



Kathleen M. Thomas
42nd GCFM President
2005-2007
“Teamwork Achieves Dreams”
193 clubs – 12,874 members



Flower Show, Gardening Study, Landscape Design schools were held every year. Major Flower Shows: Central Mass Flower Show, New England Spring Flower Show), Massachusetts Horticultural Society Elm Bank, Barnstable Fair, Marshfield Fair, Topsfield Fair, Worcester Horticultural Society Tower Hill, Southeast Design Group Flower Show Heritage Plantation and there were 34 Flower Shows held by Clubs and Districts.

Two Fall Conferences and two annual meetings were held. 46 clubs participated in an Arbor Day celebration planting 1,753 trees. 77 State Awards were given, 26 Club of Distinction Awards, Awards given to students in grade 1-5 for Smokey the Bear Poster Contest, 12 Regional Awards and 11 National Awards received and the Award of Excellence to the New England Wild Flower Society. 118 clubs had a civic development project with a budget of \$126 and there were 296 Habitat for Humanity Projects.

There was the establishment of a new scholarship HELEN DeOrsay FRIEDBERG MEMORIAL TRIBUTE in memory of former president Helen Friedberg. The Springfield Garden Club Shriner's Project involving garden therapy with children and collecting tab tops to raise funds. Danvers GC created a Garden of Remembrance for the North Shore Hospice House.

NGC Let Freedom Ring grants were awarded to: Littleton Country Gardeners \$1,500. Acton Garden Club \$400, The Garden Club of Harvard \$2,000, Williamstown Garden Club \$500, Garden Club of Mansfield \$750. North Shore Garden \$500, Metro West District \$1,000, and The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.– \$1,000.

Note: Kathleen Thomas also served as NEGC Director from 2009-2011.