

1. Elizabeth McCaffrey Arbor Day Award

Hameho Garden Club wins for their great job working with preschool children educating them about the impact of planting trees for the whole environment.

2. Bird award is awarded to **Barrington Garden Club** for their outstanding programs on birds. They had wonderfully varied and interesting programs, which includes birds walks and cleanups.

4. Gorham Award for Conservation Excellence is awarded to **Barrington Garden Club** for their outstanding efforts with a two hour monthly work session to collect trash and prune invasive plants at the treasured Osamequin Nature Preserve

5. Portsmouth Garden Club Memorial Award for Litter Control This award for litter control is awarded to **Sogkonate Garden Club** for their dedication in keeping the streets of Little Compton and their town beach clean and litter free.

6. Kathryn Sheehan Award this award is given to a club that has shown progress in an established program of civic beautification. **Barrington Garden Club** wins this award for their work improving the landscape at the Beatrice C Mac Intyre Memorial Gardens at the entrance to the Barrington Public Library and community Center.

** Certificate of recognition goes to **Edgewood Garden Club** for their work at the William Hall Free Library to create a delightful sensory garden.*

12. Frances M. Poitier Membership Award **Barrington Garden Club** wins for the largest increase in dues-paying members.

13. Comprehensive Horticultural Program Award **Sogkonate Garden Club** has won this award for their excellent program demonstrating how to design a stylish garden.

16. Youth Achievement Award goes to **Gentian Garden Club** for their innovative program by way of virtual and video programs which the children could access at their convenience.

19. Edith Fricker Program of the year Award

Four clubs are the recipients of the Edith Fricker program awards for their well-rounded programs:

Class 2 **Hameho Garden Club**
Class 4 **Gentian Garden Club**
Class 5 **Sogkonate Garden Club**
Class 6 **Barrington Garden Club**

20. Yearbook Awards for their outstanding yearbooks, we honor the following garden clubs. In their respective categories, the winners are:

Class 2 - **Hameho Garden Club**
Class 3 - **Quononoquott Garden Club**
Class 4 - **Western Cranston Garden Club**
Class 5 - **Sogkonate Garden Club**
Class 6 - **Barrington Garden Club**

21. Carolyn B. Haffenreffer Award

Sogkonate Garden Club receives this prestigious award for their wide variety of programs, activities, demonstrations and many community projects.

24. RI Federation Project of Merit Award is awarded to **Quononoquott Garden Club** for their work to replant and expand their garden at the new Jamestown sign.

** Certificate of recognition goes to **Western Cranston Garden Club** for their efforts to beautify and maintain the three gardens at Garden City Elementary School*

26. National Garden Week is awarded to **Western Cranston Garden Club** who celebrated by spring cleaning beds, trimming shrubs, dividing and replanting perennials and adding new plants to the gardens at Garden City Elementary School.

27. Newsletter Award Newsletters are a wonderful way for clubs to keep members updated on National, Regional, RIFG and club activities. The winners are:

Class 2 **Hameho Garden Club**
Class 3 **Quononoquott Garden Club**
Class 4 **Western Cranston Garden Club**
Class 6 **Barrington Garden Club**

29. Website Award **Sogkonate Garden Club** wins this award for their beautiful, professional, extremely informative and easy to navigate website.

Ely Medal of Beauty is awarded to **Candace Morgenstern**. The Ely Medal of Beauty is the most prestigious award offered by the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. For the past 25 years Candace has performed above and beyond the regular RIFGC duties. The Ely Medal of Beauty recipient must have made an OUTSTANDING contribution of Beauty to the community and/or to the RIFGC over a period of years.

Member of Honor Award RIFGC is proud to Honor **Cheryl Celeste** as its member of Honor for 2020. Cheryl also won the New England Regional award and her application will go to National Garden Club. Cheryl was nominated by Western Cranston Garden Club for her passion for working with elementary schools, club activities and working with the RIFGC.

Special Commendations

Special commendations go out to **Vera Bowen, Sue Redden** and **Adelaide Clifford** for their hard work revising the By-Laws and the Policies and Procedures.

Special commendations go to **Kathy LaRiveria** for being the most indispensable, highly efficient Corresponding Secretary.

Club Anniversaries 2021

45 years Cindy Wood Garden Club
50 years Western Cranston Garden Club
90 years Barrington Garden Club
100 years South Country Garden Club

Being a crazy year last year we did not ask or receive all the Club anniversaries. So here they are.

Club Anniversaries 2020

90 years RIFGC
45 years Sogkonate Garden club
75 years Quononoquott Garden club
85 years Gentian Garden Club
85 years Rehoboth Garden club
115 years Jamestown Garden Club

**91TH Anniversary
Awards Ceremony**

April 22, 2021



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

President – Deb Ort

Award Committee

**Kathleen Damiani, Cheryl Celeste,
Deb Ort, Vera Bowen, Sue Redden,
Blakely Szosz, Sheryl McGookin**

The awards program affords National Garden Clubs, Inc. and RIFGC an opportunity to express their appreciation and support for all clubs' 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 of our organizations. This year's Books of Evidence attest to the abilities and talent 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.

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

**Bristol Garden Club
Jamestown Garden Club
South County Garden Club**