

## GCSC Native Plant of the Year Award

Award is given to an herbaceous or perennial plant, groundcover, vine, or shrub that is native to South Carolina and is especially worthy and superior of preservation, propagation, and promotion.

**\$100 and recognition of the plant and club on the GCSC, Inc. Website** will be given to the federated club submitting the winning nomination.

In January 2020 and in January 2021 a plant will be judged and selected electronically from the nominations by GCSC's Native Plant of the Year (NPOY) Committee. The committee is comprised of our GCSC Botanical Advisor, an expert from the SCNPS, and the GCSC NPOY Committee Chairman. The GCSC President will serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.

**Nomination form is found on page 3 of this document.** Completed nomination forms for the 2020 GCSC Native Plant of the Year are due by December 10, 2019 and the completed nominations forms for the 2021 GCSC Native Plant of the Year are due December 10, 2020. The winner will be selected in January of each year and will be posted on the website February 1<sup>st</sup>. The monetary prize for the 2020 award will be presented at the 2020 April State Meeting and the 2021 monetary prize will be presented at the 2021 State Convention.

**Completed nomination form in Word file with photos in a high resolution JPEG file must be emailed and a hardcopy of form and photos must be sent to:**

[ymorris@wctel.net](mailto:ymorris@wctel.net)

**Yvonne Morris, GCSC Native Plant of the Year Committee Chair  
219 Amelia Drive  
McCormick, SC 29835  
Phone: 864-391-4477**

Non-winning plants may be submitted in the consecutive year. Another club can nominate the same plant as a proposer does not own the nomination rights to a particular plant.

**A nominated plant should be:**

- An outstanding species/cultivar of a North American native plant indigenous to South Carolina. If cultivar, the species must be native to South Carolina.
- Possess display attributes that enhance the landscape (e.g. provides beauty, pest and disease resistant, etc.)
- Effective environmentally, controlling erosion, attracting wildlife, conserving water, supporting pollinators and beneficial insects
- Readily available for landscape use and in propagation for commercial distribution

**Scale of points for awarding winning plant:**

Presentation

Points: 20

- Neat, concise
- Includes all required information on application form

Criteria

Points: 50

- Outstanding native species/cultivar
- Correct plant identification
- Plant availability
- Attributes that enhance landscape
- Environmentally effective

Photographs

Points: 30

- Photo quality
- Overall plant depiction

## GCSC Native Plant of the Year Award Nomination Form

Application including photographs can be no longer than 3 pages and must be submitted *electronically and in print* to:

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Name of Federated Garden Club:

Number of members:

Common Name of Native Plant Nominated:

Botanical name (correctly spelled and punctuated) of plant nominated:

Where plant can be found for purchase:

Briefly describe why this plant deserves recognition as the GCSC Native Plant of the Year:

Please attach 3 photos showing plant as a close-up, a full-size, and in a setting where it grows best. Photos should be high resolution and in JPEG file. Photos of plant in local gardens are preferred but not required. Please provide photo source to be credited.