

### 1. The Elizabeth McCaffrey Arbor Day Award

is given to the **Western Cranston Garden Club** for their wonderful tribute to Arbor Day by planting a Kousa Dogwood at the local fire station.

### 2. Bird Award

For their public meetings on “Peregrine Falcons” and “Encouraging the Bobolinks,” construction of bird houses, and the ongoing maintenance of a bird feeder and bird bath at the historic Brownell House, the **Sogkonate Garden Club** wins the Bird Award

### 3. Jo Macintosh Award for Conservation Education

**Sogkonate Garden Club** was given this award for their meadow program which is a role model of community education, outreach, and involvement.

### 5. Portsmouth Garden Club Memorial Award for Litter Control

This award for Litter Control is awarded to **Sogkonate Garden Club** for their 25 years of commitment in litter control, monthly roadside collections, Earth Day, & International Coastal Cleanup projects.

### 7a. Awards of Merit for Standard or Small-Standard Flower Shows

The RIFGC offers this award and \$25.00 to clubs who presented a Standard or Small-Standard Flower Show.

- **Bristol Garden Club** earns this Award for their Standard Placement Flower Show, *Blithewold....the Good Life*
- **Gentian Garden Club** receives this Award for their Standard Home Flower Show *Quintessential Country – A Study of Flora, Fauna and Fancy*

### 7b. Certificates of Recognition

Presented to affiliates and clubs for a non-Standard Flower Show:

- Portsmouth Garden Club
- The Rose Society
- The Dahlia Society

### 8a. The Barbara Spring Lownes Award

**Gentian Garden Club** wins this award for their fabulous Horticulture Division in their Standard Home Flower show, *Quintessential Country – A Study of Flora, Fauna and Fancy*.

### 8b. Horticulture Award

For a club with fewer than 39 members, this award is given to Bristol Garden Club for their beautifully presented Horticulture in their Standard Flower Show, *Blithewold...the Good Life*

### 9b. Flower Show Schedule Award

for their concise and imaginative schedule for *Quintessential Country*, **Gentian Garden Club** wins this award.

### 10b. The Jean T. Whitaker Award for a Standard Home Show

For their beautifully presented, show, *Quintessential Country*, **Gentian Garden Club** is the winner of this award.

### 10c. The Jean T. Whitaker Award for a Standard Placement Show

For their delightful Standard Flower Show, *Blithewold – The Good Life* **Bristol Garden Club** is the winner of this award.

### 11. The Maryellen Blount Award for Garden Therapy

is presented to **Gentian Garden Club** for their outstanding continuing commitment to seniors. Nine hands-on workshops were given by Gentian members for residents of Cherry Hill Nursing Home, and the club also provided 30 arrangements for residents who needed encouragement.

### 13. Frances M. Poitier Membership Award

With a net increase of three members in 2015, **Bristol Garden Club** has won this award.

### 14. The Horticulture Program Award

is awarded to **Western Cranston Garden Club** for their program which enabled its members to research and focus on the trees of RI.

### 15. Comprehensive Horticulture Award

is awarded to **Sogkonate Garden Club** for their Meadow Program which incorporated community education through workshops and garden tours.

### 16. Virginia M. Greene Award

For their development and maintenance of an herb garden on the grounds of the Carpenter Museum, the **Rehoboth Garden Club** has won this award.

### 17. Junior Achievement Award

For their amazing 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 for their program with Juniors.*

### 20. Edith Fricker Program Awards –

Four clubs are the recipients of this award for their well-rounded 2015 programs:

**Class 2 Hameho Garden Club**

**Class 4 Gentian Garden Club**

**Class 5 Edgewood 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, RIFGC honors the following garden clubs:

- **Class 2 Hameho Garden Club**
- **Class 3 Bayberry Garden Club**
- **Class 4a Western Cranston Garden Club**
- **Class 4b Sogkonate Garden Club**
- **Class 5 Edgewood Garden Club**
- **Class 6 Barrington Garden Club**

### 22. Carolyn B. Haffenreffer Award

is awarded to **Sogkonate Garden Club** for all around excellence in their projects and activities, including a Meadow Program and Garden Tour.

### 24a. The Sylvia Street Award

**Candace Morgenstern** has won this Award for her creative door design at the Belmont Garden Club.

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

For her hanging door design in the class titled "Allure" at Gentian Garden Club's Flower Show "Quintessential Country...a Study of Flora, Fauna and Fancy, the Joan F Pesola Award is presented to **Barbara Blossom**.

#### **25. RI Federation Project of Merit Award**

For their wonderful outreach program introducing elementary students to horticulture, the **Western Cranston Garden Club** wins the RIFGC Project of Merit Award.

*A Certificate of Recognition is given to Wantaknowhow Garden Club for their wonderful Butterfly Project.*

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

The **Sogkonate Garden Club** has won this award for their educational garden & meadow tours this past September.

#### **27. National Garden Week Award**

For helping students learn about seed planting during National Garden Week, the **Western Cranston Garden Club** has won this award.

#### **28. The Newsletter Awards**

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.

Recipients of the newsletter award are:

- **Class 2 Hameho 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 Angle Tree Garden Club & Edgewood Garden Club.*

### **COMMENDATIONS**

The RIFGC presents a **Commendation** to **Eileen Dennis of the Hameho Garden Club** for the many years her preschool class of 30+ children at St. Luke's School in Barrington, has entered the Youth Division of the RI State Flower Show.

### **MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR**

**Adelaide Clifford** is the recipient of this Award.  
For All Around Excellence

#### **Club Anniversaries**

**35 years: Somerset Garden Club**  
**40 years: Cindy Wood Garden Club**  
**45 years: Western Cranston Garden Club**  
**65 years: Bayberry Garden Club**  
**85 years: Barrington Garden Club**  
**95 years: South County Garden Club**

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.**



## *86th Anniversary Awards Ceremony*

**April 28, 2016**

Quidnessett Country Club  
North Kingstown, RI

**President ~ Cathy Moore**

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, Blakely Szosz,  
BJ Stevens, & Sandi Tinyk,**