

NGC National Youth Activities
Poetry Contest
2011 Theme – “Colorful Fruits” OR “Tasty Vegetables”
2012 Theme – “Protecting our Aquatic Friends”

Date due to State Youth Activities Chairman: December 1
(Please note that the contest themes for two years are included).

Now is the time to excite and encourage our Youth to express their thoughts and ideas through different types of poetry. This year, 2011, the NGC Poetry Contest is a choice of titles: “Colorful Fruit” OR “Tasty Vegetables.” For 2012, the theme will be “Protecting our Aquatic Friends.” Be creative and use your imagination by joining the winners to see your poetry in a printed booklet!

ELIGIBILITY: Special Education and English as a Second Language: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade; and General Education: Kindergarten through ninth grade. (The Garden Club Federation of Maine selects state winners from each group and 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 (example only: Quiet Side Garden Club) **and** state federation/club (Garden Club Federation of Maine) name must also be identified on **back of entry**.
- ❖ **“Generations of Gardeners” sponsoring garden club may be that of a Grandparent. (new contest rule)**
- ❖ 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, Garden Club Federation of Maine Youth Activities Chairman, P.O. Box 1431, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679 **on or before December 1**. If you have any questions, please contact Margot at (207) 244-0362 or by email at phaertel@roadrunner.com.

