

1. Elizabeth McCaffrey Arbor Day Award

Barrington Garden Club wins for their planting a native white American Fringe tree at Police Cove Park. It was a great job with the inclusion of other clubs and participants from other communities.

** Certificate of recognition goes to **Edgewood Garden Club** for their presentation to 50 children on the origins of Arbor Day.*

2. Bird Award is presented to **Western Cranston Garden Club** for a bird project involving groups of members who reported on seven different native birds at their February meeting.

3. Jo Macintosh Conservation Education Award is given to **Sogkonate Garden Club** for their excellent project to ensure commercial food composting is available to all in Little Compton and Tiverton.

4. Gorham Award for Conservation Excellence is awarded to **Sogkonate Garden Club** for their great project on the ecosystems of meadows.

5. Portsmouth Garden Club Memorial Award for Litter Control This award for litter control is awarded to **Western Cranston Garden Club** for their dedication to the Cranston Central Library to clean up the side yard where readings take place. Giving the library an additional outside space.

6. Kathryn M Sheehan Award is awarded to **Gentian Garden Club** for their creation of Bell Garden where they planted a tree, five species of native shrubs, and included over 200 plants and 800 bulbs.

11. Mary Ellen Blount Award for Garden Therapy this has been awarded to **Western Cranston Garden Club** for their work with the Scandinavian Nursing Home. Making arrangements four times a year for their dining room tables and sending Thanksgiving and Christmas cards to all the residents.

12. Frances M. Poitier Membership Award

Rehoboth Garden Club wins for the largest increase in dues-paying members.

15. Virginia M. Green Award Gentian Garden Club

has won this award for their comprehensive programs making an herbal tonic called Fire Cider Tonic which boost immunities, helps with digestion, fights the common cold and helps with allergies.

16. Youth Achievement Award goes to **Barrington Garden Club** for their after-school session working with children to decorate masks for the RIFGC Flower Show Youth division.

19. Edith Fricker Program of the Year Award

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

Class 3 **Gentian Garden Club**
Class 4 **Edgewood 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 1 – **Hattie Ide Chaffee**
Class 2 - **Hameho Garden Club**
Class 3 - **Western Cranston Garden Club**
Class 4 –**Rehoboth Garden Club**
Class 5 - **Sogkonate Garden Club**
Class 6 - **Barrington Garden Club**

21. Carolyn B. Haffenreffer Award

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

22. The Sylvia Street Award is awarded to **Priscilla DiMarco** of **Hameho Garden Club** for her Creative design “Sculpture” at the RIFGC Flower Show.

24. RI Federation Project of Merit Award

is awarded to **Western Cranston Garden Club** for their work with 5th Grade students at Eden Park School planting vegetables and perennials in raised beds.

26. National Garden Week is awarded to **Western Cranston Garden Club** who worked with Cranston Central Library children’s librarian to have children ages 5-11 plant annuals in the refurbished flower beds.

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

Class 2 **Hameho Garden Club**
Class 3 **Western Cranston Garden Club**
Class 4 **Edgewood Garden Club**
Class 5 **Rehoboth Garden Club**
Class 6 **Barrington Garden Club**

29. Website Award- **Barrington Garden Club** wins this award for its outstanding, easy to use and extremely informative website.

** Certificate of recognition goes to **Sogkonate Garden Club** for their equally outstanding website. Very user friendly and informative.*

30. Decorating a Historic Building is awarded to **Western Cranston Garden Club** for beautifully decorating all of the Sprague Mansion for the holiday season with the theme “A Very Berry Christmas.”

Member Award of Honor RIFGC is proud to Honor **Roberta Stevens** as its Member of Honor for 2023. Roberta was nominated by Portsmouth Garden Club for her involvement on many levels in her club and the Federation. She is active in community and is an experienced designer. She worked with students on an anti-drug campaign. Roberta has been a well-liked and respected member of her club for almost 40 years. She shares her knowledge gracefully.

Club Anniversaries 2024

60 years Hameho Garden Club
75 years Quanoqonette Garden
90 years Rehoboth Garden Club

Commendations

Judy Gray – 2024 Flower Show Chair

RIFGC thanks Judy Gray for all the time and effort she volunteered to the 2024 Rhode Island Design Specialty Flower Show, ‘Rhode Island in Bloom’. Judy’s passion, hard work, and dedication before, during and after this event is an invaluable contribution to the success of the show. What an asset she is to RIFGC!

Kathleen Damiani -2024 Flower Show Co-Chair

RIFGC thanks Kathleen Damiani for her outstanding commitment as Co-Chair of the 2024 Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs Design Specialty Flower Show, ‘Rhode Island in Bloom’. Her dedication, work ethic, and attention to detail was an invaluable asset to the success of the show.

Blakely Szosz - 2024 Flower Show Consultant

RIFGC thanks Blakely Szosz for her unwavering dedication to the success of the Rhode Island Design Specialty Flower Show ‘Rhode Island in Bloom’ year after year. She is a committed and indispensable resource to this event. What a beautiful schedule!

Citations

RI Builders Association

This award recognizes the RI Builders Association for their commitment and promotion of the RIFGC Design Specialty Flower Show “RI In Bloom” 2024

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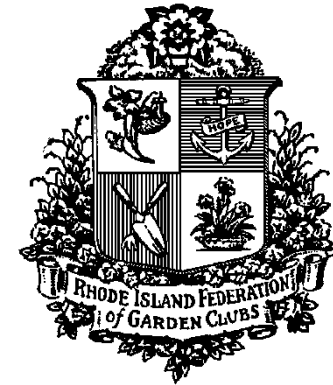
This award recognizes Marshall Builders & Remodeling for their sponsorship of the RIFGC Design Specialty Flower Show “RI In Bloom” 2024

Thank You!

Judy and Kathleen would like to extend a **Heartfelt Thank You** to all the people who volunteered at the Federation Flower Show “Rhode Island in Bloom”. We had volunteers setting up, taking down, manning the computers, passers, clerks, hostesses, waterers and all the help with the youth designs. Without all this help the show would not have been as successful. Out of the 24 clubs in the RIFGC 16 clubs had some type of participation that is huge! Every one of you played an important role in the show’s success.

94th Anniversary Awards Ceremony

April 25, 2024



The Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

President – Judy Gray

Award Committee

**Kathleen Damiani, Cheryl Celeste,
Sue Redden, Blakely Szosz, Judy
Gray**

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

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