

2. Bird Award is presented to **Barrington Garden Club** for a creative bird project entitled “Create a Birdie Bed and Breakfast Workshop” which inspired members to make a conservation contribution to our feathered friends.

3. Jo Macintosh Conservation Education Award **Barrington Garden Club** is congratulated for their intensive research on the regeneration of soil in the garden. Healthy soil = happy garden = healthy planet!

4. Gorham Award for Conservation Excellence is awarded to **Barrington Garden Club** for their project at Osamequin Nature Preserve involving the removal of invasive plants, repairing areas damaged by coastal flooding and all the work done to keep the trails and woodlands clean and healthy.

5. Portsmouth Garden Club Memorial Award for Litter Control This award for litter control is awarded to **Sogkonate Garden Club** for their dedication to the town of Little Compton with monthly roadside litter collection, recycling styrofoam, town earth day cleanup and coastal cleanup.

** Certificate of recognition goes to Western Cranston Garden Club for their litter control program.*

6. Kathryn M. Sheehan Award is awarded to **Hattie Ide Chaffee Garden Club** for their therapeutic garden programs which make a significant difference in the lives of the home’s residents.

7a. Award of Merit for Flower Show Achievement is presented to **Western Cranston Garden Club** for their small-Standard Flower Show titled “America the Beautiful.”

9. The Flower Show Schedule Award is presented to **Western Cranston Garden Club** for their trek across America by their well written and accurate schedule for its flower show “America the Beautiful.”

10a. Judges’ Council Award for Staging a Flower Show in a Public Building is awarded to **Western Cranston Garden Club** whose flower show “America the Beautiful” was staged beautifully, with staging that was created.

10c. Ruth F. Anderson Award is given to a club exhibiting overall excellence in a Small-Standard Flower Show conforming to the standards of NGC. This is presented to **Western Cranston Garden Club** for “America the Beautiful.”

** Certificate of recognition goes to Cathy Moore, chairperson, for a “Trip to Bountiful” horticultural exhibit.*

11. Mary Ellen Blount Award for Garden Therapy has been awarded to **Western Cranston Garden Club** for their work with the Scandinavian Nursing Home. Creating 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 **Western Cranston Garden Club** wins for the largest increase in dues-paying members.

13. Horticulture Program Award the recipient of this award is **Cindy Wood Garden Club** for their program teaching and demonstrating the proper way to prune overgrown shrubs and to educate members on what tools to use.

16. Youth Achievement Award goes to **Bristol Garden Club** for their hands on activities related to food, flowers and fantasy with the objective of introducing gardening to elementary school students.

17. Youth or Intermediate Gardeners Award of Excellence goes to **Bristol Garden Club** for teaching students “behind the scenes” of flower show competition by working on the Bristol Garden Clubs’ “club challenge” entry in the Newport Flower Show.

19. Edith Fricker Program of the Year Award Four clubs are the recipients of the Edith Fricker program award for their well-rounded programs throughout the year. In their respective categories, the winners are:

Class 2 **Hameho Garden Club**
Class 3 **Gentian Garden Club**
Class 4 **Western Cranston 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 **Gentian Garden Club**
Class 4 **Western Cranston Garden Club**
Class 5 **Sogkonate Garden Club**
Class 6 **Barrington Garden Club**

21. Carolyn B. Haffenreffer Award **Western Cranston Garden Club** receives this prestigious award for their wide variety of programs, activities, demonstrations, flower show and many community projects.

22. The Sylvia Street Award is awarded to **Deborah Clickner** of the Hameho Garden Club for her Creative design “Road Trip: Backroads of America” at the Western Cranston Flower show ‘America the Beautiful’

23. The Joan F. Pesola Award is presented to **Kathy LaRiviere** of the Barrington Garden Club for her Pot-et-fleur “The Gilded Age” at the RIFGC Flower Show ‘Rhode Island in Bloom’

24. RI Federation Project of Merit Award is awarded to **Hameho Garden Club** for their Art in Bloom project at the Barrington Public Library. A true tribute to student art and complementary floral design.

25. The Silver Trowel Garden Tour Award is presented to **Sogkonate Garden Club** for their “Petals and Meadows...Not Your Typical Garden Tour” an outstanding garden tour featuring fifteen gardens each site emphasized a particular aspect of gardening.

26. National Garden Week is awarded to **Western Cranston Garden Club** who worked with Cranston Central Library children’s librarian to have children aged 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 **Bristol Garden Club**
Class 4 **Western Cranston Garden Club**
Class 6 **Barrington Garden Club**

28. Pollinator Award is presented to **Western Cranston Garden Club** for the redesigning of their Adopt a Spot into a pollinator garden with year-round interest.

29. Website Award- For the first time this award is a tie between **Barrington Garden Club** and **Bristol Garden Club**. Both clubs won for their outstanding, ease of use and informative websites. Both web sites are beautifully done.

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

Club Anniversaries 2025

50 years Sogkonate Garden Club
90 years Gentian Garden Club
90 years Portsmouth Garden Club
95 years RI Federation of Garden Clubs

Elv Medal of Beauty is awarded to **De Feldman**. This is the most prestigious award offered by RIFGC. This is awarded to the person who has performed above and beyond the regular RIFGC duties. De Feldman has donated her time, talents, creativity and many roles in the following organizations, RIFGC, NE Region, NE Garden Clubs, and NGC. Congratulations De!

Commendations

Judy Gray – 2025 Flower Show Chair

RIFGC thanks Judy Gray for all the time and effort she volunteered for the 2025 Rhode Island Design Specialty Flower Show, ‘Dance Through Design’. Judy’s passion, incredible hard work, and dedication before, during and after this event is what makes this show a huge success. Judy has an invaluable wealth of knowledge which she always shares.

Vera Bowen, Education Chair

Sarah Lee, Environmental Chair

Kathleen Damiani Co-Chair RIFGC Design Specialty Flower Show ‘Dance Through Design’.

Blakely Szosz, Flower Show Consultant RIFGC Design Specialty Flower Show ‘Dance Through Design’

Citations

RI Builders Association
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Thank You!

Judy and Kathleen would like to extend a **Heartfelt Thank You** to all the people who volunteered at the Federation Flower Show “Dance Through Design.” 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. Every one of you played an important role in the show’s success.

95th Anniversary Awards Ceremony

April 24, 2025



The Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

President – Judy Gray

Award Committee

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

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

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