

***82<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
Awards Ceremony***



**April 26, 2012**

**President ~ Judy Hager**

**Awards Committee  
Kathie Mulkerin, Judy Hager,  
Sue Redden, Sandi Tinyk, Holly Lippert & Vera Bowen**

**The Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.**

These still active clubs were among the founding members of the RIFGC:

**Bristol Garden Club  
Country Garden Club of Oaklawn  
Jamestown Garden Club  
South County Garden Club**

## Listing of Awards:

### **2. Bird Award**

For their annual school programs, public club meeting program and maintenance of a bird feeder and bird bath at the historic Brownell House, the **Sogkonate Garden Club** wins the Bird Award.

### **5. Portsmouth Garden Club Memorial Bowl for Litter Control**

The Memorial Bowl for Litter Control is awarded to **Sogkonate Garden Club** for their outstanding litter control and Earth Day projects.

### **7b. Certificates of Recognition**

- The **Rhode Island Dahlia Society** is recognized for the high quality display of dahlias and designs in their Annual Dahlia Show.
- The **Preservation Society of Newport County** is recognized for their impressive Major Flower Show “Entertaining Newport Style.”
- The **Rhode Island Rose Society** is recognized for their exquisite display of roses and designs in their show “Symphony of Roses.”

### **10d. MacColl Award**

**Marje DeAngelis** of Rehoboth Garden Club is the recipient of the MacColl Award for her beautiful floral design entered in the RIFGC Spring Flower Show.

**11. Maryellen Blount Award for Garden Therapy** is presented to **Gentian Garden Club** for their outstanding commitment to seniors.

**12. RIFGC Ways & Means Award Edgewood Garden Club** is the recipient of the Ways and Means Award for their active participation in and support of Federation sponsored activities.

**13. The Frances M. Potier Membership Award** is awarded to **Plum Beach Garden Club** for the largest per-capita increase in membership.

### **15. Comprehensive Horticulture Award**

For their ongoing work with the Wilbur & McMahon schools, **Sogkonate Garden Club** receives the Comprehensive Horticulture Award.

### **16. Virginia M. Greene Award**

For their in-depth study of herb culture and creation of a herb booklet **Edgewood Garden Club** is the recipient of the Virginia M. Greene Award.

### **17. Junior Achievement Award**

For their outstanding ongoing program and commitment to the youth in their community, **Sogkonate Garden Club** wins the Junior Achievement Award.

*\*A Certificate of Recognition is awarded to **Gentian Garden Club** for their work with youth.*

### **18. Junior Gardeners Award of Excellence**

The **Barrington Garden Club** receives the Junior Gardeners Award of Excellence for their outstanding, ongoing junior gardeners' activities.

### **20. Edith Fricker Award.**

Three clubs are the recipients of the Edith Fricker program award for their well-rounded programs:

**Class 2 – Hameho Garden Club**

**Class 4 – Gentian Garden Club**

**Class 6 – Barrington Garden Club**

### **21. Yearbook Awards**

The purpose of a garden club yearbook is to summarize the year's plans and goals and present them in such a way that garden club members are inspired to attend meetings and participate in club activities. For their outstanding yearbooks, we honor the following garden clubs. In their respective categories, the winners are:

**Class 2 – Hameho Garden Club**

**Class 3 – Bayberry Garden Club**

**Class 4a – Bristol Garden Club**

**Class 4b – Sogkonate Garden Club**

**Class 5 – Edgewood Garden Club**

**Class 6 – Barrington Garden Club**

### **24a. The Sylvia Street Award**

For her creative Exhibition Table Design "Return to College" entered at a Judges Council Workshop. The Sylvia Street Award is presented to **Sue Redden**.

### **25. R.I. Federation Project of Merit Award**

For their community outreach program at the "Annual Ben Wilkie Tree Event", **Sogkonate Garden Club** wins the RI Federation Project of Merit Award.

## **28. The Newsletter Award**

Newsletters are a wonderful way for clubs to keep members updated on National, Regional, RIFGC and club activities. They are a forum to provide more details about future programs, introduce new members, share website links, thank club members for project work and highlight member specialties.

Four clubs are recipients of the newsletter award:

**Class 2 – Hameho Garden Club**

**Class 4a – Quononoquott Garden Club**

**Class 4b – Gentian Garden Club**

**Class 5 – Edgewood Garden Club**

## **Publicity Press Book Awards**

**Small Club – Hameho Garden Club**

**Medium Club – Portsmouth Garden Club**

**Large Club – Barrington Garden Club**

*\*Certificates of Recognition go to **Sogkonate, Quononoquott and Gentian Garden Clubs** for their Publicity Press Books.*

## **Commendations:**

The RIFGC presents a commendation to **Cheryl Heroux** for her commitment to the publishing of the electronic NEWS for the RIFGC. It has been a challenging transition and Cheryl has stuck with it and kept her sense of humor through it all.

The RIFGC presents a commendation to **Karen Calkins** for her excellent efforts and generosity in coordinating the RIFGC Holiday Boutique at Roger Williams Casino on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2011. It was filled with lovely items from Karen's shop and made for wonderful shopping!

The RIFGC presents a commendation to **Vicki Iannuccillo** for her organization and coordination of the RIFGC Annual Awards meeting and luncheon on April 26<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the Twin River Conference Center. Her efforts have led to the success of this meeting, luncheon and innovative program.

The RIFGC presents a commendation to **Holly Lippert** for her support of the RIFGC efforts for ongoing improvement and expansion of its website and use of social media to reach out to its members and to those seeking information about RIFGC.

The RIFGC presents a commendation to **Catherine Moore** for her excellent efforts in coordinating the RIFGC Holiday Luncheon at Roger Williams Casino on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2011. The event honored NGC President, Shirley Nicolai, and NER Director, Joyce Kimball.

The RIFGC presents a commendation to **Sandi Tinyk** for the great work she did coordinating the RIFGC first Education Day at the Roger Williams Botanical Center on October 21<sup>st</sup> 2011.

The event was well organized, well attended and enjoyed by all.

## **Citations:**

The RIFGC presents a Citation to **Katherine Brown** in recognition of her individual efforts for and contribution to the success of the Southside Community Land Trust.

**Member of Honor Award** - RIFGC is proud to Honor **Betty Ann Taylor** as its Member of Honor for 2012. Nominated by Quononoquott Garden Club, Betty Ann's passion for her club and the RIFGC demonstrate that she's an outstanding honoree.

## **Club Anniversaries**

50 years: **Angle Tree**

60 years: **Governor Francis Farms**

60 years: **Chatham Village Garden Club**

85 years: **Plum Beach Garden Club**

The awards program affords National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. an opportunity to express their appreciation and support for all the club projects that were completed or were in progress during the past year. By honoring our clubs, we hope to promote growth and stimulate our members to plan their programs and activities for the coming year in accordance with the objectives our organizations.

This year's Books of Evidence attest to the abilities and talents of our clubs. The Awards Committee congratulates the winners, thanks all who applied for an award this year, and encourages even more clubs to submit entries next year.