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AWARDS
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NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS AWARDS

(Received at the NGC Convention, May 2018)



NGC HAZEL KNAPP SCHOLARSHIP
JACQUELINE DEGREGORIO
\$4,000.00 Award

AWARD #57 – STANDARD FLOWER SHOW
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT and Purple Rosette
WILTON GARDEN CLUB
“Art in Bloom”

AWARD CB-2 (B) i
COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION
CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION
WESTBROOK GARDEN CLUB
First Place – Small Club

AWARD EC-7 (A)iii
ORGANIC GARDENING PRACTICES
CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION
MYSTIC GARDEN CLUB
First Place – Large Club

**AWARD HP-2(A)iii
DECORATION OF A HISTORIC BUILDING
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
OVERAL WINNER
Plus \$100.00 Check
SUFFIELD GARDEN CLUB**

**AWARD MP-3(A)iii
SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE
CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION
THE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF CT, INC.
First Place – Large State Club**

**AWARD PUB-2-5(A)ii
MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE
TOMMY DONNAN CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
THE TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB OF NEWTOWN
Medium Club**

**AWARD PUB-2-7(A)i
COOKBOOK
TOMMY DONNAN CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
THE POMPERAUG VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
“The Garden of Eating”
Small Club**

**CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION
YEARBOOKS**

CONNECTICUT JUDGES COUNCIL

First Place

DAYTIME GARDENERS OF NORTH HAVEN

First Place, Class I (under 20 members)

SOUTHBURY GARDEN CLUB

First Place, Class III (30-44 members)

GUILFORD GARDEN CLUB

First Place, Class V (70-99 members)

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

For participating in the NGC Awards Program 2017

AWARD CS-5 COMMUNITY SERVICE

CAROLE FROMER

COUNTRY GARDENERS OF GLASTONBURY

AWARD HP-1Aii HISTORIC BLDG/GARDEN

SOUTHBURY GARDEN CLUB

AWARD MP-3Ai MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTION

WEBSITE

THE TOWN&COUNTRY G.C. of NEWTOWN

AWARD MP-3Aii MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTION

WEBSITE

FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB

**AWARD MP-3Aiv MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTION
WEBSITE
WILTON GARDEN CLUB**

**AWARD MP-3Bi MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTION
FACEBOOK
THE NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB**

**AWARD MP-3Biii MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTION
FACEBOOK
SUFFIELD GARDEN CLUB**

**AWARD PUB-1-2 Aiii NEWSLETTER
DANBURY GARDEN CLUB**

**AWARD PUB 1-2 Aii NEWSLETTER
THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEWTOWN**

**AWARD PUB 1-2 Ai NEWSLETTER
WESTBROOK GARDEN CLUB**

**AWARD PUB 1-3 Ciii NEWSLETTER
THE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF CT, INC.**

**AWARD YR-1Aiii YOUTH HORT. EDUCATION
DANBURY GARDEN CLUB**

**AWARD YR-2Ai YOUTH ENV. EDUCATION
THE NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB**

**AWARD YR-2Aiv YOUTH ENV. EDUCATION
WILTON GARDEN CLUB**

NEW ENGLAND GARDEN CLUBS AWARDS

For 2016-2017

Presented at Annual NEGC Meeting October 31, 2017



**Award #13 - VIRGINIA F. THURSTON
LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARD and \$100.00
Mystic Garden Club**

**Award #16 - NANCY H. ATWELL AWARD FOR
OUTSTANDING PUBLICITY
The North Haven Garden Club**

**Award #17A – JEANNE-MARIE PARKES AWARD
Trish Manfredi
Educational Exhibit: *“Invite a Colorful Frog to Your
Garden”***

**Award #17B – JEANNE-MARIE PARKES AWARD
The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.
President’s Theme Exhibit: *“Growing Together: Tiny
Acorns to Mighty Oaks”***

Award #27 – MARIA J. NAHOM TABLE DESIGN

AWARD and \$75.00

**Marilyn Burkhart
Long Hill Garden Club**

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**

NEW ENGLAND GARDEN CLUBS AWARDS

*For 2017-2018
Presented at Second Annual NEGC Meeting
October 16, 2018*



**Award #5 – THE CORNELIA WILLIAMSON
WATSON AWARD for Historic Preservation
The Westport Garden Club**

**Award #15A – THE VIRGINIA KENNY/
MAUREEN COLTON AWARD for best
Horticulture Division in a Standard Flower Show
“Art in Bloom”
Wilton Garden Club**

**Award #18 - THE VIRGINIA GRANDPRÉ
WILDLIFE GARDENING AWARD
The Shippan Point Garden Club**

**Award #24 – EXCELLENCE IN TEAMWORK
AWARD
Colchester Garden Club**

**Award #20 – THE DEANNE J. MOZZOCHI
CREATIVE DESIGN AWARD and \$50.00
MaryEllen Unger
Bethany Garden Club
Design Class 13,
CT Flower Show “Breath of Spring”**

**Award #21B – THE MAUREEN COLTON AWARD
for best Class of Designs in State Flower Show
Cathy Ritch
Long Hill Garden Club
Design Class 16,
CT Flower Show “Breath of Spring”**

**Award #27 – THE MARIA J. NAHOM TABLE
DESIGN AWARD
Virginia Donovan
Cheshire Garden Club and Suburban Garden
Club of Cheshire
Design Class 5
CT Flower Show “Breath of Spring”**



**THE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS
OF CONNECTICUT AWARDS**

(For work done between June 1, 2017 and May 31, 2018)

**THE BRONZE MEDAL
Jeffrey Maron**

The 2018 Bronze Medal, the Federation's highest award, is presented to Jeffrey Maron to recognize his lifetime achievements in the fields of landscape design, innovative garden designs for public parks and his successful management and development of public parks.

Jeff received his BS from UMass in Environmental Design, School of Landscape Architecture in 1978 and an MBA from the University of Connecticut in 1984.

Jeff Maron has been the Director and Manager of Wickham Park in Manchester, CT since 1977. His work entails: designing and maintaining park gardens, new project development, fundraising, developing and fostering volunteer support through garden clubs and the CT Master Gardener program, as well as building and grounds development. His success in making Wickham a key Connecticut park has been widely recognized.

During his tenure, Jeff has expanded the park from 197 to 281 acres through donations and purchase. He enhanced the Aviary

adding raptors and migratory birds rescued from the wild; built the Nature Center (an educational facility with interactive nature exhibits for the public along with programs for children); designed and added the Japanese Lotus Garden; rebuilt the Cabin after a devastating fire, adding a gazebo, amphitheater and tent used for weddings and events to provide income to the park; designed and added a Wetlands Garden using native wetland plants in cooperation with the State DEEP; designed and added the English Garden with three rooms (The Maze, the Knot Garden and the Great Lawn); developed a Rhododendron garden with over 130 species of rhododendrons and azaleas; designed the Scottish Garden with its archways, statuary and plantings of mythological significance to Scottish culture; designed an innovative Sensory Garden for the handicapped (with six “rooms” featuring plants appealing to the six senses); ran the Wickham Cross Country Races in the park for High School, Junior High and college students; ran a Santa’s Workshop for young children that has continued for 32 years; designed the Irish Garden with a second function room for receptions to help fund park expenses.

Jeff Maron has been a member of the New England Parks Association since 1978 and on its board since 1981; a member of the Connecticut Parks Association since 1978 and chairman of the Tolland Parks and Recreation Advisory board as a volunteer since 1988 and its chairman since 1991.

He received the following honors for his professional and volunteer work: State of Connecticut Legislative Official Citation March 2, 1992; induction into the Manchester Sports Hall of Fame for sponsoring student athletics in the park in 2001; Robert Sharkey Professional Award from the New England Parks Association for the creation of the Sensory Garden 2010; and the John Howard Lifetime Achievement Award from the New England Parks Association 2014.

CONNECTICUT TRIBUTE AWARDS

Polly Brooks, Chair

Civic Development
CHERYL CAPPIALI
MILFORD GARDEN CLUB

Cheryl's nomination for this Tribute Award is a Classic.

A friend, a fellow member of her garden club nominated her. It was not the most organized nomination, but it was the most passionate. When I talked with Cheryl, a member of the Milford Garden Club only since 2012, she was taking a break from what's listed below, watching monarch caterpillars hatch.

She has completed Flower Show School, is a Student Judge, and, by the time this is presented, may be an Accredited Judge. She has taken an Environmental School course, and has but one course to complete for Gardening School. Martha Shea and Cheryl oversee Gardening School for our Federation.

Cheryl served as her club's Website Chair and Horticulture Chair.

Before she became a Master Gardener, Cheryl maintained the Parson's Rain Garden, which goes two-thirds around the government building in Milford, maintained a sustainable Native Plant Garden at the Milford Public Library, weeded Bodie's Place, a handicapped access playground at Eisenhower Park, and kept an eye on Wilcox Park, a bird sanctuary/native shade plant/pollinator garden behind the library.

If Cheryl isn't maintaining a garden, she's probably planting one, as she did with a Girl Scout Troop.

Since she became a Master Gardener, she supervises three interns at some of these properties, and appreciates the assistance. She serves on the Board of the Southwest Conservation District of Connecticut.

She was nominated for this Tribute Award by her proud friend, the late Katherine Patrick.

Conservation
ALICE DAHMS
SUFFIELD GARDEN CLUB

Alice Dahms has been an active member of the Suffield Garden Club (SGC) for 37 years, since 1981.

In 1983, the establishment of a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day became Alice's project to design and oversee. Education was an important part of her vision. Partnering with a bank, she prepared fliers sent to all schoolchildren and homeowners. The High School scheduled an informational study. For Suffield's Flower Show, Alice borrowed a doll's house and indicated which rooms were most likely to contain hazardous materials, and ran a DEP video.

For Suffield's 1st HHW Collection Day, the Suffield Garden Club supplied lunches, checked identification, directed traffic and answered questions. Alice skillfully organized the various committees needed.

After thirty-five years, the Collection Day has become a "well-oiled machine," according to a member of the Public Works Commission. Alice continues to inspire through her leadership and example.

The crews who worked at Hazardous Waste days used to sign up

for the sites at which they wanted to work. Word has it there were fights as to who could come to Suffield to enjoy the lunches Alice's SGC members prepared. Alice has overseen Suffield's Hazardous Waste Collection Day for thirty-five years.

“Endurance is a marker of success. Thank you, Alice Dahms.”
(quote from her letter of nomination).

Design

LANA HO

THE GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE

Lana Ho has been a member of The Garden Club of Orange for 35 years (1983). She is a former President (2001-2003) of the club, and an FGCT Life Member. A photo of one of Lana's prize-winning designs appeared in the 2012 Vision of Beauty Calendar (March).

Her nomination states “As a mentor and as the embodiment of creativity, Lana has generously shared throughout the years in her club by teaching members classic floral design techniques, and ever-changing contemporary methods. Lana is extremely talented and excels in everything she does. She has won many blue ribbons at our Standard Flower Shows and at those of nearby garden clubs. She enjoys sharing her knowledge with anyone who is willing to learn, to expand their personal style of floral design, stretch their knowledge, and be open to the exciting new designs and techniques that are now available to us. She inspires members to leave their comfort zones and be proud that they did. She frequently conducts workshops for area garden clubs.”

How, you ask? For ten years, from 2003-2013, Lana wrote the Monthly Design Exhibits schedule for each meeting and served as a mentor to whosoever needed assistance. Lana has written roughly ninety Bench Exhibit Schedules.

Garden Therapy

**MARTHA SOLIDAY and JUDI ARMSTRONG
GOSHEN GARDEN CLUB**

Every month, members of the Goshen Garden Club collect vegetable cans, theirs and those from the soup kitchen. The cans are cleaned, deburred, and covered in wallpaper or heavy decorative paper.

When possible, they use flowers from their gardens or the roadside. In winter, they purchase flowers from local grocery stores.

Three to five club members visit each of 5 local rehab/convalescent homes monthly. There was a time they visited 7.

They're allotted recreational space at the homes. Residents are wheeled in or walk in and are seated at tables. A member gives them a can with water added already and at least one green (this reminds residents this is not water to drink). Then club members distribute additional plant materials for residents to arrange as they wish. Club members work with at least 150 people each month.

Martha Soliday has watched over this Horticultural Therapy program since earlier times when, with fewer elderly participants, they planted narcissus bulbs or made nosegays, in addition to providing floral materials.

Judi Armstrong, a newer member of the club, has embraced this program, and stepped in whenever another couldn't participate.

Between them, they embody the spirit of a longstanding club project.

Horticulture
SALLY PFEIFER
REDDING GARDEN CLUB

Sally joined the Redding Garden Club in 2007. She has presented horticultural topics at every club meeting for the past ten years. You can find articles she's provided at her club's website as well.

Sally became a Master Gardener, then an Advanced Master Gardener, who, with a fellow club member (also a Master Gardener), designed and planted a Memorial Pollinator Garden at Barlow High School. The garden is certified by the National Wildlife Federation as a schoolyard wildlife habitat.

Landscape Design
LESLIE MARTINO
THE GARDEN CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE

No, this is not Leslie's first Tribute Award. In 2008, she received the Civic Tribute for the design of a period perennial garden at the Thomas Darling House in Woodbridge.

Perhaps because Leslie found it daunting to drive to and from Cambridge, Massachusetts, to earn graduate level Certificates in Landscape Design and History from Harvard University's Landscape Institute, she has shared her knowledge and expertise with our members and the public.

For Landscape Design School, Leslie spoke on "Preservation of Historic Sites and Structures," "Community Participation," which covered the steps concerned citizens and groups can take to initiate civic projects, and the "History and Development of

Community Gardens.” Leslie served as Chair of Landscape Design School through 2013.

For the 2018 Second Annual Meeting of New England Garden Clubs, Inc., Leslie presented a captivating program on “Community Gardening and the CSA Concept.”

She presents programs about Frederick Law Olmsted, Beatrix Farrand’s garden designs in Connecticut, and Donald Grant Mitchell’s contributions to park systems in New Haven.

Leslie’s not just words. In addition to the Thomas Darling Garden, Leslie designed the 9/11 Memorial Site in front of the Firehouse for the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department. This thoughtful design has as its focal point a piece of steel beam from the World Trade Center. A full description is available on her club’s website. It IS a thoughtful design.

She is a former President of The Garden Club of Woodbridge, a former board member and Vice President of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., a Master Judge and, clearly, a remarkable landscape designer and landscape historian.

Photography
CATHERINE ONEGLIA
LITCHFIELD GARDEN CLUB

Since joining the Litchfield Garden Club in 1997, Cathy has been active in all aspects of the club. She’s chaired the Conservation, Garden History and Design, Scholarship and Photography Committees.

Currently, as Photography Chair, Cathy’s enthusiasm for photography is delightfully infectious.

She encourages all members, no matter their level of experience,

to participate. She has held numerous photography workshops and brought in expert speakers.

In her own right, she is a talented and accomplished photographer. Most recently, she was awarded Best in Show at Green Fingers Garden Club's Flower Show, "The Color of Light."

She received the Litchfield Garden Club's Photography Award this past July.

Youth
TORY WOODRUFF
ROWAYTON GARDENERS
and
ERIN COMBS
ROWAYTON GARDENERS

Tony and Erin chair the Youth Program which offers Rowayton Public School Kindergarten students free educational classes using The Potting Shed Puppet Theatre, which the club funds through its fundraising efforts. For a fee, local private Pre-K nursery schools may attend also.

Teachers select garden-related subjects relevant to the curriculum.

Some shows are "Composting 101," "Exploring the Four Seasons and Five Senses in the Garden," and "Kidding Around About Sustainability."

The programs, which run from April to November each year, foster a love of gardening, and encourage interaction with the natural world at an early age.

As a village in Norwalk, the Rowayton school has a diverse

socio-economic demographic. Exposing these children to healthy lifestyle topics enables a hands-on introduction to the environment and good nutrition.

All Around Excellence

JOSIE SCHMIDT

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB OF
NEWTOWN**

As Josie's nomination is fully three pages long, and cannot be duplicated here, it is appropriate to relay that Josie utterly deserves this Tribute Award.

While she's been a member only since 2008, "her hand is the first raised, her voice the first heard, and her enthusiasm and energy impossible to ignore. The minutes for the last ten years are replete with 'presented by Josie,' 'organized by Josie,' 'directed by Josie,' and 'committee headed by Josie.'

"However, it is not the decade of service that prompted the nomination, it is her broad skills, consistent volunteerism and her involvement in the community, as well as in the club, that sets her apart. She's a great gardener, conservationist and civic volunteer. As Co-President, she developed some of the most exciting programs the club had ever seen, to help celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

"In a club full of talent, Josie is still unique. Her many past achievements, her persistent on-going efforts, and her ideas and passion for the betterment of the club- and town- make her the ideal recipient for the Tribute Award for All Around Excellence".

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

**THE AWARD OF HONOR – Small Club (1 to 29)
COUNTRY GARDENERS OF GLASTONBURY**

**THE AWARD OF HONOR – Medium Club (30 to 59)
THE NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB**

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

**THE AWARD OF HONOR – Extra Large Club (100 and over)
BRANFORD 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. It is the highest award presented to an individual garden club member.

**NANCY MATTHIES
THE GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE**

Nancy Matthies has been a member of The Garden Club of Orange since 1956, an active participant for 62 years serving in every imaginable capacity!

She has been a valued Board member beginning as chair of Junior Gardeners 1963-65, and moving on to Ways and Means chair, Vice President and then President in 1969-70. She has chaired many committees, most notably Flower Shows, Monthly Exhibits (bench shows), Civic and Conservation (4 terms), Membership, Hospitality and Awards (14 terms). In all, Nancy

has served 56 years willingly, cheerfully and with the greatest of kindness guiding her club to achieve all the standards set by the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

She is an FGCCT Life Member serving as a Flower Show Judge, (now Emerita). Nancy has presented many “Mass Design” workshops for club members through the years and for many years has been a member of the Hospital Services (Garden Therapy) Committee meeting monthly at a local Healthcare Facility to provide floral/nature related hands-on enrichment programs with the residents.

Nancy consistently contributes to major Club fund-raising events. These include: the annual May Market, sharing plant divisions from her lovely gardens and her delicious baked goods; the Club Booth at the Orange Country Fair in September where educational exhibits are displayed, colorful mums are sold and where she judges horticulture at the Fair’s Flower Tent; and she assists with the decorations of homes for the semi-annual Holiday House Tour.

Nancy has worked tirelessly on Civic projects. She has planted and weeded the Town Green each year. During the 1997 celebration of the town’s 175th Anniversary, Nancy oversaw the redesigning of the historic herb garden at the Stone-Otis House –a project that received an FGCCT Historic Gardens Award.

Nancy embodies all the attributes of the consummate Garden Club member which the Lillian Rathbun Award recognizes - a hardworking member involved in all aspects of our kinds of public service, who is encouraging, generous, inspirational, energetic, positive and loving.

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. This award is considered the highest award presented to a garden club.

THE NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB

Residents and visitors alike are greeted by an abundance of flowering trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals during the growing season in front of and surrounding numerous town buildings and park areas in North Haven.

Thanks to an industrious group of members from the North Haven Garden Club who have designed, planted and maintain these areas with diligent care and much enthusiasm, the Town of North Haven is considered one of Connecticut's true Beauty Spots.

The garden club is also involved in many more community projects all year long benefitting the young as well as elderly citizens culminating each year at the time of the Fairy Festival in May and the holiday season in December.

We present the Lucille Schavoir Award, the highest club award, to the North Haven Garden Club for their 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.

BLACK ROCK GARDEN CLUB

The Black Rock Garden Club planted a garden on Gilman Street overlooking Ash Creek in the St. Mary's-By-the-Sea section of Black Rock in Bridgeport in 2009 and called it "The Berm". It is an area about 100 feet by 10 feet, featuring native non-invasive plants and pollinators suitable for a tidal wetland boundary. The plantings are attractive to wildlife, including bees, migrating birds and butterflies.

This year, many new plantings were added by The Black Rock Garden Club in addition to having a Blue Star Memorial plaque placed on a huge rock outcropping prominently positioned toward the front of the garden. After the dedication ceremony on June 16, 2018, the club has renamed the garden the "Blue Star 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.

MORRIS COVE GARDEN CLUB

The Morris Cove Garden Club has outdone itself in adding beautiful gardens to its area. At Seawall Park it established a tulip garden; gardens were also created at numerous roundabouts; a new butterfly garden was created at Light House Point Park; a Street Recognition Program highlighted the efforts of 80 merchants who beautified stores on 15 streets; and the club supported fundraising in the annual Polar Plunge.

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.

KENSINGTON GARDEN CLUB

The Kensington Garden Club is recognized for its active participation in numerous civic projects including entries in the Fine Arts & Flowers floral design program held at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum in Hartford; its entries in the annual Berlin Scarecrow Contest sponsored each year by the Town Parks & Recreation Department; its participation in the Memorial Day Parade and Celebration by marching and also helping design a float showing in posters and figures all the club programs available to the public; and designing and installing a memorial garden at Sage Park in Berlin as a memorial to deceased member Jeanne R. Spilka.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Silver Tray – Small Club membership up to 29

BROOKFIELD GARDEN CLUB

Brookfield Garden Club is recognized for its work on the Historical Museum Garden including the walkways, the rejuvenation and redesign of the historical gardens and the naturalizing of many bulbs to blend the garden into its surrounding hillside.

Silver Tray – Medium Club membership 30-59

THE TOWN&COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB OF NEWTOWN

The Town & Country Garden Club of Newtown is recognized for its many civic projects including: the Kids' Club Pumpkin Race which it sponsors cooperatively with Lion's Club; the tea pot floral arrangements made for the annual tea and tour of the Historic Society which provides funds supporting the programs of the Town Youth and Family Services department.

Silver Tray – Large Club membership 60 to 99

THE STAMFORD GARDEN CLUB

The Stamford Garden Club supports several civic projects. It maintains the Goodbody Garden in Ft Stamford Park, provides a Holiday Hortitherapy program for Stamford seniors and “The Lettuce Challenge” for Stamford students. “The Lettuce Challenge”, now in its eighth year, provided the materials for nearly 1900 children to learn to grow lettuce and enhance their understanding of where food comes from.

Silver Tray – Extra Large Club membership 100 and over

ESSEX GARDEN CLUB

The Essex Garden Club is recognized for its civic work maintaining parks and traffic islands, and especially for its fundraising and planting of trees. The club raised \$10,600 for trees to be planted in town and \$600 for other civic gardens. In addition, it supported the project of an Eagle Scout, who designed and developed a garden at Wheeler Park to honor the military.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

PAULA INGLESE

BRANFORD GARDEN CLUB

Paula Inglese, of the Branford Garden Club, is recognized for the excellent work she did in staging the Breath of Spring Flower Show this year.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

**ANN HACKER
BRANFORD GARDEN CLUB**

Ann Hacker, of the Branford Garden Club, is recognized for her work designing and creating photographic cards for club fundraising and also for her leadership in work on civic plantings.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

**MARYELLEN BESPUDA
GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE**

MaryEllen Bespuda, of the Garden Club of Orange, is recognized for her leadership in designing and planting the herb gardens at the 1830's historic Stone Otis House with permanent markers funded by the local Lions Club.

Furthermore, she has spearheaded all horticultural projects for her club including a youth program and the club's December flower show. She plans, organizes, purchases, plans, consults and coordinates – a true club leader.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

**Marion Glowka & Lenore DiPalma
The Stamford Garden Club**

Marion Glowka and Lenore DiPalma, members of The Stamford Garden Club (SGC), are recognized for creating the innovative program, "The Lettuce Challenge". Now in its eighth year, Marion and Lenore continue to be active in The Stamford Garden Club's Civic Project for Stamford school children. SGC provides all the materials the participating students need to learn to grow lettuce from plugs and enhance their understanding of where food comes from.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

**Suzanne Knutson
Wilton Garden Club**

As Civic Co-Chair, Suzanne Knutson helps oversee the plethora of civic projects that her club takes part in each year. Her club members wanted her dedication to be recognized and celebrated this year.

Club Certificate of Achievement

North Stonington Garden Club

North Stonington Garden Club is recognized for the many civic projects and gardens it has participated in this year.

Club Certificate of Achievement

SPRING GLEN GARDEN CLUB

Spring Glen Garden Club hosted a special Tea in the Rotunda of the Miller Library in Hamden to bring in members of the public and advertise all the things that the club contributes to the Town. Light snacks and small gifts were designed and distributed along with a brochure about the club. As a result, new members were found and the club was asked to start a new youth project jointly with the local Community Gardens organization: teaching children how to plant and maintain a garden next to the library building. This is a great example of how outreach can help develop new community connections.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS
AND CONSERVATION**

Nancy Lenoce, Chair

PAULINE B. TYLER AWARD

Established 1990, this traveling silver bowl recognizes excellence in promoting conservation or legislation.

GERRI GIORDANO

THE NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB

Gerri is very much involved in all facets of Environmental, Conservation and Legislation issues. She keeps in close touch with her state representatives and follows all the legislative bills that pertain to the Environment and Conservation. She attends town meetings that have to do with Open Space, Land Use, Artificial Turf, Haz-Waste, etc. She keeps Garden Club members well informed as well as the FGCCT Board members. She is a tireless worker at all Garden Club projects such as Earth Day Celebration and a fantastic Fundraiser making 100 Bird Seed Wreaths with the help of a few people. Where there is work to be done and projects to accomplish, you will find Gerri Giordano.

CONNECTICUT ARBOREAL AWARD

The original Arboreal Award, a traveling silver tray, was established in 1984.

ARBOREAL AWARD – Small Club (Up to 29)

THE NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB

The North Haven Garden Club planted a 10 ft. Northern Oak Tree at Max Sinoway Baseball field in North Haven for Arbor Day. This location will provide shade for spectators at the field as well as for a shady picnic spot for many to enjoy.

ARBOREAL AWARD – Medium Club (30 to 59)

THE WATERTOWN GARDEN CLUB

The Watertown Garden Club and the Watertown Land Trust co-hosted an event for a presentation and discussion on Young Forests. Connecticut needs more, and members were shown how shelter, food, water and space are provided for the New England Cottontail and numerous species of birds, reptiles, mammals and amphibians. A Young Forest will be developed and documented by Shelley Hedberg.

Club Certificate of Achievement

POMPERAUG VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

The Club worked with the Town to plant two new native Hawthorns on the Green to replace diseased sugar maples that had to be taken down.

Citation

HADDAM GARDEN CLUB

The Club planted a white swamp oak at Haddam's Brainard Library which should encourage insects for birds.

Citation

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEWTOWN

The club planted an oak tree, which is beneficial to all insects and birds.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

SHELLEY HEDBERG

WATERTOWN GARDEN CLUB

Shelley worked with the DEEP and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to draw up a plan, remove invasives, and log a 7.5 acre New England Cottontail habitat on her property in January 2018. The regrowth of the area, termed a "young forest" will benefit a variety of birds and wildlife that thrive in a new growth forest. The habitat will be monitored by DEEP and NRCS for a period of two years. Steps to document the presence of NEC will be taken. Recording the successional growth and species attracted to the habitat will be a primary focus of the property owners.

CONSERVATION AWARD

Established in 2002 in honor of Jeanne Lena, for excellence in conservation.

BRANFORD GARDEN CLUB

"Protect our Pollinators" was Branford Garden Club's theme this past year. Education and information were given to members, as well as the public, promoting this theme which focused on the importance of organic gardening, protection from poisons, preparing bird houses, feeders and bird baths. Two "Citizen Scientists" projects introduced the Great Backyard Bird Count and 10th annual Frog Watch. Participation helps environmental scientists learn about the populations of birds and frogs which reflect the health of our planet. This information was presented to the community at the Branford Festival.

Club Certificate of Achievement

DAYTIME GARDENERS OF NORTH HAVEN

The Daytime Gardeners of North Haven planned an Earth Day exhibit focusing on pollinators and birds. Samples of various types of birdhouses and homes for other animals as well as literature were provided. A photographic story about bluebirds and one about a swallow family was of great interest to all. A magnifying glass for a close look at bird feathers was popular.

Club Certificate of Achievement

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEWTOWN

The Garden Club of Newtown participated in Newtown Earth Day with three outstanding projects: (1) Bird Seed Treats (bird seed glued onto cardboard cylinders held by ribbon); (2) Seed Bombs - Paper pulp with seeds tucked in and formed into a ball to be thrown in the garden; and (3) Children chose sun flower or zinnia seeds to grow, or transplant marigolds or pansies for the home garden.

Club Certificate of Achievement

THE NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB

The North Haven Garden Club established a Butterfly/Pollinator garden at Todd's Pond. It has been certified as a National Wildlife Habitat. Many club members supply and plant perennials throughout the pond area and along the banks. It is part of the National Garden Clubs "Plant America" campaign.

Club Certificate of Achievement

THE GARDEN CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE

The Garden Club of Woodbridge created a butterfly garden at Massaro Farm, a nonprofit organic farm in Woodbridge.

Club Certificate of Achievement

NORTH STONINGTON GARDEN CLUB

North Stonington Garden Club featured plants that support butterflies, native bees, and other native pollinators at their May plant sale. Asclepias seed packets were distributed to all club members.

Club Certificate of Achievement

POMPERAUG VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

Pomperaug Valley Garden Club installed and maintains two Monarch Way stations and a Nectar Garden.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

PATTY COLLINS and HEDY BASTIAN

BRANFORD GARDEN CLUB

Patty and Hedy maintain the mini Monarch habitats located on school grounds by planting annuals and tending to the perennials.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

KAREN SCHNITZER

SUBURBAN GARDEN CLUB OF CHESHIRE

Karen reports monthly via an interesting and informative newsletter on Birds and on Conservation.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

KATHY DOWNS

LONG HILL GARDEN CLUB

Kathy has worked tirelessly in the creation of two Certified Monarch Way station gardens at the Trumbull Nature and Arts Center and at Old Mine Park. She has inspired her group of volunteers to participate in this worthwhile project.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

CAM BERTCHE

MYSTIC GARDEN CLUB

Cam does the bird count for Audubon with reports to the club. She participates at Coogan Farm herb garden, blueberry installation and the pollinator border.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

HOLLY KOCET

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEWTOWN

Holly has creatively developed many educational exhibits to educate and inform everyone about "Protect Our Pollinators" activities. A plant list for bees and butterflies has been a wonderful handout. An informative poster was displayed at the Connecticut Flower Show and will be used as she shares with other garden clubs. She developed and presented a Power Point on bees and how we can help them.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

MARY WILSON

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEWTOWN

Mary has been involved in "Protect Our Pollinators" activities. She has developed a poster and a number of hand-outs about pesticides and other chemicals. Her Power Point on pesticides has been presented at NOFA and a number of area Garden Clubs.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

Established in 1993, a traveling silver bowl, awarded to a club or individual for outstanding involvement in areas of environmental awareness

JUANITA TOLEDO

THAMES RIVER GARDEN CLUB

"Green Gardening, Green Cleaning, Green Living" describes the passion about the environment that Juanita shares with club members and the community. At almost every club meeting Juanita presents environmental or conservation information. She has generously provided bottles of her All-purpose cleaner with club members and plans to share with other clubs. The idea of "Power of One" is to share the all-purpose cleaner in the hope to encourage members to share with others.

The simple formula avoids liquid cleaners containing ammonia, bleach, alcohol, butyl cellosolve, petroleum-based detergents, dyes and artificial fragrances.

Club Certificate of Appreciation

THE GARDEN CLUB OF OLD GREENWICH

The club continues its many programs of environmental education with club members and the community. This includes Water Conservation, Mulching, Rain Barrels, Protecting Long Island Sound by reducing pesticides, Removal of beach litter and work in the Community garden to promote sustainable gardening.

Club Certificate of Appreciation

OLD SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB

Old Saybrook Garden Club's Re-Claim, Re-Purpose committee turned approximately 400 lbs. of trash into garden art for their May Gardeners Market.

Citation

FAIRFIELD GARDEN CLUB

The Fairfield Garden Club has an ongoing collection program of used batteries from members for proper disposal.

Citation

LEETE'S ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

The Leete's Island Garden Club participated in a town-wide Earth Day clean-up effort and picked up trash from areas around the Guilford Town Marina.

Citation

ROWAYTON GARDENERS

The Rowayton Gardeners are recognized for encouraging residents to maintain lawns organically and the sale of signs saying: "Pesticide Free Zone."

Citation

THE STAMFORD GARDEN CLUB

The Stamford Garden Club shares a monthly Environmental or Conservation idea such as a handout card on "The Last Plastic Straw" to help end plastic pollution.

CONNECTICUT FLOWER SHOW AWARDS
THE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF CONNECTICUT, INC.
Trish Manfredi, Judges Council Chair

THE MARY LONCIN FLOWER SHOW AWARD

Established in 2004, a traveling pewter bowl for the highest scoring Standard Flower Show in the State.

WILTON GARDEN CLUB
for their Standard Flower Show
“Art in Bloom”

THE NELL McGUINNESS AWARD

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

MARIA NAHOM
DANBURY GARDEN CLUB
Section D – *“Earth Songs”*
Class 10 - *“Rushing Waterfalls”*
2018 CT Flower Show *“Breath of Spring”*

TERRY STOLESON CREATIVE DESIGN AWARD

Awarded for the first time at the 2008 CT Flower Show, this purple and orange rosette is presented to the design that best represents the creativity, imagination and originality essential in Creative Design.

LARRY HUZI
GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE
Section E – *“Sweeping Vistas”*
Class 11 – *“Velvet Green Hills”*
2018 CT Flower Show *“Breath of Spring”*

TAPESTRY OF DESIGN AWARD

Established in 2006, this traveling pewter vase is awarded to a club or individual for an unusual or outstanding flower show, program, event project, or combination of such that promotes the art of floral design.

THE TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB OF NEWTOWN

for their monthly exhibits interpreting the poems

“Where We Walk” by Sidney Eddison

During 2016-2017, The Town & Country Garden Club of Newtown focused the club’s flower arranging energies on a single theme: interpreting the poems in *Where We Walk*, the first book of poetry written by Sydney Eddison, a Newtown resident, acclaimed author of seven highly regarded gardening books and contributor to *Fine Gardening* and *Horticulture*.

The objective was two-fold: To inspire flower arrangers of all skill levels and to celebrate the life and contributions of Sydney Eddison. The year-long effort included creative designs exhibited at six meetings; a formal tea and presentation of a keepsake photo album to Sydney; and a public display at the C.H. Booth Library.

FGCCT CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

MYSTIC GARDEN CLUB

A Standard Flower Show “Flowers at the Farm:

A Historic Harvest”

GLASTONBURY COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

“Tribute to Glastonbury – Painting the Town Green”

THE SHIPPAN POINT GARDEN CLUB

Horticulture Specialty Flower Show “Moonstruck”

SUBURBAN GARDEN CLUB OF CHESHIRE

Standard Flower Show "Stars of the 1950s"

FGCCT CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

RIVERSIDE GARDEN CLUB and

GARDEN CLUB OF OLD GREENWICH

Small Standard Flower Show "Georgia O'Keefe"

**LEETE'S ISLAND GARDEN CLUB; GARDEN CLUB
OF MADISON; and GUILFORD GARDEN CLUB**

Small Standard Flower Show "Garden Walk"

FGCCT CITATION – DESIGN

SUBURBAN GARDEN CLUB OF CHESHIRE

Standard Flower Show "Stars of the 1950s"

FGCCT CITATION – HORTICULTURE

THE SHIPPAN POINT GARDEN CLUB

Horticulture Specialty Flower Show "Moonstruck"

GLASTONBURY COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

"Tribute to Glastonbury – Painting the Town Green"

FGCCT CITATION – SCHEDULE

WILTON GARDEN CLUB

Standard Flower Show "Art in Bloom"

FGCCT CITATION – STAGING

MYSTIC GARDEN CLUB

*Standard Flower Show “Flowers at the Farm:
A Historic Harvest”*

GLASTONBURY COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

*Horticulture Specialty Flower Show
“Tribute to Glastonbury – Painting the Town Green”*

FGCCT CITATION - EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

GLASTONBURY COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

*Horticulture Specialty Flower Show
“Tribute to Glastonbury – Painting the Town Green”*

WILTON GARDEN CLUB

Standard Flower Show “Art in Bloom”

**FGCCT SPECIAL JUDGES COUNCIL CHAIR's
CITATION for presenting the new Horticulture
Specialty Show**

THE SHIPPAN POINT GARDEN CLUB

Horticulture Specialty Flower Show “Moonstruck”

GLASTONBURY COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

*Horticulture Specialty Flower Show
“Tribute to Glastonbury – Painting the Town Green”*

GARDEN THERAPY

Peggy Lajoie, Chair

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Silver Tray - Small Club *(29 and under)*

BETHANY GARDEN CLUB

Bethany Garden Club conducts programs at the Town Hall, the Willows Nursing Home and with homebound residents around town. The club provides plants and presentations, works with the Senior Center on holiday programs and hosts an annual Tea at the Library.

Silver Tray - Medium Club *(30 to 59)*

SUBURBAN GARDEN CLUB OF CHESHIRE

The Suburban Garden Club of Cheshire works with Hospice helping 35-40 patients per year. The club makes individual floral arrangements for each patient with donated or purchased flowers. They help take care of the environment by reusing or recycling containers. There is a focus on creative holiday and seasonally themed designs. For the Cheshire Regional Rehabilitation facility, Marbridge and Elim Park, they provide small plants, floral design paintings, cards, and they planted a tree.

Silver Tray - Large Club *(60 to 99)*

THE WEST HARTFORD GARDEN CLUB

The West Hartford Garden Club works with the West Hartford Health and Rehabilitation service creating small containers for fresh flowers and greens. In the spring, the club assists patients with the planting of patio containers as well as smaller tomato and basil pots. At the Elmgrove Low-Income Apartments the club improved the residents' courtyard and planted new roses and forsythia for spring bloom.

Silver Tray - Extra Large Club (*100 and over*)

LONGHILL GARDEN CLUB

The Long Hill Garden Club meets monthly at Stern Village, public housing and nursing home in Trumbull doing craft projects, creating centerpieces with residents, decorations for the holidays and tiered herb gardens during the spring and summer growing seasons.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

BOBBI KAHAN

WILTON GARDEN CLUB

Bobbi Kahan is recognized for her work on monthly programs in garden therapy and also for the delicious desserts she bakes! Her encouraging patience is appreciated and club members want her to know what a warm delight she is to have as part of their work.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

BARBARA MINGO

THAMES RIVER GARDEN CLUB

Barbara Mingo is recognized for her innovative ideas and demonstrations of container plantings at Waterford and East Lyme's libraries.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

CAROLINE DIRSA

GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE

Caroline Dirsa is recognized for her commitment as a volunteer in the Club's Garden Therapy programs. She knows how best to assist each patient, shows understanding of their needs and helps each with great success. Her efforts are deeply appreciated.

Club Certificate of Achievement

ROWAYTON GARDENERS

The Rowayton Gardeners are recognized for their work at Hill Top Homes retirement home facility where club members help residents create seasonal and holiday arrangements, assist in the planting of raised vegetable beds, provide holiday Teas, Summer picnics and bring the residents to the Potting Shed each year for programs.

Club Certificate of Achievement

THE WALLINGFORD GARDEN CLUB

The Wallingford Garden Club is recognized for its programs at Skyview Nursing Home. Once a month and every third Tuesday club members help residents do crafts, make arrangements, weed their gardens and just visit. Many press releases testify to the participation of many seniors.

Club Certificate of Achievement

GARDEN CLUB OF OLD GREENWICH

The Garden Club of Old Greenwich is recognized for the programs it holds at Hill House Senior Living and Pathways Day Care Program. The club engages seniors with horticultural crafts, wreaths, sprays and arrangements. Participation this year doubled.

Club Certificate of Achievement

GARDEN CLUB OF BROOKFIELD

The Garden Club of Brookfield is recognized for its programs at the Brookfield Senior Center. They create crafts with dried flowers, sun-catchers, decorate clay pots, create bird feeders and door decorations.

GARDENING CONSULTANTS COUNCIL

Joanne McKendry, Love-ly Garden Award Chair

LOVE-LY GARDEN AWARD

The 2018 Penny Jarvis Love-ly Garden Award is presented to BEVERLY B. SMITH, a member of the RIVERSIDE GARDEN CLUB.

Welcoming moss paths and lush diverse shade garden rooms have been developed with the love of gardening by Beverly B. Smith. Changing challenges into focal points, Beverly exposed rock ledges, carved out dry stream and pond beds and designed reflective sitting areas - all to accent unique varieties of plants in her woodland garden. A spectrum of greens and leaf textures transform the shady spaces differently with reflecting sunlight and rain drops. Striking flowers blooming on *Calycanthus* 'Floridus' and *Calycanthus* 'Aphrodite' (sweetshrub) and unusual leaves growing on Mahonia, and Oregon grape holly are some specimens that bring the garden beyond the local clay soil. This Gardener created and nurtures a beautiful woodland sanctuary.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LANDSCAPE AWARD

(established 2007 by Meg Bremer) A traveling pewter watering can, awarded to a club for an outstanding landscaping or educational project.

WESTPORT GARDEN CLUB

The Westport Garden Club provided grants to design and install a new garden around the Wakeman Town Farm Sustainability Center. Wakeman Town Farm conducts educational workshops, internships, after-school programs, and children's summer camps, all focused on growing food and animal husbandry to educate the local community about healthy food, food production, responsible land stewardship and sustainability. After renovations to the Center, Westport Garden Club members, Staples High School Students, Pivot Ministries of Bridgeport and local residents joined to plant 250' of the newly-designed beds, returning in the fall to add 250 bulbs in the front gardens. Phase Two involved the club in the relocation of shrubs along a driveway, stone wall and the Center's sign plus hours of maintenance by club members in all phases of the new gardens.

HISTORIC, MEMORIAL, AND PUBLIC GARDENS

Carol Steiner, Chair

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Silver Tray – Medium Club *(30 to 59)*

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEWTOWN

The Garden Club of Newtown has planted and taken care of vegetables in the Newtown Victory Garden for the past six years. The garden is renewed and replanted each year using knowledge of past years' successes, and all produce is donated to the local food pantry.

Silver Tray – Large Club *(60 to 99)*

MILFORD GARDEN CLUB

The Milford Garden Club worked tirelessly to raise funds for the Town's Blue Star Memorial Marker along with two students from the two High Schools' Key Clubs, Foran and Jonathan Law, who led sales efforts at the schools. A total of \$6,100 was raised through the sale of Blue Star Luminaries devoted to the effort. Additional grants from the Garden Club and the Frederick A DeLuca Foundation made the project possible. The Blue Star Marker was prominently placed in front of the Fowler Building at the entrance to Founder's Walk at Milford Harbor. The Club will continue to raise funds to place a granite bench at the site overlooking Founder's Walk. The Club's goal is to raise "awareness of the sacrifice our military makes so that we can live in peace and freedom."

Silver Tray – Extra Large Club *(100 and over)*

BRANFORD GARDEN CLUB

The Branford Garden Club Evening Division redesigned and refurbished the Veteran's Memorial Flagpole Garden. They recycled existing perennials and sold them at their Plant Sale. Replanting of the memorial was completed for the Memorial Day Celebration this year.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

**MARIANNA KAUFMAN
REDDING GARDEN CLUB**

Marianna Kaufman, civic beautification volunteer, worked tirelessly on the highway island at Cross Highway and Route 58 which commemorates members of the Continental Troops under General Wooster Stallman and Benedict Arnold who haled at that site while pursued by British Troops. A second monument stone was placed - at the Redding Historical Society in memory of Redding citizens captured nearby in 1777, imprisoned in NY and held for ransom by British Troops.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

**RUTH MORAN
REDDING GARDEN CLUB**

Ruth Moran is recognized for taking on the project of creating the Senior Garden behind the Heritage Center with flower and vegetable gardens for seniors. Ruth enlisted three girls from the Redding Elementary School who helped with garden chores.

Club Certificate of Achievement

RIVERSIDE GARDEN CLUB

Riverside Garden Club is recognized for tending the Riverside Train Station gardens for 50 years. The club redesigned the garden with the assistance of the Town of Greenwich. The Town removed birch trees, weeds, and deteriorated railroad ties. The Greenwich Youth Conservancy leveled one garden bed, a garden club member created the design and supervised the installation of the garden.



HORTICULTURE AWARDS

Renee Marsh, 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.

MALAINE TRECOSKE BRANFORD GARDEN CLUB

Malaine Trecoske, of the Branford Garden Club, is recognized for her role as a founding member of the 2009 Branford Community Gardens and as the current coordinator of this donation garden that grows produce for the Branford Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen. She also organizes joint fundraising sales to benefit the Branford Garden Club and Community Garden. A tireless educator, she gives talks, demonstrations, and shares her knowledge of horticulture with fifth and sixth graders at the Walsh Intermediate School, where she helps with the raised beds. For her efforts, she has been inducted into the Hall of Fame by the Branford Board of Education.

**MARY FRENG SHERLEY
MEMORIAL AWARD**

This memorial bowl was established in 1988 to be awarded for horticultural excellence.

GUILFORD GARDEN CLUB

The Guilford Garden Club is recognized for helping the Women and Children's Center in Guilford establish a small, serene, xeriscape garden that could be used by their clients. They created a landscape plan that includes a dry rock stream, seating and xeriscape plants which could be easily maintained by the Center. It was installed this spring.

JOYCE P. HARRIS AWARD

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

HADDAM GARDEN CLUB

The Haddam Garden Club is recognized for its two-year project to create a native shrub and wildflower garden at their local transfer station. Plantings include: hydrangea, St. John's Wort, coreopsis, mountain mint, amsonia and New England asters as well as daffodils.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN HORTICULTURE

Silver Tray – Medium Club (30 to 59)

SUBURBAN GARDEN CLUB OF CHESHIRE

Suburban Garden Club of Cheshire held a Flower Show at Elim Park, a home for elderly residents, and encouraged the residents to participate. By creating this opportunity for the residents and the public, the club connected many of them to their memories and love of gardening. One 100-year-old resident was brought to tears of joy to be able to share her horticultural entry at the club's flower show.

Silver Tray – Large Club (60 to 99)

KENSINGTON GARDEN CLUB

The Kensington Garden Club maintains a very active horticulture program with topics at every meeting including pruning, bulbs, starting vegetable plants from seed. The committee takes care of many gardens in town including the Civil War monument, participates in the Berlin Agricultural Fair as well as the Federation's CT Flower Show, makes wreaths and joins in many community efforts. This year they have started a pollinator garden in Volunteer Park using a mix of perennials and spring/summer bulbs.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

MARION SMITH

DANBURY GARDEN CLUB

Marion Smith joined the club in 2013, served as secretary and is always one of the first to volunteer—even at age 82 years old. She opens her garden (which she maintains).

Certificate of Individual Achievement

DOROTHY ALEXANDER

OLD SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB

Dorothy Alexander started the monthly horticulture presentations when she joined the club and served as chair for many years. She chairs the annual sale where she educates customers and members about plant growing habits and requirements.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

CINDY MARIEN

GARDEN CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE

Cindy Marien instituted a component for each club meeting for critiquing horticulture and encouraged members to submit. Her work has helped educate and develop enthusiasm among club members, resulting in greater participation in the Federation's Connecticut Flower Show.

Certificate of Individual Achievement

LYNN PASTORE

MORRIS COVE GARDEN CLUB

Lynn Pastore is the driving force behind a team of volunteers at the Pardee Rose Garden. Together they plant, weed, and keep the gardens in a beautiful state.

Club Certificate of Achievement

BRANFORD GARDEN CLUB

The Branford Garden Club maintains a very active and broad horticulture program. Activities such as a horticulture table with educational display, and in-house horticulture show, talks and education, civic work and more keep the members engaged—and horticulture in the spotlight.

Club Certificate of Achievement

DAYTIME GARDENERS OF NORTH HAVEN

The Daytime Gardeners of North Haven planned a fundraising project using succulents to create living pictures. Club members propagated and raised some of the succulents, which was a learning experience. Club member Walt Brockett designed and made the redwood frames. Shells were collected and donated to use for added interest. Members and guests gathered to design their own living picture, choosing a variety of succulents, colored mosses, shells and other items.

Club Certificate of Achievement

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEWTOWN

The Garden Club of Newtown sponsored an Earth Day celebration featuring outreach to children. The children planted seeds and transplanted flower seedlings to take home and grow. They also took home seed bombs that the club created from paper-mache and wild flower seeds. In addition to this effort,

the club plants and maintains the Blue Star Memorial, Curtiss House dooryard, library knot and Barb's Trail. They also grow vegetables to donate to the local food pantry and retirement center.

Club Certificate of Achievement

FAIRFIELD GARDEN CLUB

Fairfield Garden club planted over 3000 spring bulbs in Reeves Park as a beautification project.

Club Certificate of Achievement

RIVERSIDE GARDEN CLUB

The Riverside Garden Club is recognized for its work on the Riverside Train Station garden, which it has tended for 50 years, by bringing together the Riverside Association which replaced the deteriorated railroad ties; the Greenwich Youth Conservancy which leveled the garden beds; the Town which removed the birch trees; and members of the club who donated perennials and spring bulbs. In addition to the Club's donation of \$2,700, the Heuer Foundation contributed \$6,500 to this project – a true community effort.



PUBLIC RELATIONS and COMMUNICATIONS

Rebecca Paul, Chair

1. PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS

THE NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB and CINDY GOLIA

For the highest scoring Publicity Press Book, The North Haven Garden Club and their Publicity Chair, Cindy Golia, are awarded a brass paperweight established in 1996 by the Arbor Garden Club of Clinton.

Small Club – 1st Daytime Gardeners
1st The North Haven Garden Club
1st Spring Glen Garden Club

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

Large Club – 1st Wallingford Garden Club

2. NEWSLETTERS

Small Club - 1st Morris Cove Garden Club
2nd The Spring Glen Garden Club
1st Westbrook Garden Club

Medium Club – 1st Duck River Garden Club
1st The Garden Club of Newtown
1st Garden Club of Orange
1st Town & Country GC of Newtown

Large Club - 1st Danbury Garden Club

3. PUBLICATIONS - Certificates of Merit:

A. CLUB ANNUAL PHOTO BOOK

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

B. CLUB COOK BOOK

Medium Club – 1st Pomperaug Valley Garden Club
“The Garden of Eating”

C. BROCHURES

Medium Club – 1st Town & Country GC of Newtown
“Membership Brochure”

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 The North Haven Garden Club

Large Club 1st Suffield Garden Club
1st Wallingford Garden Club

F. ELECTRONIC MEDIA – Website

Medium Club - 1st Farmington Garden Club
1st Town & Country GC of Newtown
Large Club - 1st Suffield Garden Club
Extra Large Club 1st Wilton Garden Club

G. SPECIAL OVERVIEW OF FACEBOOK HISTORY

Small Club 1st NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB
“Compilation of 112 pages of Facebook posts, reach, and page views”



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Margareta Kotch, Chair

THE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF CONNECTICUT, INC. SCHOLARSHIPS

JACQUELINE DEGREGORIO

Ms. Jackie Degregorio will be a Senior at UConn this fall. She is studying natural resources- conservation and sustainability. She is also pursuing a brand new minor in sustainable community food systems. This past summer, she worked at a nursery, completed a permaculture design course, and hiked in Wyoming and Montana. She is currently working on an edible forest garden project at the UConn student farm. She is interested in perusing farming with a focus on many of the principles she learned about in the permaculture course she recently completed. In the future Jackie hopes to continue to be involved in community food systems. In addition to farming, some of her hobbies and interests include pottery, mycology, natural medicine, backpacking, and cooking.

ANDREW CHRISTENSEN

Andrew Christensen is studying ecological agriculture at the University of Vermont. For the past three summers he has

worked with his father in the field of horticulture focusing on plant care, garden installation, and maintenance. This summer he worked for Upper Valley Landscape doing more commercial and large-scale projects within the realm of horticulture, in addition to some stone work and incorporation of hardscapes into gardens. He hopes by combining the hands-on experience that he has gained through these jobs with the academic knowledge he is learning at the University of Vermont that after school he will be able to help farms become more efficient by introducing sustainable techniques as well as helping them rethink how their plants are grown/setup from both a permaculture point of view and by looking at the plants' actual physiology. He might even start a farm of his own. Outside of school he likes to ski, hike, go fishing, and take care of his garden that he started at his house in Burlington.

YEARBOOKS AWARDS

2017-2018

David and Helen Pritchard, Yearbook Contest Managers

YEARBOOK AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

*Established in 2004 by Flo Flynn and Inge Venus, a traveling
pewter bowl, for the highest scoring Yearbook*

THE NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB

Class III (30 – 44 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 SPRING GLEN GARDEN CLUB

Class III (30 - 44 members)

1st THE NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB

1st SOUTHBURY GARDEN CLUB

1st THE TOWN&COUNTRY GC OF NEWTOWN

HM MOUNTAN VALLEY GC

HM WESTBROOK GARDEN CLUB

Class IV (45 - 69 members)

1st DUCK RIVER GARDEN CLUB OF OLD LYME

1st FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB

1st LEETE'S ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

1st LYME GARDEN CLUB

1st MILFORD GARDEN CLUB

1st THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEWTOWN

1st OLD SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB

1st OLDE RIPTON GARDEN CLUB

1st GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE

1st RIVERSIDE GARDEN CLUB

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**
- 1st SUFFIELD GARDEN CLUB**
- 1st WALLINGFORD GARDEN CLUB**
- 1st WEST HARTFORD GARDEN CLUB**

Class VI (100 members and over)

- 1st BRANFORD GARDEN CLUB**
- 1st ESSEX GARDEN CLUB**
- 1st NORTH STONINGTON GARDEN CLUB**

YOUTH AWARDS

Dottie Fox, Chair

YOUTH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Silver Tray - Medium Club Membership 30 to 59

BRISTOL GARDEN CLUB

Bristol Garden Club conducted eight classes for 120 preschoolers from the “Imagine-Nation” Museum Preschool on nutrition from vegetables by reading “Sophie Squash” to the class and having each child plant a squash seed to take home. In April they built vehicles out of vegetables and fruit, with more teaching of nutrition. The various vehicles were displayed in their Art Show on May 1st.

Silver Tray – Large Club Membership 60 to 99

ORCHARD VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

Orchard Valley Garden Club worked with students from the Thalberg Elementary School on six different projects throughout the year: a nature village on an outdoor raised bed; harvest baskets to distribute by Southington Social Services; holiday wreaths and trees in the school courtyard; pine cone bird feeders; floral arrangements for seniors; and teaching how to make compost in gallon bags.

Silver Tray – Extra Large Club Membership 100 and up

NORTH STONINGTON GARDEN CLUB

For the third year, this club partnered with Jennifer Raggon to provide a program for growing and planting vegetables with 350 children from Grades K-5 in their eight raised beds. Seaweed and a cover crop of daikon radishes (which decomposed) were used to enrich the soil. The kindergarteners created a pollinator

garden; 1st to 4th graders planted various vegetables and the 5th grade planted two beds as herb gardens. Each child took home one plant. The garden club discussed the culinary and medicinal herbs, exploring herbs through the senses. The children also sketched their favorite herb plant and sampled refreshing herbal treats.

Club Certificate of Achievement

OLD SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB

Old Saybrook Garden Club is recognized for its work with third graders, middle school students and the High School Ecology Club on a poster project: Preserving the Old Saybrook Coastal Environment. The posters were displayed at the Acton Library with a town wide reception.

Club Certificate of Achievement

WALLINGFORD GARDEN CLUB

Wallingford Garden Club is recognized for its yearlong efforts with the students in third grade on the life of the seed. Each teacher read “The Saved Seed”, Fellis Jordan from Friends of Boulder Farm discussed the Cheshire-based nonprofit vegetable garden. Children learned about the life cycle of seeds, removed seeds from their garden’s sunflowers and planted them in the Pond Hill Memorial Garden. The club also donated 5 books to elementary school libraries.

Club Certificate of Achievement

ENFIELD GARDEN CLUB

Enfield Garden Club is recognized for its work with 1st and 2nd graders, teaching them about native perennials and planting a flower garden.

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

DAYTIME GARDENERS OF NORTH HAVEN

Daytime Gardeners work with numerous Brownie Troops. One developed a new garden at the entrance of Clintonville School (including planning, design, weeding, preparing and planting and caring for their selections). Another troop demonstrated circulation/capillary action in flowers and drew posters for the Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear contests. The “Seed Sprouts” book taught them about the life cycle of a vegetable from seed to maturity, and they kept a log of growth.

Silver Bowl – Medium Club Membership 30 to 59

WATERTOWN GARDEN CLUB

Watertown Garden Club members met with junior high school students six times throughout the year to create planters for the school entrance, create holiday pine cone decorations and bird feeders, spring floral arrangements and cleaning and maintaining their planters in spring along with the courtyard garden.

Silver Bowl – Large Club Membership 60 to 99

DANBURY GARDEN CLUB

Danbury Garden Club leads two junior groups that meet throughout the year and includes students 6-13 years old. They introduce young women to the fundamentals of gardening and

flower design, creating Thanksgiving arrangements, Christmas swags and floral arrangements for Assisted Living residents. They toured the NY Botanical Gardens and the Bald Eagle viewing area at Shepaug Dam, where they enjoyed a short lecture on birds of prey from an Audubon representative from the rescue center.

Silver Bowl – Extra Large Club Membership 100 and more

WILTON GARDEN CLUB

Wilton Garden Club members worked for 25 weeks with middle school students in the Green Teens Gardening program, Boy Scout Gardening Merit Badge program and with the Girl Scouts on Fairy Gardens at the Trackside Teen Center. They created vegetable gardens, studied healthy foods and sustainability and pollination. Giving back to the community, all 200 pounds of produce was donated to the Wilton Food Pantry. Children filled mason jars with flowers for seniors. Merit badges were won. Seven speakers spoke on varied garden topics. Students submitted floral arrangements to the Club's NGC Standard Flower Show "Art in Bloom" in horticulture, design, educational exhibits and botanical arts. Troops displayed 22 Fairy Gardens outside the Old Town Hall. Phew – Green Teens will go on for another year for those wanting to sign up on the Sign-Up Genius site, no doubt producing more true genius in the next generation.

Club Certificate of Achievement

THE NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB

North Haven Garden Club is recognized for its Earth Day celebration at the local high school with its program on pollination; its planting on the Town Green and distribution of

seeds with the Girl Scouts at its May Market; submission of a poem “Let It Grow” in the national poetry contest; and the Brownie Troop No. 60063’s garden at Ridge Road Elementary School.

Club Certificate of Achievement

BRISTOL GARDEN CLUB

Bristol Garden Club is recognized for its continuing weekly work with the Bristol Boys & Girls Club at Cambridge Park creating and maintaining raised vegetable and flower beds.

Club Certificate of Achievement

DUCK RIVER GARDEN CLUB

Duck River Garden Club is recognized for its work with 20 elementary school children at a planting station in a restored playground, its work with K-11th graders through the Girl Scouts in Lyme and Old Lyme doing environmental and civic beautification; and the replanting of the Backyard Pollinator Garden and Kindergarten Monarch Butterfly gardens with the help of the Girl Scouts.

Club Certificate of Achievement

MANCHESTER GARDEN CLUB

Manchester Garden Club is recognized for its work at the Lutz Children’s Museum in after-school programs including the role of the oak tree and the animals it shelters, the planting of acorns, the planting of annual and perennial flowers at the museum and encouragement of children to plant donated seeds on their own.

Club Certificate of Achievement

LONG HILL GARDEN CLUB

Long Hill Garden Club is recognized for maintaining the “Nature Nook” at the Trumbull Library to increase interest in the natural world. Each quarter the club presents a different topic on backyard birds, birds of the night, waterfowl, nests & eggs. Trifold posters, activity sheets and the hanging of the children’s posters are provided. Fish tanks are used to raise Monarchs which were released and Pollywogs are tended and released in late spring.

Club Certificate of Achievement

ROWAYTON GARDENERS

Rowayton Gardeners are recognized for their yearlong programs at the Potting Shed. Programs run from 1-6 sessions, 1-2 hours each for various age groups. A few we can mention are: the Annual Mother-Son Dirt Fest, Organic Gardening 101, Annual Six Week Library Gardening program (soup to nuts gardening for each season), hypertufa creations, Annual Soccer Saturdays (various garden and plant related projects for bored siblings on the sidelines), Farmer’s Market Bootcamp, Companion Planting and on it goes.

Club Certificate of Achievement

WEST HARTFORD GARDEN CLUB

The West Hartford Garden Club is recognized for its work with children aged 5-11 at the Hillcrest Avenue Neighborhood Outreach Center in projects including floral arranging, yard landscaping, decorating pumpkins, holiday greens arrangements, and Valentine Love Bugs.

SPECIAL CERTIFICATES

These certificates are given for unusual projects which do not fit under any other category and are the equivalent of a silver award.

COLCHESTER GARDEN CLUB

Colchester Garden Club swung into action when the American Community Gardening Association National Conference (“Connecting to Our Roots for Community, Food & New Directions” held in Hartford June 2017) asked the Town to host a garden tour. The club organized the Colchester Agricultural Commission, farmers and community organizations as partners and volunteers to create and host the special tour. They organized a full-day tour of seven destinations plus a “Farm to Table Lunch” hosted in a local church hall featuring local produce, locally sourced beef and breads. Tour locations included: Bacon Academy Acres “Farm to School Garden”, Cato Corner Farm, Colchester Giving Garden, Cohen Woods Butterfly-Pollinator garden, The Colchester Garden Club StoryWalk Trail, Cugno Farm, and Priam Vineyard. The Club created a 42 page commemorative tour program describing town history, site maps, and input from organizations involved in the tour; it also provided tour guides, centerpieces for the lunch, signage etc. As a result, the Colchester Agricultural Commission is planning an Open Farm Day event to help children learn about local agriculture and food production.

MYSTIC GARDEN CLUB

Mystic Garden Club is recognized for its creative and comprehensive Holiday Design Fair and Sale held this year. Many clubs hold holiday festivals but what was unique about this one is that the club provided multiple types of fresh greens and related materials, tools, design samples and decorations suitable for all our winter holidays, and taught the public how to

make their own wreathes, swags, kissing balls and other door designs. Everything you might want was available so that families could work together to make something lovely for their home—and learn skills for later seasons. In addition, the club sold arrangements and other crafts suited to the time of year.

THE SHIPPAN POINT GARDEN CLUB

The Shippan Point Garden Club planted a garden at the City of Stamford's Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center in 2004 and has maintained it ever since. However, when the City decided to remove the unsightly fence at the entrance, an unused asphalt driveway and an unmanaged section of the area were exposed to the public and allowed the possibility of unwanted vehicle access. So, in January 2017 the club initiated a new project to plant a much larger area. The completed project met these stated objectives:

- Create an aesthetically pleasing entrance to this much-used recycling center. Its location is on the main roadway which is the entrance to our community, the peninsula of Shippan Point.
- Remove unused asphalt hardscape to create a much larger planting area
- Plant a garden of native plants to increase wildlife habitat in this area.
- Include a meadow specifically for pollinators
- Strategically locate trees to block the temptation of vehicle entrance and to add trees to our community.
- Repaint the gate from silver to black to be less conspicuous.

The project involved half of the club's membership plus coordination and work with the City of Stamford employees of at least 5 departments from the Mayor's office to the staff of the recycling center.

Club Certificate of Appreciation

**PATRICIA “PAT” DRAY
GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE**

The Garden Club of Orange would like to recognize a special member of our club in 2018.

Pat has been an active member of the Club since 2007 when she ‘jumped in with both feet,’ immediately enrolling in Flower Show School and Landscape Design School. She was President from 2015-17, served as Publicity, Ways & Means, Finance, and as Program Co-Chair. She is an accredited National Garden Club Flower Show Judge and FGCCT Landscape Design Consultant.

She was The Federation’s Blue Star Memorial Chair and currently serves as the Flower Show School Chair. She was Publicity Chair for the 2018 CT Flower Show and serves in the same capacity for the upcoming 2019 CT Flower Show.

As a member of the FGCCT Judges Council and the Creative Arrangers of CT, she has educated members and demonstrated many innovative design techniques. Pat helps our club prepare its booth in the annual Orange Country Fair, assists in maintaining the Town Green and assists at the annual May Market. She has chaired the club’s major fundraiser: the bi-annual Holiday House Tour of members’ decorated homes. To recognize Pat, the 3M Company has donated \$250 each year to the Garden Club of Orange to help provide plants for the Civic Beautification Committee. Pat also writes a “Garden Spot” column for The Orange Times informing readers about seasonal guidelines for better gardening practices, wildlife and horticultural tips. She has always supported our club’s mission to promote gardening and has made us proud of her involvement with the Federation. She is most deserving of this special award.

Club Certificate of Appreciation

MARGARET COLBY

LEETE'S ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

The Leete's Island Garden Club of Guilford, CT would like to recognize a special member of our club.

Margaret Colby has been an active member of the Club since 2004. She has served as Artistic Design Chair, 2014-present; Green Planters Committee, 2016-present; Hyland House Committee, 2016-present; Plant and Bake Sale Committee, 2015-2016; and November Fashion Show Committee, 2014-2015.

Margaret's involvement with the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut includes winning first place in Artistic Crafts in the 2016 Connecticut Flower and Garden Show "In the Spotlight". She has gone on to serve as the Artistic Crafts Consultant for the 2017 and 2018 Connecticut Flower and Garden Shows.

After completing all the requirements, Margaret Colby is now a National Garden Clubs Accredited Flower Show Judge.

In addition to this hard work, Margaret consistently and kindly provides help, information and advice to her fellow members. We all heartily endorse this special award for Margaret.

Congratulations to the many deserving award recipients this year. Thank you to all 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

**Goshen Garden Club
The Garden Club of Woodbridge**

Eighty Years

**Easton Garden Club
The West Hartford Garden Club**

Seventy Years

**Green Bay Tree Garden Club
Middle Haddam Garden Club
The Portland Garden Club**

Sixty Years

Suburban Garden Club of Cheshire

Fifty-Five Years

**New Hartford Garden Club
The Perennial Planters Garden Club**

Fifty Years

Bethany Garden Club