

Pollinator Contest Rules

The garden planting must be completed and the growing plants growing during the summer of 2016.

To be eligible to be included, each garden would be required to have a **majority** of pollinator friendly plants.

Entries, each club would be required to report the following three things to the GCFM awards Chairman Joan Butler by November 1, 2016.

(1) **A listing of the sites by address of civic gardens** planted with a majority of pollinator friendly plants maintained by the club. Gardens at any public site maintained by the club may qualify. Gardens may have been planted in prior years as long as maintained as part of an ongoing program by the club. A group of containers serving one site, e.g, a public building, a park or an intersection shall be considered one garden.

(2) **A listing by address of personal gardens** planted with a majority of pollinator friendly plants and maintained at the member's home. Gardens may have been planted in prior years as long as maintenance is ongoing. A property with several gardens on the property of one member shall be counted as one garden.

(3) The gardens have been **registered on the Million Pollinator Challenge** website—a free, nonprofit effort to assist pollinators. This website can be accessed just by googling Million Pollinator Challenge.

Digital photos should be taken of all gardens. They should not be included in the initial application but be available to be sent online if the awards committee requests them.

The winner will be chosen by the awards committee after comparing the number of eligible garden as a percentage of the number of the club's members. For example. if a club has 50 members and 15 have pollinator friendly gardens plus the club maintains three pollinator friendly gardens, that club has a total of 18 gardens or 36% of the membership.

One garden club in each size category—small, medium and large as defined in the State Awards section II c (page 181) of the GCFM Handbook-- will each receive a \$100 award.