



# In the Loop

## Keeping Up With Credentials

DISTRICT X JUDGES COUNCIL

# What is Good Standing

- ▶ Good Standing - A judge who is an active member of an NGC Garden Club, earns the required exhibiting and judging credits and refreshes at required intervals at approved Flower Show Schools or Symposiums (Handbook Glossary)
- ▶ Good Standing Date – the year in which you are in good standing until

# To find your good standing date ffgc.org



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- ▶ Maintained by Barb Jacobson, Florida Credentials Chair
- ▶ You must login to [www.ffgc.org](http://www.ffgc.org) to see these files



# How do you advance your good standing date?

- ▶ Attend a Refresher
- ▶ A Refresher is a symposium or Flower Show School III or IV
- ▶ Accredited Judges (only) may take a Flower Show School III or IV to refresh and only one time

# Procedure to Refresh Credentials

- ▶ Accredited and Life Judges must register to take a symposium for credit, attend all sessions, and take and pass all point scoring exams.
- ▶ Master Judges must register to audit the symposium. They do not point score but will receive credit if they attend all sessions.
- ▶ Following symposium paperwork will be submitted to NGC for a change in Good Standing Date. The new date will be December 31 - three (3) years from the Symposium date. Example: For the November 2021 Symposium, the new Good Standing Date will be December 31, 2024.
- ▶ Paperwork will also be submitted to NGC for judges that are eligible to advance to the next status (e.g. Life or Master).
- ▶ Accredited and Life Judges earn one (1) Judging Credit when taking an NGC Symposium for credit. The Judge must take and pass the point scoring exam to receive this judging credit.

# NGC - Exceptions to procedures to refresh due to Covid

- ▶ *Effective July 1, 2021* - All exhibiting and judging credits required to attend an NGC Symposium are suspended for the Judge's **next** symposium if taken prior to December 31, 2022.
- ▶ You do not need to submit Exhibiting and Judging forms to the Credentials Chairman to be pre-approved for this symposium.
- ▶ Pre-approval by the Credentials Chairman is required for all future symposiums. Pre-approval by the Credentials Chairman is also required for any symposium taken out-of-state.
- ▶ All exhibiting and judging credits previously earned in 2020, 2021, and 2022 will carry over to 2023.

# Forms You need

Record your exhibiting and judging credits and refreshers you have attended

Level	Form
Accredited Judge	FSS-13 Refresher Credit- Judges
Accredited Life Judge	FSS-15L Renewal of Life Good Standing
Accredited Master Judge	FSS-15M Master Judges Good Standing



# Getting the Forms you need from the NGC Website

Download the current fillable form for your judging level from the NGC web site at [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

Shortcut – Scroll down to FORMS LIBRARY at the bottom of the home page. Scroll down to the list under the heading “Flower Show School”

Accredited Judge – FSS 13 Refresher Credit – Judges, Level 2

Life Judge – FSS 15L – Renewal of Life Good Standing

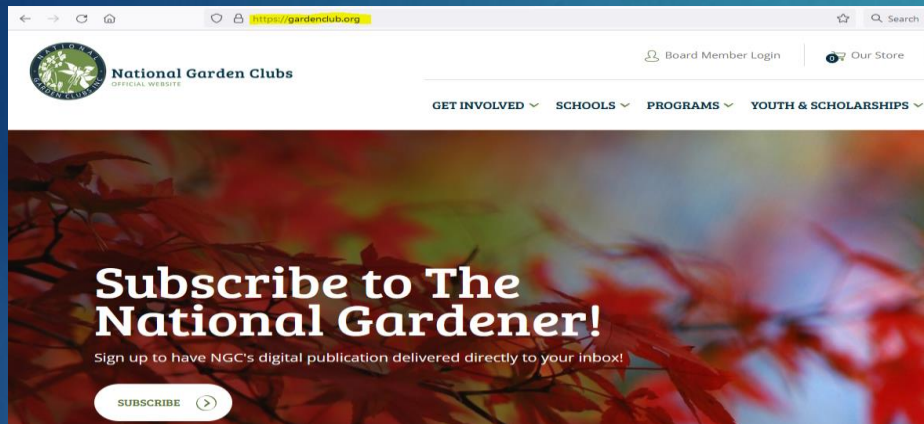
Master Judge – FSS – 15M Master Judges Good Standing

The exhibiting and judging requirements for each refresher are provided on the forms. Open and save the form to a folder on your computer.

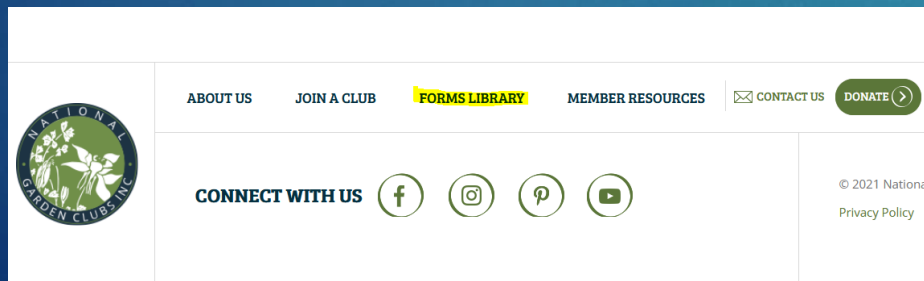
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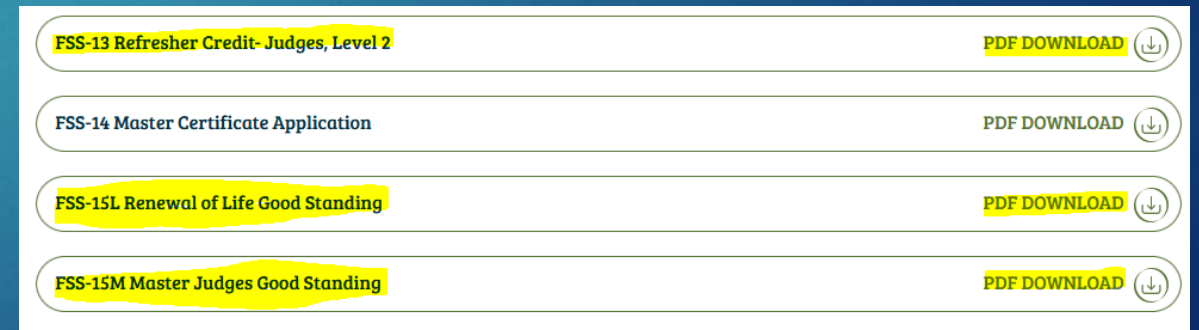
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# Getting the Forms you need from the NGC Website (Continued)

4. Open and save the form for your level to a folder on your computer.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the National Garden Clubs, Inc. website. The page title is "National Garden Clubs, Inc. FORM 13 (3/2021)". The main heading is "REFRESHER CREDIT FOR ACCREDITED JUDGES APPLICATION". Below the heading, there is a paragraph of text: "This form is for STATE USE ONLY, and it is NOT to be sent to NGC Headquarters. The Judge mails the completed form to the State Judges' Credentials Chm. no later than one month prior to the Symposium you plan to attend for refresher credit. Retain one copy for your records. NOTE: Out-of-state judges attending symposium must submit the form six (6) weeks in advance." Below the text, there are several input fields: "NAME:", "GARDEN CLUB:", "DATE:", "ADDRESS:", and "E-MAIL:". At the bottom, there is a section for "APPLICANT APPLYING FOR A:" with options for "LIFE", "REFRESHER", and "CERTIFICATE".

The screenshot shows a file dialog box titled "Opening fss-form-13\_0.pdf". The dialog box contains the following information: "You have chosen to open:" followed by a PDF icon and the filename "fss-form-13\_0.pdf". Below this, it says "which is: Portable Document Format (PDF) (298 KB)" and "from: https://gardenclub.org". Under the heading "What should Firefox do with this file?", there are three options: "Open with" (selected by default) with a dropdown menu showing "Microsoft Edge (default)", "Save File" (selected with a radio button), and "Do this automatically for files like this from now on." (unchecked). At the bottom right, there are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

5. Reopen the form and complete the information.

# Refresher opportunities in Florida

Refresher	Dates	Location
Symposium	Nov 6-8, 2022	Day Spring Conference Center, Parish, FL (District VIII)
FSS III *	Jan 25-28, 2022	Jacksonville Beach
FSS IV *	May 24-27, 2022	Jacksonville Beach

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