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AWARDS
2017
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NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS AWARDS
(Received at the NGC Convention, May 2017)

NGC HAZEL KNAPP SCHOLARSHIP
JACQUELINE DEGREGORIO
$4,000.00 Award

AWARD #13 – PUBLICATIONS
OLDE RIPTON GARDEN CLUB
First Place – 40-year History Book

AWARD #13 – PUBLICATIONS
ROWAYTON GARDENERS
First Place – Annual Pictorial History Book

AWARD #16 CLUB YEARBOOK
A-1 New England Region - 12 members
Certificate of Commendation
DAYTIME GARDENERS OF NORTH HAVEN
AWARD #18B STANDARD FLOWER SHOW
CONNECTICUT JUDGES COUNCIL
“Colors of Connecticut”
First Place and Pink Rosette

AWARD #24C – AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
THE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF CT, INC.
“Beyond Beginning Workshops”
$500.00 Check plus velvet box containing engraved brass coin

AWARD #28 LANDSCAPE DESIGN FOR
CHURCH GARDEN
MARGARET LAROM
Food for All Garden
First Place and Small engraved metal plaque

AWARD #44 - PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS
NEW ENGLAND REGION
Second Place – Small Club
Daytime Gardeners of North Haven

Third Place – Medium Club
North Haven Garden Club

Third Place – Large Club
Wallingford Garden Club

Third Place – Extra Large Club
Wilton Garden Club
AWARD #63 – PROMOTION AWARDS
DUCK RIVER GARDEN CLUB OF OLD LYME
First Place Website – Medium Club

WALLINGFORD GARDEN CLUB
First Place Website – Large Club

NGC CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION
for participating in the NGC Awards Program 2016

Colchester Garden Club – Conservation: Butterfly Garden

Danbury Garden Club – Newsletter

Long Hill Garden Club – Youth Horticulture Education

Rowayton Gardeners – Newsletter

Spring Glen Garden Club – Brochure

Town & Country Garden Club of Newtown - Newsletter
NEW ENGLAND GARDEN CLUBS AWARDS
For 2016-2017
Does not include awards presented at Annual Meeting October 31, 2017

YEARBOOK AWARD
Class I - Under 20 members
First Place – Daytime Gardeners of North Haven

WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST
GRADE 1 – Fourth Place
LEAH MOSHER
Wallingford Garden Club

GRADE 2 – Fourth Place
EMILY JUNAEDI
Cheshire Garden Club

GRADE 3 – Third Place
ISABELLA GALUSHKO
Wallingford Garden Club

GRADE 4 – Fourth Place
KATHERINE LOMBARDO
Wallingford Garden Club
THE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS
OF CONNECTICUT AWARDS
(For work done between June 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017)

THE BRONZE MEDAL

Many members of our Federation Board, Judges Council and Schools know Dr. Theodore Andreadis as the Director of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

He is usually the first one to address our attendees on Presidents’ Day in September and quite often at our various Schools, such as Landscape Design, Flower Show and Gardening Schools.

Dr. Andreadis is also the Head of the Center for Vector Biology and Zoonotic Diseases where he formally directed the State of Connecticut’s Mosquito and Arbovirus Research and Surveillance Programs. He is the author of over 195 scientific publications on mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases, and his current research activities focus on the mosquito ecology, microbial control of mosquitoes and the epidemiology of
mosquito-borne diseases. It is through this very dedicated research of mosquitoes that the public has become aware of the spread of life-changing diseases, such as the West Nile Virus and now the Zika Virus.

He currently holds an appointment as a Clinical Professor within the Epidemiology of Microbial Disease Division at the Yale School of Public Health and he is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Pathobiology at the University of Connecticut.

It is with great enthusiasm that we bestow our Federation’s highest honor – the Bronze Medal - upon Dr. Andreadis.

CONNECTICUT TRIBUTE AWARDS

Polly Brooks, Chair
Civic Development

Shirley Kiely, Westbrook Garden Club
Shirley oversees forty-four, yes, that’s 44 major town plantings, since she doubled the number of window boxes and planters produced by her club’s “Spot Minders” each year. She added more Minders, and encouraged the town to purchase larger plants than their less expensive previously purchased flats. She pitches in when Minders are away, co-ordinates the flags inserted into planters for summer holidays as well as for the Westbrook Muster in late August, keeps replacement plants in an inventory, and will deliver them if needed. This represents true dedication to the civic beautification of her community. She is an inspiration to her club.
Conservation
Donald (Don) Kelsey, Manchester Garden Club
While Don’s Kelsey's interest in conservation began during his childhood, his knowledge of tree identification has proven useful in many ways. Don, an active member of the Manchester Garden Club for twelve years, partnered with his town’s Conservation Committee in the Foster Tree Program. To reforest areas in town stripped due to overgrown invasive plants, Don collected almost forty saplings from friends’ yards, and secured a plot for them to overwinter in the Manchester Community College Community Garden. For the “Tiny Acorns to Mighty Oaks” state project, Don spent many hours locating, identifying, and collecting acorns and leaves- to help club members distinguish among various varieties of oak trees. He developed a lecture and display about oak trees for the Manchester Garden Club’s 90th Anniversary, which he will take to schools, and share with the Youth Garden Program at the Lutz Children’s Museum.

Design
Lawrence (Larry) Huzi, The Garden Club of Orange
Larry joined The Garden Club of Orange in 2015, and quickly became an integral part of flower design at his club, within The Federation, and beyond.
For his club’s Home for the Holiday House Tour last year, Larry designed and created wreaths for each of the five houses on the Tour. He whisked through the past three Flower Show Schools, became a Student Judge; and has taken advantage of numerous Beyond Beginnings Workshops. At the 2017 CT Flower and Garden Show, “Woodland Enchantment,” Larry’s creative hanging design for “Sigh of the Wind” won the 1st People’s Choice Award. His design for “Briars and Brambles” won The Designer’s Choice Award, The Terry Stoleson Creative Design Award, The Award of Design Excellence, and The Nell McGuinness Award. Larry is, additionally, a member of The Creative Arrangers of CT. He contributed design interpretations at Fine Arts and Flowers at the Wadsworth Atheneum, and at Blooms With a View at the Florence Griswold Museum.
A year ago, the Judges Council had a 'no show' for a design in Section B, Class 4, for their flower show “Colors of Connecticut” held at Aqua
Turf. What was available? – other designers’ leftovers. Larry gathered them up, and created a design to fill the class—truly something above and beyond!

**Garden Therapy**

Dottie Fox, Kensington Garden Club

Which came first— the recognition that she had the ability to help people heal, which took her into nursing, or the realization that we all should promote healing through Garden Therapy?

I remember vividly listening to Dottie Fox, a member of Kensington Garden Club since 1979, passionately explaining “the creation of Gardens or garden activities which promote therapeutic results for participants.” She deftly connected and requested donations globally for clean drinking water projects, for example, or for a gift of bee hives, both for pollination and for creation of income from the sale of honey. Since we should act locally, Dottie does. She volunteers at the Ledgewood Nursing Home at least once a month, bringing educational and creative outlets for the residents. Her designs include seasonal arrangements, crafts such as birdhouses and hummingbird feeders to decorate their rooms and other areas inside and out. She plants window boxes and hanging planters for the entrance, and provides clean-up and planting in their patio. Dottie promotes Garden Therapy, demonstrates the breadth of possibilities, and welcomes us to do the same.

**Landscape Design**

Marla Patterson, The Litchfield Garden Club

As The Litchfield Garden Club approached its Centennial in 1913, Garden History and Design determined to have members document their gardens for the Smithsonian Institution’s Archives of American Gardens (AAG). Marla, a club member since 2004, took on the task of wooing members, and handholding or nudging them through to the finish. As the process is arduous, only five members completed it. Their documentations (Marla’s was one) were accepted. Marla recognized two things. First— Gardens in town other than members’
needed to be documented. So she created committees to photograph, sketch and finalize the documentation. The Oliver Wolcott House’s gardens were done by her committee. Next up is Ethan Allen’s Birthplace. More importantly, she understood the value of documenting the ephemeral, for your clubs and your towns, and that many people needed something more approachable than the Smithsonian version. So she developed not one, but two Garden Gallery Projects. These are available to any of you, and I hope the introduction takes.

Photography
Dianne Roberts, Garden Club of Madison

Dianne Roberts, the recipient of the first Tribute Award in Photography, is a fifteen-year member of the Garden Club of Madison. Two of her photographs, one a close-up of her “Brugmansia,” and another, a close-up of a ladybug feasting on aphids, were winning entries at the National Garden Club, Inc.’s, National Convention in Richmond, Virginia, May 19, 2017. These were not her first awards by any means, just some of the most recent. To educate school groups and other visitors walking through the Wild Flower Path (which she almost singlehandedly created) at Madison’s Deacon John Grave House, a brochure was published, filled with Dianne’s photographs of the plantings she found and installed. Dianne’s images receive recognition in her community, throughout the state, indeed, nationally.

Youth
Sally Brockett, Daytime Gardeners of North Haven and
Walter (Walt) Brockett, Daytime Gardeners of North Haven, and The North Haven Garden Club

Sally’s starting her second term as President of Daytime Gardeners. She put together a program about Mason Bees for Girl Scouts, and included follow-up information to help the scouts determine how well the Mason Bees were faring. Walt, her husband, made the kits for the bee houses, so he oversaw their workshop. Sally has been very active
with the nationally sponsored Woodsy Owl Program as well. Walt, who belongs to both garden clubs in North Haven, has a mighty impact in his community. If he’s not making kits for Mason Bee houses, this self-taught woodworker might be making bluebird or wren houses, or designing and making boards to hold reading pages for story walks reading stations. He taught the Boy Scouts to use the tools to assemble and disassemble the boards, and the Scouts installed them. There’s a set used by the library (on the Town Green) and another in Peter’s Rock Park Association (through one of the trails). His designs have been replicated in another Connecticut town, and at a camp for children with special needs in Canada. Walt did the heavy lifting and some invasive plant education with a Brownie Troop which asked for assistance installing a school garden. His hikes to the summit of Peter’s Rock Park are open to scouts, students, and you. He’s a licensed arborist, so these are quite the hike. If you’re lucky, he’ll show you the cork tree.
We are honored to offer the Youth Tribute Award to this wonderful couple.

All Around Excellence
Cindy Golia, The North Haven Garden Club
Cindy wears numerous hats- Treasurer; Publicity Chair; Web Chair; Youth Chair. There is no aspect of club interests in which Cindy is not active. She handles the May Market from the purchase of plants to the collection of monies. She’s available to help with Civic plantings as soon as the call goes out. For Conservation, for the North Haven Earth Day Celebration, she created a table with information and handouts about Endangered Frogs. She helps make arrangements twice a month for hospice patients, and for Yale New Haven Hospital for Restorative Care and for Arden House, and delivers them. As Publicity Chair, she has an article every week in each of North Haven’s three papers and in the New Haven Register. She set up the club’s Facebook page, and updates it regularly. As Youth Chair, she assists students caring for Green Acres School, weeding, and planting/decorating the planters seasonally. She developed a poster for National Garden Club’s poster contest, entitled, “We Three, Bees, Butterflies and Me.” She worked with the librarian to see the poster in the library, publicized.
Cindy is a true asset and an inspiration to her club.
AWARD OF HONOR
The Award of Honor, established in 1959, may be conferred on a garden club which, over a period of five years, has maintained a record of exceptional achievement in upholding the aims and purposes of The Federation. In 2004 the Award was expanded to recognize a small, medium and large club, and in 2014 the extra large category was added.

THE AWARD OF HONOR – Small Club (1 to 29)
DAYTIME GARDENERS OF NORTH HAVEN

THE AWARD OF HONOR – Medium Club (30 to 59)
CHESIRE GARDEN CLUB

THE AWARD OF HONOR – Large Club (60 to 99)
DANBURY GARDEN CLUB

THE AWARD OF HONOR – Extra Large Club (100 and over)
WEST HARTFORD GARDEN CLUB

THE LILLIAN M. RATHBUN AWARD
A traveling silver tray, established in 1990 by the Lyme Garden Club, may be awarded annually to an individual involved in all phases of garden club work.

BRONWYN (RONNIE) SCHOELZEL
THE LITCHFIELD GARDEN CLUB

The Litchfield Garden Club presented Ronnie with a Lifetime Membership in The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. for many reasons: she served as the state Horticulture Chair from 2002 to 2006; she’s an accredited National Garden Clubs Judge; she brought added honor to The Litchfield Garden Club when she served as President of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. from 2011 to 2013.
As Ronnie was instrumental in researching appropriate trees suitable to green the approaches to Litchfield, she was actively involved with the preparation of the Treescape Brochure for her club’s centennial, documenting the then twenty-year project installing roughly 185 large caliper trees.

The Federation presents her with the The Lillian M. Rathbun Award for those achievements and so many others. For thirty-three years her horticultural and design entries in flower shows earned her many awards and prizes - too many to list here. Last May, she received a rarely awarded 5 Star Certificate of Merit and Pin for having successfully achieved Master Status in all four National Garden Club Schools.

We recognize, as well, that Bronwyn (Ronnie) Schoelzel neither rests on her laurels nor squirrels them away. She shares her travels and horticultural expertise with Federation clubs, offers workshops to newcomers about showing horticulture at shows, and will be certain to have a floral arrangement if one is needed. This worker bee is a resource to all of us, and embodies the aims of every one of us.

LUCILLE SCHAVOIR AWARD

Established in 1978, this traveling silver bowl may be awarded annually to a garden club for outstanding work during the calendar year.

THE TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB OF NEWTOWN

This club is recognized for the caliber and length of service its club members make to the community. For more than two decades, club members have offered their homes for December’s Holiday Festival weekend tours; they make flower arrangements for a Victorian Tea at the Town Hall; they create a holiday tree for the town Library; and they package and deliver all the outdoor luminaria lighting material for Main Street homes.
In addition, that same weekend members donate trees and holly bush prizes to the Festival of Trees, on Saturday; and on Sunday they serve as house tour docents and various helpers. This is a club that does many “flower and garden type things” but is also a dedicated group of volunteers who make civic commitment a way of life.

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT
Jan M. Hickcox, Chair

PRESIDENTS’ BOWL AWARD
Donated in 1985 to honor all former State Federation Presidents by former Federation President Sally Shumway, this silver bowl may be awarded to a club for an outstanding community project.

MYSTIC GARDEN CLUB
The Mystic Garden Club’s community projects exemplify outstanding financial commitment, complemented by commendable volunteerism, producing incredible results. A collaborative community project involves maintaining beautiful seasonal planters that adorn the popular shore town to the “Giving Garden” at Coogan Farm that produced 3-1/2 tons of produce for the United Way food program in New London County. The Invasive Plant Patrol assessed invasive plants and recommended alternatives, resulting in the design and creation of a “Pollinator Gateway Garden”.

LEE BAUERFELD BEAUTIFICATION AWARD
A traveling silver cup, established in 2002 by the Branford Garden Club, may be awarded to a club or individual for an outstanding civic project in the community.

WILTON GARDEN CLUB
The Wilton Garden Club is recognized for its exemplary effort in redesigning and installing three new gardens to grace the
Veteran’s Memorial Green located in the center of town. A most positive outcome was achieved by the outstanding use of community resources.

**CIVIC CREATIVITY AWARD**

*Established in 2007 by the Suffield Garden Club, a traveling pewter bowl is awarded to a club for an unusual or outstanding and creative project in the area of civic responsibility.*

**LONG HILL GARDEN CLUB**

The Long Hill Garden Club’s unique program of “Random Acts of Kindness” is an altruistic project wherein members create small bouquets wrapped in cellophane with a tag attached reading “A small bouquet to brighten your day”. The bouquets are distributed throughout Trumbull and surrounding communities to unsuspecting people – the goal is to make someone happy.

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

*Silver Tray – Small Club membership up to 29*

**NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB**

The North Haven Garden Club is recognized for its creation and maintenance of planters and memorial gardens at various locations in town. Also, for plantings around the Community Recreation Center flagpole island and continued maintenance, including PLANT IT PINK activity. And for promoting beautification among business and home property owners which are presented with the Club’s Beautification Award.

*Silver Tray – Medium Club membership 30 to 59*

**LEETE’S ISLAND GARDEN CLUB**

The Leete’s Island Garden Club is recognized for engaging in extensive civic and planting projects throughout the Guilford community, including the Free Library; the Town Marina; Guilford Green Planters throughout town; the June Ford Bench
and Site Renovation at the Community Center; the Leete’s Island Lane renovation of a curving brick walk with plantings along its side going to the parking lot; and placing fresh flowers throughout the historic Highland House Museum.

**Silver Tray – Large Club membership 60 to 99**
**KENSINGTON GARDEN CLUB**
The Kensington Garden Club is recognized for its numerous civic projects throughout town, but especially for the Veterans Tree Project that was implemented to commemorate living, deceased and POW/MIA veterans. The tree was decorated by club members with star covered ribbons and flags for each military branch. During the public ceremony on Veterans Day seven Blue Star veterans were in attendance who hung their own ornaments.

**Silver Tray – Extra Large Club membership 100 and over**
**GARDEN CLUB OF NEW HAVEN**
The Garden Club of New Haven is recognized for its notable conservation program of the historic Elm Trees in the city, entitled “Safeguarding the American Elm: Preserving New Haven’s Roots”. Six new elm trees were planted on the New Haven Green. Subsequently an expanded educational walking tour of the Green via cell phone as well as a brochure and new educational curriculum materials were made available to local school children. Also, the Club agreed to be responsible for the care and maintenance of a new bio-swale to help remove silt and pollution from surface runoff water. The Club’s bio-swale was one of the earliest in this effort.

**Certificate of Individual Achievement**
**FRAN HOFFMAN**
**MYSTIC GARDEN CLUB**
Fran Hoffman has worked tirelessly on the Coogan Farm
project, including the Invasive Plant Patrol program that encourages native plantings to enable and improve wildlife habitat.

Certificate of Individual Achievement  
WINNIFRED JUDGE  
BRANFORD GARDEN CLUB  
Winnifred Judge, a past president of the Branford Garden Club, has been an outstanding contributing member over the years. Her vision of beautiful landscaping and plantings throughout the Branford community has had a significant influence on many by her sincere love of horticulture and her commitment to the community.

Certificate of Individual Achievement  
BETSY KREUTER  
THE GARDEN CLUB OF OLD GREENWICH  
A member of The Garden Club of Old Greenwich, Betsy Kreuter has led the design and planting of beautiful window boxes and small civic gardens in Old Greenwich for five years. She increased the participation of club members by her entrepreneurial and encouraging spirit. She provided a table with home baked breakfast goods – all organic and healthy – and coffee. Shop owners were encouraged to come out and join. Such a positive outcome is to be commended.

Certificate of Individual Achievement  
LINDA SCHMIDT  
WILTON GARDEN CLUB  
Linda Schmidt leads the Wilton Garden Club’s year-round preparations for an extensive holiday outreach program to families in need and for the elderly. She oversees material collections, directs workshops, and manages distributions of this very worthwhile community project – conveying beauty and kindness.
Certificate of Individual Achievement
HARTFORD GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS
Through their collaborative leadership and expertise involving an outstanding successful renewal project in Hartford’s Keeney Park designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, the following club members of the Hartford Garden Club are recognized:

ANNE HOLCOMBE
Her keen eye helped with the identification and removal of invasive plants.

LINDA LYDON
Linda managed all work parties including community and student volunteers and park employees.

NANCY MACY
Nancy is a faithful steward of Hartford who has been a concerned resident for many years and provides valuable knowledge from years of work in the City.

KATIE NIXON
Katie has helped provide the criteria for the project design in Keeney Park which contributed to the successful outcome.

ALICE WILLARD
As an accomplished gardener, Alice has managed the selection and purchase of all plant material.

WHAT A TEAM!
Club Certificate of Achievement
BETHANY GARDEN CLUB
The Bethany Garden Club is recognized for its consistency and sustainability of its town gardens. Furthermore, their civic program involved the planting of hundreds of spring bulbs and decorating the Ronald McDonald House at Christmas time.

Club Certificate of Achievement
BRISTOL GARDEN CLUB
The Bristol Garden Club enhanced the town’s memorial boulevard by planting an oak tree. They provide continuous maintenance of the planters at City Hall from spring through summer to fall.

Club Certificate of Achievement
DAYTIME GARDENERS OF NORTH HAVEN
The Daytime Gardeners are recognized for having created a new planting area at the Cultural Center. They updated the reading garden at the town library as well as the two intersection gardens with perennials and annuals.

Club Certificate of Achievement
FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB
The Farmington Garden Club is recognized for their commendable effort to reach the community. They provide plant material for baskets in collaboration with Meals on Wheels and deliver items from the Farmington Food Pantry in addition to a generous financial contribution to community projects.
Club Certificate of Achievement
GARDEN CLUB OF NEWTOWN
The Garden Club of Newtown is recognized for their Newtown Victory Garden, marking their fifth anniversary for participating in this organic garden that provides produce for the town's local food pantries and the Nunnawauk Meadows retirement community. The harvest included a plethora of pole beans, onion and potatoes. Two rows were reserved for wildflowers for bees and other beneficial insects which could in turn benefit all crops grown in this large volunteer garden.

Club Certificate of Achievement
GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE
The Garden Club of Orange is recognized for its continued stewardship of maintaining the town green and providing holiday decorations for municipal buildings, especially the town library.

Club Certificate of Achievement
KENSINGTON GARDEN CLUB
The Kensington Garden Club is recognized for assuming the responsibilities for the Berlin Garden Club. The Club assimilated, then helped to coordinate old and inspired new projects in the Berlin community, the town library, the town hall, the relay for life, and the senior center. Kudos to the Kensington Garden Club members who helped support and sustain another club.

Club Certificate of Achievement
OLDE RIPTON GARDEN CLUB
The Olde Ripton Garden Club is recognized for adopting a specific flower for the town, with the approval of the Board of Aldermen. The city flower chosen is the *Rudbeckia fulgida* – the orange coneflower ‘Goldsturm’. The effort included a plant sale and garden competition using this new city flower.
ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS
AND CONSERVATION
Nancy Lenoce, Chair

PAULINE B. TYLER AWARD
Established 1990, this traveling silver bowl is for excellence in promoting conservation or legislation.

ANN ASTARITA
TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB OF NEWTOWN
Ann is being recognized for her involvement with the High Meadow Preserve at Fairfield Hills Complex. It continues to be designated as town Open space for a bird, pollinator and plant habitat. There is a No mow zone for breeding Bobolinks.

CONNECTICUT ARBOREAL AWARD
The original Arboreal Award, a traveling silver tray, was established in 1984. In 2005 it was expanded to 3 categories for small, medium, and large club, and in 2014 the extra large category was added.

ARBOREAL AWARD – Small Club (Up to 29)
MORRIS COVE GARDEN CLUB
Planted oak tree with Yale School of Forestry and Parks Department

ARBOREAL AWARD – Medium Club (30 to 59)
WATERTOWN GARDEN CLUB
Planted oak tree, native trees and shrubs

ARBOREAL AWARD – Large Club (60 to 99)
MANCHESTER GARDEN CLUB
Planted oak trees at Woodbridge Farmstead
CONSERVATION AWARD
Established in 2002 in honor of Jeanne Lena, for excellence in conservation.

MYSTIC GARDEN CLUB
The Club designed and established pollinator gardens in the Giving Garden at Historic Coogan Farm in Mystic. The Giving Garden is an organic community garden. The produce from it is distributed by New London County United Way. Pollinator gardens at gateway provide a native species habitat for pollinators.

Club Certificate of Achievement
WEST HARTFORD GARDEN CLUB
Celebrate West Hartford: two-day community fair. Garden club initiated hints/tips on composting, free flower seeds, pamphlet: Friend to Pollinators.

Club Certificate of Achievement
GARDEN CLUB OF NEWTOWN
Club members have created an initiative “Protect Our Pollinators”. Two brochures have been produced: ‘Planting a Pollinator Garden’ and ‘Alternatives to Pesticides’. Members have raised town-wide awareness and are advocating reduced use of neonicotinoids and pesticides applied to town-owned playing fields.

Citation
NORTH STONINGTON GARDEN CLUB
Two guided hikes were held, conducted by experts in their field. One was at Preston Nature Preserve during the milkweed-flowering season and was led by Naturalist and photo journalist Bruce Fellman, offering numerous photo opportunities. The other hike was at Hewitt Farm, a foraging walk, following a morning presentation at Wheeler Library. The public was also invited.
Citation
REDDING GARDEN CLUB
Joel Barlow High School qualified as Certified Wildlife Habitat. Students studied plants and in the fall planted perennials. Seeds were grown and planted in the spring.

Citation
WATERTOWN GARDEN CLUB
Phlox divaricata (an early pollinator plant) has been designated the town flower of Watertown.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Established in 1993, a traveling silver bowl, awarded to a club or individual for outstanding involvement in areas of environmental awareness
GARDEN CLUB OF NEW HAVEN

Certificate of Individual Achievement
CHRISTINE DUNCAN
WILTON GARDEN CLUB
Christine Duncan promoted public awareness of the environment through ‘Go Green Project’ and founded the first symposium ‘How Green Could Wilton Be?’ in the fall. A follow-up forum was held in February to enlist participants from the public to work on initiatives raised during the symposium. Through her family foundation, funding was provided for the Norwalk Tree festival, the replacement of trees in Schenck’s Island Park, and underwriting the symposium. Christine is an avid conservationist with strong interests in creating responsible stewardship.
Club Certificate of Achievement
BRANFORD GARDEN CLUB
Monarch Madness, a project was undertaken by creating Monarch and Pollinator Habitats in the Community, transform Members’ Gardens to Habitats and qualify for Registered Monarch Way stations. The club provided educational materials on pollinators to the public and made native plants available at the Spring plant sale.

Citation
GARDEN CLUB OF OLD GREENWICH
Members practice water conservation projects indoors and out; Many brochures and materials are made available to all to inform and educate, especially regarding Long Island Sound.

Citation
NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB
A small dedicated group continues programs on conservation, pollinators and environmental issues, and has participated in annual Earth Day activities. The club’s chair is also a member of the Town’s Conservation Commission.

Citation
ROWAYTON GARDENERS
A Power Point program on ‘Going Green’ by Priscilla Feral is available on the Club’s website www.rowaytongardeners.org. It covers the dangers of pesticides and why organic lawn care is taking root.
CONNECTICUT
FLOWER SHOW AWARDS
THE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF CONNECTICUT, INC.
Trish Manfredi, Judges Council Chair

THE NELL McGUINNESS AWARD
A traveling tray, established by the Guilford Garden Club in recognition of Nell McGuinness’ love of design, awarded for a design at the State Flower Show.

Larry Huzi
Garden Club of Orange
Section F “Mushrooms and Toadstools”
Class 16 “Briars and Brambles”
A Design staged on a 16” square top x 42” black pedestal with a 4” square connecting column
2017 CT Flower Show “Woodland Enchantment”

FGCCT CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT
The Garden Club of Newtown
A Standard Flower Show “A Party in the Garden”

FGCCT CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT
The Riverside Garden Club and The Garden Club of Old Greenwich
A Small-Standard Flower Show “The Great American Songbook: Songs by Irving Berlin”

FGCCT CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT
The Shippan Point Garden Club
A Small-Standard Flower Show “Splendor by the Sea”
FGCCT CITATION – DESIGN

The Garden Club of Newtown
A Standard Flower Show “A Party in the Garden”

Riverside GC and GC of Old Greenwich
A Small-Standard Flower Show “The Great American Songbook: Songs by Irving Berlin”

The Shippan Point Garden Club
A Small-Standard Flower Show “Splendor by the Sea”

FGCCT CITATION – HORTICULTURE

The Garden Club of Newtown
A Standard Flower Show “A Party in the Garden”

Riverside GC and GC of Old Greenwich
A Small-Standard Flower Show “The Great American Songbook: Songs by Irving Berlin”

The Shippan Point Garden Club
A Small-Standard Flower Show “Splendor by the Sea”

FGCCT CITATION – SCHEDULE

The Garden Club of Newtown
A Standard Flower Show “A Party in the Garden”

Riverside GC and GC of Old Greenwich
A Small-Standard Flower Show “The Great American Songbook: Songs by Irving Berlin”
The Shippan Point Garden Club
A Small-Standard Flower Show “Splendors by the Sea”

FGCCT CITATION – SPECIAL EXHIBITS
The Garden Club of Newtown
A Standard Flower Show “A Party in the Garden”

FGCCT CITATION – STAGING
Riverside GC and GC of Old Greenwich
A Small-Standard Flower Show “The Great American Songbook: Songs by Irving Berlin”

The Shippan Point Garden Club
A Small-Standard Flower Show “Splendors by the Sea”
GARDEN THERAPY
Peggy Lajoie, Chair

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Silver Tray - Small Club (29 and under)
NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB
The North Haven Garden Club has consistently completed their five passive garden therapy programs with only 29 members:
Branford Hospice - Make floral arrangements and Christmas trees for the terminally ill adults and children patients.
Ronald McDonald House near Yale - Decorate sun porches with mostly child-themed decorations and a Christmas tree.
Yale New Haven Hospital - Arrangements and Christmas tree.
Ardon House Senior Housing - Make and deliver arrangements to the shut-ins. 53 floral arrangements and 20 teddy bears, plus 4 floral designs for the dining and recreation area plus three at the nurses’ stations.
North Haven Senior Housing - Make and deliver over 30 Christmas arrangements to the clients.

Silver Tray - Medium Club (30 to 59)
NORWALK GARDEN CLUB
The Norwalk Garden Club meets twice a month with clients in the STAR Program (Sisters Together Achieving Recovery) in their new greenhouses and gardens.

Silver Tray - Large Club (60 to 99)
WALLINGFORD GARDEN CLUB
Members of the Wallingford Garden Club meet at Skyview Nursing home where they bring fresh arrangements weekly to the reception desk and add bulbs to the landscaping of the outside patio. They actively meet monthly with residents to create a variety of projects from lighthouses and wreaths to bird houses and banners to display on dining tables.
Silver Tray - Extra Large Club *(100 and over)*

BRANFORD GARDEN CLUB

Members of the Branford Garden Club meet weekly and monthly at the Community Dining Room, Branford, Artis Memory Care and Orchard House Senior Day Care along with new commitments.

Community Dining Room – actively working with Artis House residents to provide weekly vase arrangements of flowers to provide a cheery environment.

Orchard House – actively encourages seven senses at adult day care facility for day residents. Monarch butterfly habitats, painting and planting. Seasonal holiday greens arrangements.

Branford Hills Health Care – Spring and Fall basket.

New Project: Artis House - recently helped with raised beds.

*Certificate of Individual Achievement*

MARY PURA
DANBURY GARDEN CLUB

Mary makes her own detailed greeting cards for each participant and hands out during Garden therapy programs.

*Certificate of Individual Achievement*

SUSAN GREEN
REDDING GARDEN CLUB

Susan coordinates material and locations for Tussie Mussie workshops. She guides participants in making ‘tussie mussies’ and delivers them to area hospitals.

*Club Certificate of Achievement*

DANBURY GARDEN CLUB

The club meets monthly at the Convalescent Home, Assisted Living, including Middle School special needs children. They create personal flower arrangements and sing-alongs.
GARDENING CONSULTANTS COUNCIL
Rodney Hayes, Love-ly Garden Award Chair

LOVE-LY GARDEN AWARD

The 2017 Penny Jarvis Love-ly Garden Award is presented to SHAUNE MILLER, a member of the Evening Division of the BRANFORD GARDEN CLUB.

Shaune and her husband Jan installed a pond and waterfall in 2012 which is the focal point of their landscape and they haven’t stopped yet! She began by using many types of evergreens, of all shapes, sizes, colors and textures to build the ‘bones’ of the gardens. Her “overall objective was to create a backyard that would help downplay the challenging street noise (Route 1) while also creating a private, living sanctuary that would be inviting and relaxing.”

Shaune has an informal approach and buys what interests her and “what fits within the plants requirements”, sometimes having to ‘create’ a new bed!

Her overall intention was to “provide a living, totally organic environment that would provide privacy, be pleasing to our eyes and be a healthy place for our dogs, wildlife and, of course, us.”

A true gardener, she lives to be outside and nothing provides her more pleasure than planting and caring for their yard.

We felt Shaune’s efforts were truly magnificent and we are very pleased to present her with the 2017 Penny Jarvis Love-ly Garden Award!
HISTORIC, MEMORIAL, AND PUBLIC GARDENS

Carol Steiner, Chair

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Silver Tray – Small Club (up to 29 members)
NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB
The North Haven Garden Club has been planting and maintaining the Colonial Garden at the Cultural Arts Center. To preserve the history of the garden and keep its originality, it was renovated this year with the major addition of 2 millstones. Garden Club members do this with a smile.

Silver Tray – Medium Club (30 to 59)
SOUTHBURY GARDEN CLUB
The Southbury Garden Club completed the renovation and establishment of two gardens at the entrance of Bullet Hill School (circa 1762) in Southbury. The plants came from members gardens in addition to plants purchased by the Historical Buildings and Landmarks committee.

Silver Tray – Large Club (60 to 99)
GARDEN CLUB OF MADISON
The Garden Club of Madison enhanced the Wildflower Walk at the Deacon John Graves House. Identification photos and description of the wildflowers were printed on an attractive handout.

Silver Tray – Extra Large Club (100 and over)
BRANFORD GARDEN CLUB
The Branford Garden Club completed an upgrading and planting at the Yale Monument, or tablet as it is called, in front of The Academy on South Main St. The Academy was the
original schoolhouse in Branford in the late 1600's. This project was a combined effort and shared expense of the garden club members and the Town of Branford.

Certificate of Individual Achievement
WALTER BROCKETT
NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB
Walt Brockett attained two millstones that he retrieved from an old house on Ives Street in North Haven. This was quite a find and a wonderful addition to the Colonial Garden. One was turned into a reading/sitting area and the other set on its side with plantings.

Club Certificate of Achievement
KENSINGTON GARDEN CLUB
The Kensington Garden Club chose Veteran's Day to dedicate a "Veteran's Tree" and invited the involvement of the entire community in this project. Ornaments were decorated and hung honoring servicemen. A remembrance table and artifacts were also on display in the Library.

Club Certificate of Achievement
GARDEN CLUB OF MADISON
The Garden Club of Madison is being recognized for their maintenance and planting of the Madison Veterans Garden. In the spring a local brownie troop comes to learn about gardening and why the area is so special. Members receive many thanks for not forgetting our fallen veterans.

Club Certificate of Achievement
ROWAYTON GARDENERS
The Rowayton Gardeners maintained and restored four small dune gardens and a flowerbed around the flagpole at Bayley Beach.
HORTICULTURE AWARDS

Elizabeth Rinaldi, Chair

ELLEN CARDER MEMORIAL AWARD
This award was established in 1971 in memory of Mrs. Carder and her lifelong interest in horticulture. The award is an appropriate book for the recipient.

ROS BRADY
THE GARDEN CLUB OF OLD GREENWICH
Ros was extremely active in establishing the butterfly garden at Greenwich Point but was also instrumental in establishing it as a Monarch way station. She shares her garden expertise at the local farmers market and helps to restore habitats and remove invasives at Greenwich point.

MARY FRENG SHERLEY MEMORIAL AWARD
This memorial bowl was established in 1988 to be awarded for horticultural excellence.

ANN COLLINS
WILTON GARDEN CLUB
Ann has overseen the club’s greenhouse which organically propagated the plants the club uses for their plant sale. She was
instrumental in the establishment of the club’s Green Teens Program where she shares her horticultural expertise with the teens and encourages their enthusiasm for horticultural activities. She also spearheaded a milkweed seed starting project and plants the seedlings around town as part of a pollinator highway.

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**JOYCE P. HARRIS AWARD**

*A traveling pewter bowl established in 2002 for outstanding horticulture achievement in the recipient’s club and community.*

**LESLIE A. WHARTON**

**WATERTOWN GARDEN CLUB**

Leslie was instrumental in working with Town Management and Park and Recreation Departments in establishing the native flower *Phlox divaricata* as the town flower of Watertown. She purchased 100 plugs and led a crew in planting them at Veterans Memorial Park in Watertown this past April.

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**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN HORTICULTURE**

**WALLINGFORD GARDEN CLUB**

The Wallingford Garden Club has a vast interest in all things horticultural. They have planted and maintain several gardens including a monarch way station, a butterfly garden, a bird garden and several school and civic gardens. Members volunteer their service to the South West Conservation District. They provide exceptional monthly informative programs on a vast array of horticultural topics.
Certificate of Individual Achievement
MARYELLEN BESPUDA
GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE
Maryellen Bespuda has chaired the 21st Century School Program which helps school children start plants from seed in an effort to grow the gardeners of tomorrow.

Certificate of Individual Achievement
BARBARA GLISTA
HADDAM GARDEN CLUB
Barbara Glista reports on timely horticultural issues at each meeting as well as helps to maintain and expand several gardens in Haddam and Higganum.

Certificate of Individual Achievement
ANN MULLEN
FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB
Ann Mullen has supervised the maintenance of the five pocket gardens and triangle garden in town. She transports the plants and bulbs, organizes the work committees and designs the gardens.

Club Certificate of Achievement
BRISTOL GARDEN CLUB
The Bristol Garden Club plants annuals and perennials in planters and gardens throughout town. They offer guidance as well as plants for The Hoppers Preserve and Nature Trails.

Club Certificate of Achievement
THE GUILFORD GARDEN CLUB
The Guilford Garden Club continues to maintain and plant several historic and civic gardens and window boxes throughout town.
Club Certificate of Achievement
BETHANY GARDEN CLUB
The Bethany Garden Club continues with its planting of 200 daffodil bulbs as well as maintaining eight town gardens. They’ve also increased the number of beds in the community garden to forty-nine.

Club Certificate of Achievement
SASQUA GARDEN CLUB
The Sasqua Garden Club works with the Birdcraft Museum and Sanctuary to battle invasives and to plant six different habitat gardens which have been designed to provide food and habitat for the many birds that live there or migrate through.

Club Certificate of Achievement
WATERTOWN GARDEN CLUB
The Watertown Garden Club creates seasonal plantings in seven planters throughout Watertown and Oakville. They continue to develop and maintain a large perennial garden at the Oakville Post Office as well as a pollinator garden that was established using native plants at the Welcome to Watertown Sign. They also established *Phlox divericata* as the town flower and planted such in areas around Veterans Memorial Park.
PUBLIC RELATIONS and COMMUNICATIONS
January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

Barbara Bosco, 2016 Chair
Rebecca Paul, 2017 Chair

1. PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS – in CT

Small Club – 1st Daytime Gardeners
3rd Spring Glen Garden Club

Medium Club – 1st Cheshire Garden Club
1st North Haven Garden Club
1st Town & Country GC of Newtown

Large Club – 1st Wallingford Garden Club

Extra Large Club – 1st Wilton Garden Club

2. NEWSLETTERS – in CT

Medium Club – 1st North Haven Garden Club
1st Garden Club of Orange
1st Town & Country GC of Newtown

Large Club - 1st Danbury Garden Club
1st Farmington Garden Club
1st Garden Club of Old Greenwich

Extra Large Club – 1st Rowayton Gardeners
3. PUBLICATIONS - Certificates of Merit:

A. CLUB ANNUAL PHOTO BOOK

Extra Large Club – 1st Rowayton Gardeners

B. CLUB HISTORY BOOK

Medium Club - 1st Olde Ripton Garden Club

C. BROCHURES

Small Club - 1st The Spring Glen Garden Club  
“Advantages of Membership”

Medium Club – 1st Garden Club of Newtown  
“Planting a Pollinator Garden” and  
“Alternatives to Pesticides”

Extra Large Club – 1st Garden Club of New Haven  
“Homeowners Help for Managing Rain Water”

D. ELECTRONIC MEDIA – Blog

Small Club - 1st The Spring Glen Garden Club

E. ELECTRONIC MEDIA – Facebook Page

Small Club - 1st The Spring Glen Garden Club

Medium Club - 1st Milford Garden Club  
1st North Haven Garden Club

Large Club – 1st Wallingford Garden Club

F. ELECTRONIC MEDIA – Website

Medium Club - 1st Duck River GC of Old Lyme

Large Club - 1st Rowayton Gardeners
G. SPECIAL EVENT PHOTO COLLAGE

LYME GARDEN CLUB  “Midsummer Festival”

H. SPECIAL OVERVIEW OF FACEBOOK HISTORY

NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB “Compilation of 112 pages of Facebook posts, reach, and page views”

I. SPECIAL PROJECTS – Video/CD

DANBURY GARDEN CLUB
“Committees in action throughout the year”

J. Certificate of Individual Achievement

JOAN D. KELSEY
MANCHESTER GARDEN CLUB
Joan has been the Historian for the club for many years. This year, in celebration of the club’s 90th year, Joan compiled a folder containing a complete documentation of the club’s history and many of its accomplishments.
Jacqueline Degregorio attends University of Connecticut, at Storrs. She is a junior majoring in Natural Resources and Conservation.

Jacqueline is a graduate of North Haven High School, North Haven CT. During her four years at the high school she was actively involved in many extra-curricular activities, among them organizing events and fundraising for environmental efforts. During the summer she worked at Ballek’s Garden Center in East Haddam.

At Storrs, she is a volunteer at one of the greenhouses on campus. Her professor of Environmental Sciences noticed her deep interest and concern about the environment. He will be starting a research wetlands program in the near future and is hoping to include Jacqueline as one of his assistants.

After graduation Jacqueline hopes “to be able to work outdoors in a job that deals with the conservation of ground water, streams, wetlands and old growth forest protection”.

Some of her favorite hobbies include backpacking, gardening and pottery.
Cara Donovan is a joint master’s degree student at the School of Public Health and the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale. She grew up in Bristol, Rhode Island and graduated from Connecticut College in 2008 with a major in Environmental Studies and Hispanic Studies. Her primary interests are in improving human health and the environment through sustainable food systems. This past summer she worked for Urban Resources Initiative with community volunteer groups planting trees and perennials in parks, streetscapes and vacant lots. Her masters’ thesis research explores the barriers and facilitators to access and utilization of nutritious native and traditional crops in child and infant feeding in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Prior to starting her program, she worked at CitySeed in New Haven as an AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator, and later as Mobile Market Manager. She looks forward to working in the nonprofit or public sector on community-based health or environmental projects after graduation. In her spare time she enjoys practicing yoga, vegan cooking, and going for walks in the woods.
YEARBOOKS AWARDS
2016-2017
David Pritchard, Yearbook Contest Manager

YEARBOOK AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
Established in 2004 by Flo Flynn and Inge Venus, a traveling pewter bowl, for the highest scoring Yearbook

OLD SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB
Class IV (45-69 members)

Class I (under 20 members)
1st DAYTIME GARDENERS

Class II (20 - 29 members)
1st ARBOR GARDEN CLUB OF CLINTON
1st COUNTRY GARDENERS OF GLASTONBURY
1st NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB
1st SPRING GLEN GARDEN CLUB
H.M. MOUNTAIN VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

Class III (30 - 44 members)
1st BETHANY GARDEN CLUB

Class IV (45 - 69 members)
1st DUCK RIVER GARDEN CLUB OF OLD LYME
1st KENSINGTON GARDEN CLUB
1st LEETE’S ISLAND GARDEN CLUB
1st LYME GARDEN CLUB
1st MILFORD GARDEN CLUB
1st GARDEN CLUB OF NEWTOWN
1st OLD SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB
1st OLDE RIPTON GARDEN CLUB
1st GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE
1st RIVERSIDE GARDEN CLUB
1st TOWN & COUNTRY GC OF NEWTOWN

Class V (70 - 99 members)

1st DANBURY GARDEN CLUB
1st GUILFORD GARDEN CLUB
1st THE GARDEN CLUB OF MADISON
1st THE MANCHESTER GARDEN CLUB
1st ORCHARD VALLEY GARDEN CLUB OF SOUTHTON
1st SUFIELD GARDEN CLUB
1st WALLINGFORD GARDEN CLUB
1st WEST HARTFORD GARDEN CLUB

Class VI (100 members and over)

1st NORTH STONINGTON GARDEN CLUB
1st WILTON GARDEN CLUB

YOUTH AWARDS

Dottie Fox, Chair

YOUTH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Silver Tray – Small Club Membership up to 29

NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB
The North Haven Garden Club worked with students and their families in a school beautification program for all six of their schools in coordination with Earth Day. They replaced some large pots, weeded, hoed, mulched, pruned cherry and dogwood trees and planted a variety of flowers at the entrance to each school. In the fall the flowers were replaced with gorgeous evergreen boughs which were decorated with Christmas, Valentine’s Day and Easter embellishments. They also had an Earth Day program at the high school, focusing on frogs - including 'The Frightened Frog' book, posters, stickers, plastic jumping frogs, frog hand stamps,
coloring pages and a frog scavenger hunt on the "five stages of a frog's life cycle" for the children to find on the display.

Silver Tray - Medium Club Membership 30 to 59
OLD SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB
The Old Saybrook Garden Club meets with "The Sprouts", the first graders of the Goodwin Elementary School every other month - they planted bulbs in the fall, discussed classifications of trees and shrubs, made holiday evergreen, berries and pine cone project, made a bird feeder for the birds during the winter, did green project to teach them stewardship of our environment in the spring.

Silver Tray – Large Club Membership 60 to 99
GARDEN CLUB OF MADISON
The Garden Club of Madison worked with second and third graders at the elementary school from January to June on a weekly basis - created a makeshift greenhouse with grow lights and taught children about organic gardening and flowers and shrubs that attract pollinators. The children held a plant sale of herbs and tomatoes, and set up a "mini farmers market" in the teachers lounge to sell vegetables and flowers in the fall. They donated food to the Madison food pantry. They planted from seedlings, then harvested the seeds for next year’s crops. The fourth graders collected bottles and donated their recycled money to the plant program.

Club Certificate of Achievement
NORTH STONINGTON GARDEN CLUB
The Club presented a program on growing and planting for 230 students from K-3 grades, including "Let's Root for Root Vegetables." They also worked with middle school children on "Garden Pests and Pals: Things that Flutter, Slither, Fly and
Sprout.” Egg microgreen planters, native seed bombs, frogs/toad differences activities were done.

_Club Certificate of Achievement_
_DANBURY GARDEN CLUB_
The club works with third to fifth graders, plus twenty special needs children with the theme of "Connecting Kids with Nature" - great displays were placed in the hallways with $750 spent on projects. The St. James Juniors program included ikebana, study of bees, decorating clay pots and a visit to the New York Botanical Gardens with support and transportation provided by the garden club.

_LUCKNER YOUTH AWARD_
_Established in 1993, a traveling silver bowl may be awarded to a club for outstanding work with a youth group in a school setting or with other youth groups._

_Silver Bowl – Small Club Membership up to 29_
_SPRING GLEN GARDEN CLUB_
The Spring Glen Garden Club held an Earth Day program at the Hamden Middle School. They packaged and distributed sunflower, milkweed seeds to the children with instructions on planting, as well as pussy willow cuttings. Their display included a poster on oak trees, membership magnets, benefits of belonging to the Spring Glen Garden Club, to the Federation, to the National Garden Club, and to The Agricultural Experiment Station.
BRISTOL GARDEN CLUB
The club completed four different projects: a literacy project entitled "Jack and the Beanstalk" for children 3-5 years of age on germinating and transplanting bean seedlings. Another group made tie dye leaves out of coffee filters and made a huge beanstalk at the library that included 120 preschoolers. Another project worked with Bristol boys and girls clubs (7-18 years of age) from June to October, preparing, planting and maintaining vegetable and flower gardens at the Cambridge Park Housing Development. Their produce was entered into the Wigville Grange Fair where they won many trophies.

WALLINGFORD GARDEN CLUB
This club created a display at the Wallingford Public Library on frogs and their natural habitat, including a reading of "The Frightened Frog" (copies were also given to eight schools), and a power point presentation by Mary Mushinsky (biology teacher and environmentalist). The children went home with informational packets, activity sheet and two craft projects. This display was kept in the library through May. They also set up a display in the children's library on Bees and Butterflies during National Pollinator Week. They held a Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear Contest during the fall, winning first place awards in CT. and regional awards. Mary Shea also created a fairy garden for the Wallingford Library.

LONG HILL GARDEN CLUB
This group presented 15 weeks of classes on nature and gardening to the Trumbull Early Childhood Educations Center (72- three-year olds). They also assisted 16 Vo-Ag students to clean and mulch gardens at a low income senior housing facility. They are also doing a quarterly theme and monthly display with
related activity sheets at the "Nature Nook" at the local library plus donating books to the library and school libraries.

Certificate of Individual Achievement
SALLY BROCKETT
DAYTIME GARDENERS OF NORTH HAVEN
Sally worked with her husband with a local Girl Scout Troop on the education about the mason bees. She not only did the program but included a list of observations for the girls to keep them involved with their bee houses.

Certificate of Individual Achievement
JULIE ELTING
GARDEN CLUB OF MADISON
Julie worked with 11 junior scouts as part of her garden therapy program to create a holiday arrangement with the seniors at the Watrous Senior Center. The girls made their own berry, pinecone and greens arrangement in small containers and then worked with the seniors to help them create their own personal ones, plus sang holiday songs to the group.

Club Certificate of Achievement
DAYTIME GARDENERS OF NORTH HAVEN
This club worked with a Girl Scout Troop to educate them about mason bees. Four objectives were met: identification of a mason bee from other bees physically and behaviorally, their life cycle, nesting material including a completed assembly of a bee house kit to take home and maintain.

Club Certificate of Achievement
ROXBURY-BRIDgewater GARDEN CLUB
This club worked with K-5 graders in individual classrooms about the different types of cucurbitaceae (squash family), a song to the tune of "La Cuchuracha" on remembering the names. The children also viewed botanical watercolors, then
painted their own, which were framed and displayed in the town libraries.

*Club Certificate of Achievement*

**WILTON GARDEN CLUB**

This club is working for their second year at “Green teens Gardening at Trackside”- after school program for Grades 5-8 - all food is donated to the food pantry. Had five speakers on different aspects of gardening for the children. They also expanded their raised beds to eight with the help of Boy Scout Troop 20, including a drip irrigation line and new compost bins. They produced over 200 lbs of fresh vegetables and herbs for the Wilton Food Pantry as well as jars of dried herbs (new project this year). They also deliver jars of flesh flowers and herbs to the elderly at the Senior Center.

**WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST**

*Connecticut Winners*

**GRADE 1 – First Place**
LEAH MOSHER
Wallingford Garden Club

**GRADE 2 – First Place**
EMILY JUNAEDI
Cheshire Garden Club

**GRADE 3 – First Place**
ISABELLA GALUSHKO
Wallingford Garden Club

**GRADE 4 – First Place**
KATHERINE LOMBARDO
Wallingford Garden Club
SPECIAL CERTIFICATES
These certificates are given for unusual projects which do not fit under any other category.

WESTPORT GARDEN CLUB
A special publicity award is extended to the Westport Garden Club members for documenting their various committee activities and events during the year by way of press releases and photo collages – all beautifully bound in a hard cover book and a video/CD.

AMY BUSH
MYSTIC GARDEN CLUB
Amy Bush is recognized for her continued outstanding leadership as Civic Chair for the Mystic Garden Club and has helped to bring her club to exemplary excellence. Under her direction a myriad of commendable projects now support the local community with member commitment.

TRISH MANFREDI
COUNTRY GARDENERS OF GLASTONBURY
Trish Manfredi is recognized for her boundless energy and commitment in providing the program portion for several past Awards Meetings at Aqua Turf, including the Judges Council Flower Show “The Colors of Connecticut” and the very popular Tablescapes involving the participation of ten member garden clubs.
CATHY RITCH
LONG HILL GARDEN CLUB

Over two years ago, Cathy developed the concept for conducting floral design workshops known as “Beyond Beginning.” Immediately popular, these programs have rapidly expanded from an engagement standpoint year over year. Students participating in the workshops have gained confidence that has evolved into feeling more ready to exhibit their work in the CT Flower and Garden Show. The “Beyond Beginning” program was recognized at the 2017 National Garden Clubs Convention and is the recipient of a significant award for the Connecticut Federation.

IN MEMORIAM FOR LACY RATHBUN ELLIOT
ARBOR GARDEN CLUB OF CLINTON
This certificate is presented to the family of the late Lacy Rathbun Elliot for her many contributions to the Arbor Garden Club of Clinton.

GOOD DEED CITATION
This award established in 1980 as a thoughtful gesture of goodwill that recognizes an unusual worthwhile project that otherwise does not fit into the award categories.

BETHANY GARDEN CLUB
Bethany Garden Club is recognized for its participation in the annual Clark Memorial Library Tea Party by donating all of the centerpieces.
Club Certificate of Appreciation
ELLEN McFARLAND
LEETE’S ISLAND GARDEN CLUB
We would like to recognize a special member of our Leete’s Island Garden Club.
Since joining our Club in 1999, Ellen McFarland has served on the club’s Executive Committee in the positions of President (2006-2008), Vice President, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. In addition, she has served as Chairperson of the Hospitality Committee, the club’s representative on the Town of Guilford Tree Advisory Committee and as our representative to The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.
Ellen is currently both our Hospitality Committee Chair (again) and also our Assistant Treasurer (again). This listing doesn’t begin to cover Ellen’s participation over the years on various club committees and in flowers shows and design competitions.
At the state level, Ellen served as Meetings Chair (for meetings held at Aqua Turf) from 2009-2012 and served as the CT Flower Show Hostess Chair from 2012-2014.
Ellen has advised and mentored a countless number of club members in almost every aspect of club work throughout the years. Her continuing involvement, commitment and dedication to the club serve as an inspiration to us.
Honoring Ellen with the Club Certificate of Appreciation is just one small way the club can say thank you to her for what she has done for us.

Congratulations to the many deserving award recipients this year. Thank you to all of the clubs that provided reports of their many accomplishments. Remember that it is important to describe your projects on the annual report forms that we provide to you in January so that we may consider them for awards next year.
We extend our appreciation to Barker Specialty Company for engraving our existing traveling silver awards at no cost to The Federation.

ANNIVERSARIES
These numbers reflect membership in NGC & FGCCT

Eighty – Five Years
Wallingford Garden Club

Eighty Years
Green Fingers Garden Club
Litchfield Garden Club

Seventy-Five Years
Manchester Garden Club

Seventy Years
East Haddam Garden Club
Women’s Club of Greenwich Gardeners

Sixty-Five Years
Essex Garden Club
Old Saybrook Garden Club

Sixty Years
Gardeners of Simsbury

Fifty-Five Years
Redding Garden Club
Rowayton Gardeners