

NGC National Youth Activities
Poetry Contest
2009 Theme: "Our Beautiful World"

Now is the time to excite and encourage our Youth to express their thoughts and ideas through different types of poetry. This year the NGC Poetry Contest is entitled "**Our Beautiful World.**" Be creative and use your imagination by joining the winners to see your poetry in a printed booklet!

ELIGIBILITY: Special Education: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade; and Kindergarten through ninth grade. (The Garden Club Federation of Maine selects winners from each grade.) The NGC (National Garden Club) selects winners from each grade nation-wide.

CONTEST RULES:

- ❖ All entries must be typed and titled.
- ❖ Include name, address, age, school grade and school of participant on **back of entry**.
- ❖ Sponsoring garden club **and** state federation/club name must also be identified.
- ❖ All entries become the property of National Garden Club, Inc.
- ❖ Poems do not have to rhyme.
- ❖ Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems or Haiku.

SCALE OF POINTS: Title – 10 points; Content – 40; Creativity – 30; Style – 20

DEADLINE: Entries should be submitted to Margot Haertel, GCFM Youth Activities Chairman, P.O. Box 1431, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679 **on or before December 1, 2009**. If you have any questions, please contact Margot at (207) 244-0362 or by email at phaertel@roadrunner.com.

