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Already it's June! What a wonderful spring we have had! Our annual luncheon on April 26<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Many thanks to Vicki Iannuccillo for her leadership and planning and to Priscilla DiMarco for handling ticket sales.

We've planted another Habitat House – this one built by some of the female prisoners from women's minimum prison. They helped with the planting too. Our work with the prison continues, under Vera's leadership, with the planning and planting of the children's garden and playground at the women's visitation area.

We are just back from the NGC convention in Buffalo, where we saw Katherine Brown, Executive Director of the Southside Community Land Trust, honored as SSLT won the NGC Award of Excellence for a non-member organization. Such a well-deserved honor!

Memorial Day found many of us in Tiverton, where the Tiverton Garden Club had a dedication ceremony for a Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker. Honored guest, NGC President Shirley Nicolai, participated in the moving ceremony. The week also included a Life Member luncheon where two students received RIFGC Life Member scholarships and one also received an NGC scholarship.

The summer finds us looking forward to flower shows, garden tours and our first float in the Bristol 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade! But, a reminder to all, take time to relax and enjoy your garden!

Judy

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## *Over The Garden Gate*

Hello Everyone!

Congratulations to all of the award winners listed in this issue! Thanks to all who entered applications and books of evidence. I'm sure that the judges had a difficult time, once again, in determining the winners due to the many talented members in our federation. Please encourage your club to apply for awards in the coming year.

Please take note of the up and coming flower schools and events listed in this edition; especially the Newport Flower Show which is always a pleaser; as well as our first float in the Bristol Fourth of July parade!

A quick note on my choice of cover for this issue of the NEWS: with the aid of my friends, Richard and Jennifer, co-owners of Wild Birds Unlimited and their friendly staff located in Warwick, RI; my family was able to provide hummingbirds and all of nature's creatures with an extremely friendly habitat. We put our humming bird feeder out in mid-April, and marvel at these amazing creatures that visit us!

Another thought to you with regards to safety this Fourth of July holiday. Please be aware that fireworks that shoot in the air and produce loud explosions are **illegal and should only be used by licensed professionals.** A sparkler may appear to be innocent; however; it burns at a temperature of 1000 degrees F. Have a happy, safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

One last note: please be sure to forward all articles for the Sept., Oct., Nov. NEWS by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.  
Happy summer!



Yours in gardening fun, as well as fire safety,  
Cheryl

**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**

## **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.

## Flower Show Schools

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**SAVE THESE DATES! October 14 & 15 New England Region Annual Meeting**

**October 15 – 17 New England Region**

**Symposium.**

**PLACE: Providence Marriott.**

Rhode Island will be hosting the New England Region (NER) Annual Meeting and the NER Symposium this year. Each NER state takes a turn to host these events, so every six years it is our turn!

Both events will be held at the Providence Marriott, starting with the NER Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 14, 2012. Our National President, Shirley Nicolai whom some of you met last December, will be attending. The dinner on Sunday evening will be preceded by a reception to honor Joyce Kimball, NER Director, and Shirley. Monday, October 15, Joyce will preside at the meeting, followed by a program, *The Prison Project – "The Hope Garden"* by RIFGC past president, Vera Bowen. Lunch will follow and then the NER Awards will be presented.

The NER Symposium will begin at 4:15 that afternoon with an Allied Subject by past NGC President, Barbara May. Barbara will instruct Design for the Symposium the next day, October 16, her subject, *"For Your Dining Pleasure"* Exhibition Tables.

On Wednesday, David Robson will teach *"A Different Take on Displays & Collections"* and Orchid plants.

His Allied subject, *“So you think you know the Handbook?”* takes place before Barbara’s lecture on Tuesday.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about NGC and to hear two excellent instructors in Design and Horticulture.

## **WHAT IS AN NGC FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS SYMPOSIUM?**

This Symposium is a course of advanced study in Horticulture, Design, and Allied Subjects. The National Flower Show Schools Committee regulates the curriculum and requirements according to The Handbook for Flower Shows with updates printed in The National Gardener Magazine. State Flower Show Schools Chairmen serve as liaison with the NGC FSS Chairman and FSS Committee. The state Symposium Chairman is responsible for seeing that the symposium meets the requirements as specified in the Handbook. The courses are taught by NGC accredited instructors. Four hours of Horticulture, and four hours of Design, including one and one half hours of oral point-scoring for each; and two hours of Allied Subject/s on related topics.

The purpose of the Symposium is:

1. To provide an opportunity for advancement from Accredited Judge to Accredited-Life Judge and then Accredited-Master Judge status.
2. Enables Accredited-Master Judges to ‘refresh’ and thus keep in ‘Good Standing’ by obtaining audit credit, needed by December 31st of the third year.

Judges also need exhibiting credits to establish eligibility to take the Symposium for credit. These requirements help to keep the judges up to date on the latest trends. Only Accredited-Master Judges do not take the written point-scoring exams. However, they must attend all lectures to gain credit.

Judges not in need of credit, and other interested people, may attend all or part of any symposium upon payment of the registration fee.

This will be an exciting time for our state and it is hoped that many of you will attend all or part of these events. Please come and learn with us – you will be so pleased you did!

Brochures for both events are available on line or from Registrar: Vicki Iannuccillo – [viannuccil@aol.com](mailto:viannuccil@aol.com) or from me.

Sue Redden, NER/RI Symposium Chairman.

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## RIFGC Community Project Award

Do you have a community project that you would like to start and feel that you are unable to do so due to lack of funds?

The RIFGC, in an effort to “give-back” to the clubs has money available to help with these projects. Every year at the annual luncheon we will give a cash award/s of up to \$2000.00 to the club/s to help them accomplish their goal. This award will not be judged!

The applications will be placed in a hat and drawn at the Annual Meeting.

1. Please give a brief description of the project you would like to start?
2. How much money do you think you would need to accomplish your project?
3. What benefit would this project be to the community?
4. How many club members will be involved?
5. How long do you think it will take to complete the project?
6. Who will maintain the project (if needed) upon completion?

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

#### **LIFE MEMBER GROUP**

Dear Garden Club Presidents,

**The Life Member Group** of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. primary goal is to develop a fund for scholarship(s) promoting education in horticulture, landscape design, environmental science and related subjects. Any scholarship is for one year only and may be repeated annually until the completion of the education of the recipient. The recipient must be a resident within the area served by the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs. Any individual may be a member of the **Life Member Group**. Membership in a garden club is not required. There is a one-time payment of \$100. which is tax deductible.

The Life Member group is financially sound and actively seeks applications for the scholarships.

As a Garden Club President, you can help in several ways:

1. Help us keep the Life Member Group membership list current. Please look at the Life Member Group list previously sent to your President and verify your LMG club members addresses and emails.

Please mail this information to Marjorie DeAngelis, Membership Chair..

2. Educate and then encourage your Garden Club members to join the Life Member Group. Consider giving a Life Membership as a gift from your club to

a departing officer, for example.

3. Encourage your club members to attend the Life Member fund raising events.

4. Encourage students to apply for these scholarships. Contact Janice Panoff, Scholarship Chair.

5. Attached find an application to join the Life Member Group. Please make this available to your members.

Thank you for your support

Gloria Westlake, Chairman LMG Marjorie DeAngelis, Janice Panoff,

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# *Hidden Gardens of Bristol*



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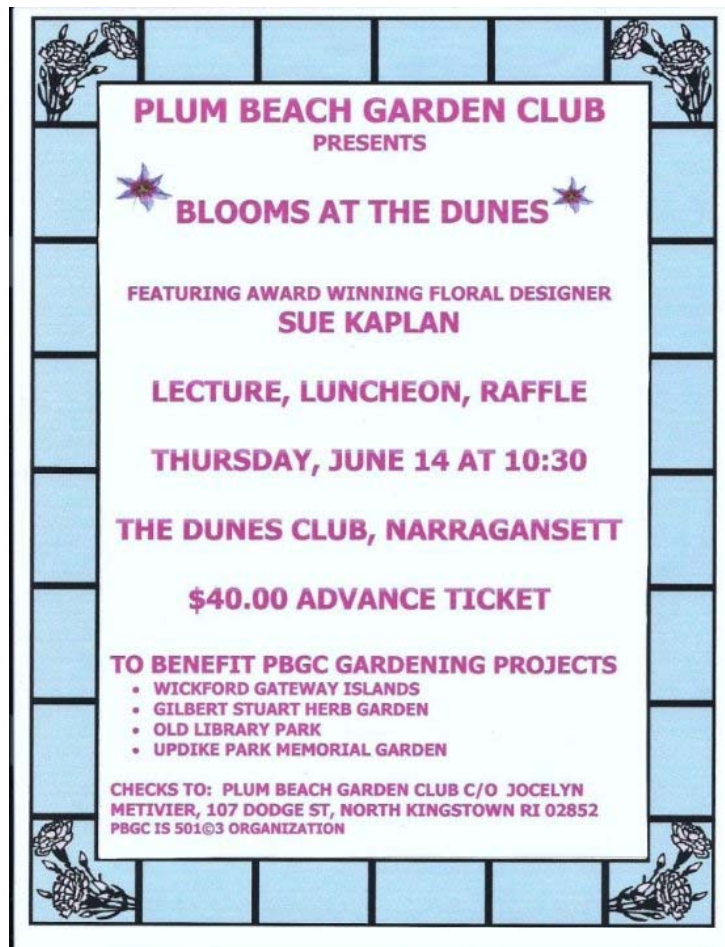
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*For information call Connie Witcher, Chairman of the event*

*at 401.253.5229.*



## Plant Sale

Gentian Garden Club will have a plant sale on Saturday September 22, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Community House in North Scituate located at 546 West Greenville Road (Route 116). There will be perennials, herbs and shrubs for sale. This sale is known for having healthy plants at reasonable prices. It is a great way to purchase plants and get advice if requested from experienced gardeners. For more information please call Cindy at 934-9212.

## 2011-2013 NGC PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

### *PLANTINGS*

#### *FOR PUBLIC AND SPECIAL PLACES*

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Apply DIRECTLY to the proper Chairman using the form found on NGC website: [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

Gardens with Edibles: Chairman Pat Rupiper [arupiper@bright.net](mailto:arupiper@bright.net)

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$300 946 Crouse Chapel Road

2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$150 Chillicothe, OH 45601-8842

3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$100

Container Gardens: Chairman Susan Robinson [rerob@mac.com](mailto:rerob@mac.com)

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$300 173 Witherell Lane

2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$150 Manchester Center, VT 05255

3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$100

Trees and Shrubs: Chairman Lisa Williamson [erw510@aol.com](mailto:erw510@aol.com)

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$300 403 St. Ives Drive

2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$150 Severna Park, MD 21146-1015

3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$100

Participate in the NGC President's Project - PLANTINGS for PUBLIC and SPECIAL PLACES. WIN in each category. Visit [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) for more details and to apply DIRECTLY to the individual chairman listed above.

DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2012 and APRIL 1, 2013

*Complete form on NGC website as projects are completed for recognition and a MONETARY AWARD. Applications may also be submitted to chairmen by mail. For further information contact Coordinator Betsy Steele at [betsysteel@truvista.net](mailto:betsysteel@truvista.net) or 803-789-5451.*



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**June 2, 2012** – Gentian Garden Club garden tour

**June 22- 24, 2012** – Newport Flower Show

**June 30, 2012**- "Celebrate Matunuck", a South County Garden Club's garden tour and market place to benefit the South County Land Trust and the Pettaquamscutt Historical Society's Hale House landscaping. Information will be available at: [southcountygardenclubofri.org](http://southcountygardenclubofri.org)

**July 14, 2012** – "Hidden Gardens of Bristol", 9 self-guided garden tours

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Greenville Road (Route 116). There will be perennials, herbs and shrubs for sale.

**October 15-17, 2012** – N.E.R. symposium



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