



# The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.

## *What The Federation did this past year-04/2014-04/2015*

### MEETINGS

- **85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting** April 16, 2014  
Aqua Turf, Plantsville – Tony Todesco, Program
- **85<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Meeting** October 29, 2014  
Aqua Turf, Plantsville –Judges Council Standard Flower Show “A Bountiful Connecticut”
- The Federation was represented at:  
The **NGC Convention** in Norman, Oklahoma and the **NGC Fall Board Meeting** in Des Moines, Iowa
- The Federation was represented at:  
**The 80<sup>th</sup> New England Region Meeting and the 47<sup>th</sup> New England Region Symposium**  
in Burlington, Vermont

### NGC AWARDS

- **4 NGC Certificates of Commendation and Appreciation**
- **1 Environmental Education Concern Award**
- **2 Awards for Publications**
- **1 Standard Flower Show Achievement Award**
- **1 NGC Scholarship Award – Shane Michael Feyers**
- **4 Youth Poetry “Protecting and Conserving Our Natural Resources” Awards**

### NER AWARDS

- **5 New England Region Silver Awards**
- **2 Awards for Publications**
- **1 Woodsy Owl Poster Award**

### THE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF CT, INC.

- FGCCT Bronze Medal awarded to Terry Stoleson, National Judge Emeritus and Pres. of Conn. Valley Mycological Society
- 4 Awards of Honor to Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large Clubs
- 8 CT Tribute Awards
- 4 Federation Scholarships awarded to college students
- 33 State Silver and Pewter Awards **presented to** clubs and individuals
- 2 Awards of Excellence in Flower Show Achievement
- 116 Certificates of Achievement, Merit, Appreciation & Citations
- 3 Award Certificates plus \$200. for Plant Native Tree Contest

### MEMBERSHIP

- 128 Clubs totaling 6750 members
- 15 Affiliates
- 10 New CT Life Members
- Local clubs are members of The Federation, New England Region & National Garden Clubs, Inc.

### ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOOL

- Course IV – November 5-7, 2014, including two-hour Research Vessel “Oceanic” trip on Long Island Sound

### ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS COUNCIL

- 19 Accredited members; 22 Provisional members

### FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

- Course I – September 10-12, 2014

### JUDGES COUNCIL

- Meets 5 times a year, 49 judges
- 10 Clubs staged Standard Flower Shows, each receiving \$100 from Marita Wezowic Council Fund

### GARDENING STUDY SCHOOL

- Course I – September 23-25, 2014

### GARDENING CONSULTANTS COUNCIL

- 45 Active members; 8 Provisional; 3 Associates
- Love-ly Garden Award presented to Sandy Lindh
- Scholarship to GSS students- Awarded for 9<sup>th</sup> time

### LANDSCAPE DESIGN STUDY SCHOOL

- Course I - March 24-26, 2015

### LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL

- 53 members
- Award for Excellence in Design – awarded at 2015 CT Flower Show to Creative Contour Landscape Design of Middletown.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Plant Science Day at Lockwood Farm, August 6, 2014
- CT Flower and Garden Show, “Ports of Call”, February 19-22, 2015 at the CT Convention Center- Design, Horticulture, and Photography entries from clubs around the state

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Encourage clubs to focus on “Be Kind to Pollinators”; “Plant Natives”; “Create Backyard Habitats” in *NEWS* articles and educational exhibits at meetings and flower shows.
- . Certify Backyards with National Wildlife Federation – winners to be recognized at Annual Meeting.

### COMMUNICATION

- The Federation maintains an office in Branford, CT with a Part-time Secretary, Barbara Romblad
- “CT Federation *NEWS*” is emailed by Constant Contact to members and posted to the website in a new password- protected site “**Club Login**”.
- The Federation Website - [www.ctgardenclubs.org](http://www.ctgardenclubs.org)
- Links include NGC, NER & local clubs
- ANNUAL REPORTS-on the website – interactive format enabling direct typing onto the forms with a printable copy and ability to email
- SCHOLARSHIP-application on the website – interactive format enabling direct typing with a printable copy
- Four NGC Schools brochures and registration forms available on the website.

- Further postings on website – Awards Manual; Program Suggestions and Speakers Booklet; Application Forms; Special Events; Horticulture Column; President’s Message; Youth Activities; 2015 CT Flower Show Top Award Recipients; 2011 to 2014 Awards Booklets; 2010 to 2014 Tribute Award Winners; 2010 to 2014 Scholarship Winners; 2005 to 2014 FGCCT Annual Reports; Photo Montages of all State Meetings and Schools and Tours and CT Flower Shows.
- Postings on password protected LogIn site: All CFNEWS issues in color and in black & white; Board of Directors List; Club Directory List; Judges Roster.

### **FINANCES**

- The Federation has a Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer & Finance Committee to oversee the finances.
- Clubs generously donate to Scholarships, World Gardening and Garden Therapy Funds.
- Year-end Financial Statements are available to Federation members upon request to the Treasurer.

### **NOTE: VENUE FOR NGC SCHOOLS**

**Starting March 2015 back to Jones Auditorium, at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, Huntington Street in New Haven with the exception of Environmental Studies School at Kellogg Environment Center, Derby.**