

**1. The Elizabeth McCaffrey Arbor Day Award** is given to the **Edgewood Garden Club** for the re-vitalization of the Grand Avenue Memorial Park in Cranston. With help from neighbors, youth, and the American Legion Post, this club cleaned the area and presented an Arbor Day Ceremony at which a tree, a shrub and ground covers were planted. Mayor Fung shoveled the inaugural dirt for the tree.

**2. Bird Award**

For their annual school programs, open club meetings on “Saving the Bob-o-Links” and “Raising Backyard Chickens,” and the ongoing 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 Award for Litter Control**

This award for Litter Control is awarded to **Sogkonate Garden Club** for their 24 years of commitment in litter control and Earth Day projects at which the club provides gloves, trash bags and other supplies.

**6. Kathryn M. Sheehan Award** is won by **Western Cranston Garden Club** for their ongoing program to introduce young people to the expansive world of Horticulture. Gardens have been planted in two schools enabling the children to receive a hands-on experience.

**7a. Awards of Merit for Standard or Small-Standard Flower Shows** are given to **Barrington Garden Club, Hameho Garden Club and Sogkonate Garden Club**. All presented delightful Small-Standard Flower Shows.

**7b. Certificates of Recognition** are presented to affiliates and clubs that present non-standard flower shows: **Portsmouth Garden Club**, the **RI Dahlia Society**, and the **RI Rose Society**, receive recognition this year.

**8a** The **Barbara Spring Lownes Award** is given to the **Barrington Garden Club** for the exceptional quality of the Horticulture in their show “***Gifts From the Garden***”

**9b. Flower Show Schedule Award** is presented to **Barrington Garden Club** for the schedule for their Small-Standard Flower Show, “***Gifts From the Garden***”

**10a. The Judges’ Council Award** for Staging a Standard or Small-Standard Flower Show in a public building goes to **Sogkonate Garden Club** for their Small-Standard Flower Show “***Four Seasons in Bloom***”

**10b. The Jean T. Whitaker Award** for staging a Standard or Small-Standard Home or Placement Show. **Barrington Garden Club** wins this award for their presentation of “***Gifts From the Garden***”

**10c. The Ruth F. Anderson Award**, given to a club exhibiting overall excellence in a Small-Standard Flower Show which may be staged in a home or public building. **Barrington Garden Club** wins this award.

**10d. In-House Flower Show Award**, a new award this year for a club presenting a Standard or Small Standard Flower Show that is not open to the public, but must be judged by NGC Accredited Judges. **Hameho Garden Club** wins this award for “***Fun with Flowers***”

**11. The Maryellen Blount Award for Garden Therapy** is presented to **Gentian Garden Club** for their outstanding ongoing commitment to seniors. Ten workshops and six visits to a nursing home were held in 2014.

**13. Frances M. Potier Membership Award**  
Two clubs had a net increase of three members in 2014, **Angle Tree Garden Club** and **Bayberry Garden Club** each win this award.

**14. The Horticulture Program Award** is awarded to **Western Cranston Garden Club**. Their objective for this program was to introduce an exotic plant to club members who then planted it in large unique Apple Snail Shells.

**16. Virginia M. Greene Award** is won by **Hameho Garden Club** for their hands-on study of herbs. Each member planted three different herbs in a moss lined basket. Later they planted them in their gardens.

**17. Junior Achievement Award**

For their outstanding ongoing program and commitment to the youth in their community, **Sogkonate Garden Club** wins this award.

*A Certificate of Recognition is given to Gentian Garden Club*

**20. Edith Fricker Programs Award** - Four clubs are the recipients of this award for their well-rounded programs:

**Class 2 Hameho Garden Club**

**Class 4 Gentian Garden Club**

**Class 5 Edgewood Garden Club**

**Class 6 Barrington Garden Club**

*A Certificate of Recognition is given to Sogkonate 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:

**Class 2 Hameho Garden Club**

**Class 3 Bristol Garden Club**

**Class 4a Gentian Garden Club**

**Class 4b Sogkonate Garden Club**

**Class 5 Edgewood Garden Club**

**Class 6 Barrington Garden Club**

*Certificates of Recognition are given to Bayberry, Rehoboth, Portsmouth, and Western Cranston Garden Clubs,*

**22. Carolyn B. Haffenreffer Award** given to encourage and promote activity in RIFGC garden clubs is awarded to **Barrington Garden Club** for all around excellence in their projects and activities, including a Small-Standard Flower Show and Garden Tour.

**24a. The Sylvia Street Award-**  
**Judged by out of state judges**

For her Creative Assemblage exhibited at the 2014 RIFGC State Flower Show "*It's All about Time.*"  
The Sylvia Street Award is presented to **Vera Bowen.**

**24b. The Joan F. Pesola Award**

For her Traditional Design exhibited at Flower Show School Course II in Canton, Ohio. The Joan F Pesola Award is presented to **Barbara Blossom.**

**25. RI FGC Project of Merit Award.**

For their wonderful outreach program which helps their fellow members in need, the **Sogkonate Garden Club** wins the RIFGC Project of Merit Award.

**26. The Silver Trowel Garden Tour Award**

For their wonderful, eclectic garden tour, "*Beyond the Garden Gate*" which included a Small-Standard Flower Show "*Gifts from the Garden*" at one of the homes on the tour. **The Barrington Garden Club** wins this award. *A Certificate of Recognition is given to Quononoquott Garden Club for their Garden Tour in Jamestown.*

**28. The Newsletter Award**

Newsletters are a wonderful way for clubs to keep members updated on National, Regional, State 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 3 **Rehoboth Garden Club**
- Class 4 **Western Cranston Garden Club**
- Class 6 **Barrington Garden Club**

*A Certificate of Recognition is given to Gentian Garden Club.*

**The Publicity Press Book Awards**

- Small Club: **Hameho Garden Club**
- Medium Club: **Gentian Garden Club**
- Large Club: **Sogkonate Garden Club**
- Ex-Large Club: **Barrington Garden Club**

*A Certificate of Recognition is given to Quononoquott Garden Club.*

**COMMENDATIONS**

The RIFGC presents a **Commendation to Bernie Larivee.** For his long-standing capacity as Raffle Chairman for the RIFGC annual flower show. His dedication to the financial well-being of RIFGC is highly valued by all of us.

The RIFGC presents a **Commendation to Blakely Szosz** who took on the editorship of the "NEWS" and presented wonderfully creative and educational issues.

The RIFGC presents a **Commendation to Vera Bowen,** for her invaluable help, guidance, knowledge and support to her President. She was also Co-Chair of the successful state flower show, "*The Spirit of Adventure.*"

The RIFGC presents a **Commendation to Sue Redden,** For her long-standing support, contributions, knowledge, assistance and dedication to the RIFGC. With heart-felt thanks from her president and the RIFGC membership.

The RIFGC presents a **Commendation to Sandi Tinyk,** As a Co-Chair of the state flower show with Vera and Sue, she took charge of the highly successful Photography Section a 'first' for our state show.

**Club Anniversaries**

- 55 years: Gardeners of Westerly**
- 75 years: Seaside Garden Club**
- 80 years: Gentian Garden Club**
- 80 years: Jamestown Garden Club**
- 85 years Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs,**

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 this past year. By honoring our clubs, we hope to promote growth and stimulate our members to plan programs and activities for the coming year in accordance with the objectives of our organizations. This year's Books of Evidence and applications attest to the abilities and talents of our clubs. The Awards Committee congratulates the winners, thanks all those who applied for an award this year, and encourages even more clubs to submit entries next year.

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



***85th Anniversary  
Awards Ceremony***

**April 23, 2015**

Imperial Room  
One Rhodes Place, Cranston, RI

**President ~ Sandi Tinyk**

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

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

**Awards Committee**

**Vera Bowen Holly Lippert,  
Cathy Moore, Sue Redden, Sandi Tinyk,**