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Happy summer greetings to everyone! It is with much pride that I write my first President's Message. Your trust in my leadership skills is greatly appreciated and you will not be disappointed. Your new officers and committee members are excited about their responsibilities and anxious to get started. But, first, a huge thanks to our past president, Vera Bowen. She has taken RIFGC beyond our expectations and hopes. Her leadership in developing our relationship with the RI Horticulture Society and her president's project at the prison are wonderful examples for us all.

My theme for 2011 – 2013 is "Growing Community Outreach". The RIFGC clubs have always been extremely active in their communities. It's now time for RIFGC to follow their lead and take a greater role in our Rhode Island community. We are started on the right path through our work with Habitat for Humanity and the prison project, but I hope to continue down that path through my own president's project and work with the schools.

We will continue with the six year marketing plan developed in 2009, but it will become a rolling six year plan. In particular, that plan emphasizes increased awareness of RIFGC and its community outreach as well as increasing the number of RIFGC clubs and the members in them.

Another focus will be on supporting the objectives of a "green community" by continuing to decrease the printing of materials and increasing the information available via our website and through email.

Finally, we will also focus particular attention on our information technology front. As NGC and NER move toward an electronic process for award submissions, we will have a special committee managing that transition to try and make it as easy as possible for all of the club awards chairman. We will also focus on an online calendar on our website and explore online entry processes for the state flower show.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you the next two years!

Judy

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## *Over The Garden Gate*



Hello everyone! Please let me begin my first editorial by saying that I have been a member of the Western Cranston Garden Club since November 2006. I then chaired our Adopt -a- Spot from 2007-2008 at which time I was appointed Vice President. I now am currently in the middle of my second term as such.

Not only is the Editor of the News changing, the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs is undergoing a change in leadership. We give many thanks to President Vera Bowen for her exemplary leadership and organization during the past two years, as well as thanks to the members of the Executive Board for their time and dedication to the Federation.

We now welcome Judy Hager as our new President of the Federation. Judy's boundless energy and creativeness will continue to lead the Federation and those of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. enthusiastically into the future.

Congratulations to all the award winners listed in this issue! We also thank all who entered applications and books of evidence. I would think that the Judges had a difficult time determining the winners due to the many talented members in our Federation. Please encourage your club to apply for awards in the coming year and make a point to attend the awards meeting to learn how to apply for the various awards available.

One last note: please be sure to forward all articles for the September, October, November NEWS by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Happy summer!

Yours in gardening fun,

Cheryl Heroux

# Flower Show Schools

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The next New England Region Symposium will take place in Chelmsford, MA on October 18 -20, 2011. The Instructors are: Horticulture, Sandi Joyce – *“Incredible Heucheras”* and *“Exotic Sansevierias”*. Design, Gina V. Jogan – *“Constructions and Assemblages”*. Gina will also present an Allied Subject: *“Judging Comments”*. The other Allied Subject will be *“Armature Designs”* by the very innovative designer, Tony Todesco. Please let me know if you need a brochure.

This Symposium is preceded by the New England Regional Meeting – October 17 & 18, 2011.

Ann Huntoon and Marjorie DeAngelis attended FSS Course II in Taunton, MA at the end of April. This is Ann’s third course and Marjorie’s second.

## Flower Shows

Only one flower show is being planned this year, Rehoboth Garden Club is presenting a Small Standard Flower Show on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

Two plant societies are presenting specialty shows, the Rose Society on June 18, 2011 and the Dahlia Show in September.

Also, the World Association of Floral Arrangers (WAFA) is presenting *“This Glorious Earth”* June 15 – 19, 2011 at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston. This is a once in a lifetime event, almost 600 designs by the best arrangers in the world will be on display. For more information go to their website – [www.WAFAUSA.com](http://www.WAFAUSA.com).

Sue Redden

*Flower Show Schools Chairman*

# Blue Star Memorial

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A Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker, sponsored by RIFGC, has been ordered and will be shipped on May 20th. The marker will soon thereafter be permanently placed at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery in Exeter, RI, this being a most appropriate and ideal spot for it. An announcement will be sent out when the dedication date is determined. Hopefully, members of RIFGC will attend a short ceremony at that time, showing their support of such a worthwhile NGC project.

Nikki Greene

*Blue Star Memorial Marker Chairman*

## In Memoriam In Memoriam

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Billie (Anita) Ball of Edgewood passed away on April 4<sup>th</sup> at her new home in Chapel Hill, NC. She is survived by her husband, Edward E. Ball, her daughters Claudia Sabin, Nancy Ratner (Mark) and Christine Mark (Jonathan) and her six grandchildren. Billie served as an active member of Edgewood Garden Club since 1955. She also served as President of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs from 1978—1980. In recent years, Billie and Edward's garden was a part of the 2007 EGC Garden Tour and Billie did a beautiful table entry at our 2004 Standard Flower Show. Billie served as a mentor to many of us and a friend to all of us. She will be missed!

**LIFE MEMBER GROUP**

***SUMMER LUNCHEON***

***THURSDAY AUGUST 11, 2011***

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# Awards

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## **Sue Redden Honored with Ely Medal**

The most prestigious award offered by RIFGC, the **Ely Medal of Beauty**, was awarded April 28, 2011 to Sue Redden. She was selected for this award to acknowledge her outstanding contribution to the community and RIFGC over the years. Sue has served in many capacities in her local garden clubs, the RIFGC, RI Judges' Council, the NE Region Boards, and in NGC. For her continued performance of quality work, above and beyond, and her willingness to help in various situations, Sue was selected to receive the Ely Medal of Beauty. **Congratulations!**

It was a pleasure to present the following awards at the Awards Ceremony of the RIFGC. We thank you for your applications and Books of Evidence highlighting all the good work accomplished by garden clubs and individual members and offer our congratulations. Our heartfelt thanks to our mentor and helper, Vera Bowen.

*Doris Stephens & Priscilla DiMarco, RIFGC Awards Chairmen*

<b><i>Bird Award</i></b>	<b>Sogkonate G.C.</b>
<b><i>Portsmouth G.C. Memorial Bowl for Litter Control</i></b>	<b>Sogkonate G.C.</b>
<b><i>Award of Merit for Flower Show Achievement</i></b>	<b>Barrington Garden Club</b>
<b><i>Award of Merit for Flower Show Achievement</i></b>	<b>Bristol Garden Club</b>
<b><i>Barbara Spring Lownes Memorial Bowl</i></b>	<b>Bristol Garden Club</b>
<b><i>Flower Show Schedule Award</i></b>	<b>Barrington Garden Club</b>
<b><i>Judges' Council Award for Staging a Flower Show in a Public Building</i></b>	<b>Bristol Garden Club</b>

<i>Jean T. Whitaker Award for Staging a Standard Home Show</i>	Barrington G.C.
<i>MacColl Bowl</i> (1 <sup>st</sup> time blue-ribbon winner in RIFGC Flower Show)	Kathryn LaRiviere
<i>Maryellen Blount Award for Garden Therapy</i>	Gentian Garden Club
<i>RIFGC Ways &amp; Means Award</i>	Western Cranston G.C.
<i>Francis M. Potier Membership Award</i>	Rehoboth G.C.
<i>Horticulture Program Award</i>	Hameho G.C.
<i>Junior Achievement Award</i>	Gentian Garden Club
<i>Junior Achievement Award</i>	Sogkonate Garden Club
<i>Junior Gardeners' Award of Excellence</i>	Barrington G.C.
<i>Edith Fricker Program of the Year Awards</i> (based on size of garden club)	Hameho Garden Club Gentian Garden Club Barrington G.C.
<i>Garden Club Yearbooks Awards</i> (based on size of garden club)	Wantaknowhow G.C. Hameho Garden Club Bayberry G.C. Bristol Garden Club Gentian Garden Club Edgewood G.C.
<i>The Sylvia Street Award</i> (most creative arranger of the year)	Priscilla DiMarco
<i>The Joan F. Pesola Silver Tray</i> (best traditional arrangement of the year)	Sue Redden

***RI Project of Merit Award***

**Sogkonate G.C.**

***Newsletter Awards***

**Hameho Garden Club**

**(based on size of garden club)**

**Somerset G.C.**

**Rehoboth G.C.**

**Edgewood G.C**

***B.Judy and H.Nord Kitchen NEWS Advertising Award***

**Barrington G.C**

***The Publicity Press Book Awards***

**Hameho Garden Club**

**(based on size of garden club)**

**Portsmouth G.C**

**Barrington G.C.**

***Presenters of three non-NGC Standard Flower Shows were recognized:***

**Rose Society**

**Preservation Society of Newport County**

**Dahlia Society**

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## *2011 Installation Luncheon*



President- Judy Hager  
 First Vice President- Sandi Tinyk  
 Second Vice President- Catherine Moore  
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 Recording Secretary- Sharon Gaining  
 Corresponding Secretary- Holly Lippert

## Life Member Officers

Doris Stephens thanked all outgoing officers and presented the new officers with pansies which represent thoughtfulness. The new officers are as follows:

Chairperson – Gloria Westlake

Vice-Chair – BJ Stevens

Recording Secretary – Betty Sue Reid

Corresponding Secretary – Vera Bowen

Finance – Adelaide Clifford

Raffle – Bernice Lariviere and Marje DeAngelis (received begonia which represents money)

The gavel was presented to Gloria Westlake.



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## ***ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS***

The deadline for the Presidents' Reports is December 1, 2011 The spring issue of the NEWS traditionally features Presidents' Reports.

Please outline your program of your club's past calendar year, including your theme for the year. Select one activity to describe in detail. Send us a brief description. Total words should be between 100 and 200 words. The limit will be strictly enforced!

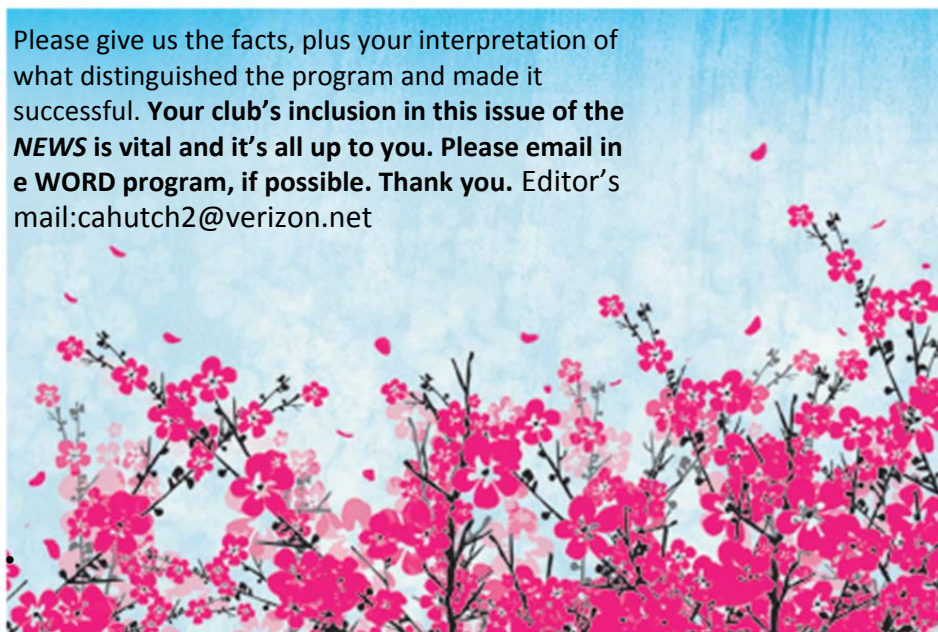
Whether public service, speaker, fundraiser, workshop, field trip or holiday bash, be sure it includes who, what, when, where, why and how and what made it work.

We will also need the total voting membership information.

Sharing your best program creates a resource for the incoming Program Chairmen, looking for the unique and engaging. Sharing your yearly program will provide a record for your club's history in the NEWS. Please submit (email in a Word document) to the editor in this format:

**NAME OF CLUB Total Voting Members** (include all classes that vote) **Name of President: Theme:** Description of President's choice of best program: **Limit 150 words. This limit will be strictly enforced. Total words in article must not exceed 200 words.**

Please give us the facts, plus your interpretation of what distinguished the program and made it successful. **Your club's inclusion in this issue of the NEWS is vital and it's all up to you. Please email in e WORD program, if possible. Thank you.** Editor's mail:cahutch2@verizon.net







June 2 RIFGC Executive Board Meeting at Roger Williams Park Casino

June 15-19 The 10<sup>th</sup> World Flower Show- "This Glorious Earth", at the Seaport World Trade Center, Boston, Ma. Over 600 floral exhibits! Being held in the United States for the first time! [www.wafausa.org](http://www.wafausa.org) for more information. Group tickets available.

June 18 A specialty show by the Rose Society. Location - TBA

June 24-26 Newport Flower Show, "Entertaining Newport style", Rosecliff Mansion, Newport, RI. [www.newportflowershow.org](http://www.newportflowershow.org) for more information.

Date TBA "Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker", sponsored by the RIFGC at the RI Veteran's Cemetery, Exeter, RI

August 9 An Afternoon Tea by The Gardeners of Westerly, presenting: "From the White House to Your House" by Ruth Loiseau; a floral designer for 5 Administrations at the White House. To be held from 2:00pm-5:00pm at The Ocean House, Watch Hill, RI. Price and tickets will be available soon through Catherine Moore. 401-348-8926 or [Csimplymoore@cox.net](mailto:Csimplymoore@cox.net)

August 11 Life Member Group Summer Luncheon, The Dunes Club, 137 Boston Neck Road, Narragansett, RI. The program, "Garden Time", will be presented by Vera Bowen. Come hear about the wonderful prison program! Please note that reservations should be made by August 6.

September A Specialty show by the Dahlia Society. Date and location- TBA

Continued:

September 22 RIFGC Executive Board meeting at Roger Williams Park.  
Please check location.

October 1 Rehoboth Garden Club is having a Small Standard Flower Show.  
Location- TBA

October 18-20 New England Region Symposium, Chelmsford, Ma. Please  
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