

Criteria for Judge of the Year Award

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Timeline: By December 1 each year each Judges' Council in the State (currently 7 councils) may nominate one (1) candidate for the CGCI Judge of the Year by sending a letter of recommendation addressing the criteria below to the State Judges' Council Chairman. The State Judges' Council Chairman will distribute the nomination letters to the three (3) evaluating judges no later than December 15. (The 3 evaluating judges will be selected by the State Judges Council's elected officers.) The evaluators will confer (in any manner they choose) and come to a consensus as to the selection and send the decision, in the form of a letter/email, back to the State Judges' Council Chairman no later than January 15. The State Judges' Council Chairman will forward that name to the CGCI Awards Chairman for processing as needed. (This timeline should receive prior approval from the CGCI Awards Chairman.)

Selection of Evaluators: Evaluators must be California Flower Show Judges at any level except Student. Each year three evaluators, each from a different Judges' Council, will be chosen by the State Judges' Council Elected Officers.

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The candidate must be an active judge and in good standing without being on extension. The letter of recommendation for the judge will list reasons/achievements for their selection and may include any of the following, plus participating in other activities of value to garden club/s.

- Have attended a Symposium within the Award Year.
- Have assisted with Symposium in some manner administratively, i.e. serve on the Master Panel, serve as Registrar, etc. or creatively, i.e. create a design for the oral/exam or for exhibit during the Symposium.
- Exhibit in at least 2 events - 2 exhibits in design and 2 in horticulture.
- Present at least 2 educational programs/exhibit i.e. Design, Horticulture, Ethics, Flower Show Procedures, etc.
- Chair or co-chair at least one garden club event - flower show, garden tour, fundraiser, etc.
- Hold a Chairmanship of a committee in his/her judges' council, garden club, District or CGCI.
- Participate actively in his/her Judges' Council - hold office or chair a committee, exhibiting and judging.
- Write a flower show schedule or help write one, or evaluate/consult on the writing of a schedule.
- Encourage new judges/student judges to judge and exhibit.
- Encourage his/her club and other clubs to sponsor Standard Flower Shows.
- Encourage councils/clubs/districts to sponsor Flower Show School.

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