures we have sponsored:

2003: Water Conservation

2006: “Garden Rooms” presented by C.L. Folnari, writer, gardening expert and radio host.

2007: “English Gardens” presented by Frederick Rice, recognized as having the #1 English Garden in America

2008: “All the Latest Myths, Lies and All the Dirt” presented by C.L. Folnari, writer, gardening expert and radio host.

2009: “Crazy Mixed Up Borders”, by Steve Silk, Managing Editor of Fine Gardening Magazine and a designer, photographer, writer and lecturer,

2011: Demonstration by Floral Designer/Lecturer/Arranger, Constance McCausland

2012: “Blooms at the Dunes” presented by Sue Kaplan, floral designer and lecturer.

2013: ” Landscape Designs That Work.” Presented by Julie Moir Messervy, landscape architect

2015: “Embroidered Ground, Maturing Your Garden” by Page Dickey, author of seven books and published in many national magazines.

2017: “Jewels of the Garden:” Potted Plant demonstration, by Blakely Szorz, Head Gardener at RI Country Club and floral designer.

2019: “Cultivating Your Garden Senses” presented by Tovah Martin, who shares her passion for gardening through books, magazine articles, lectures, television and radio.

3. Member involvement

All 50 Plum Beach Garden Club members are involved in planning and hosting this event. In addition, teams of the members create spectacular and very unique raffle items for the event. Bidding is always active as guests are anxious to acquire one of these unique floral or horticulture themed items. The raffle is the major source of income for the club.

4. Projected Expenses and Means of Funding

These educational lectures are fund raisers which are essential to the continued operation of our many other community projects.

5. Continuing Involvement

The club intends to continue to hold these luncheons and lectures bi-annually.

To date, approximately 2,500 people have attended these events and have been exposed to different aspects of gardening that they can adapt for their personal use. We therefore feel this “project” is one deserving of the award as the 2019 “Project of Merit.”

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Sell-out crowds for each Dunes Club Luncheon & Lecture are able to bid on gorgeous raffle items created by teams of garden club members.

A variety of educational lectures and demonstrations have kept gardeners coming back to the events over the last 15 years.

