



*Nurture Nature*

## **Monday Memo**

November 6, 2023

Hello Everyone,

There is a nice little surprise on our GCFM.org website this week. I wonder if anyone noticed it already? Nancy Reid, the current president of the Reading Garden Club and a GCFM Website Committee member, designed a special graphic in recognition of our winning 2nd place for the highest national donations for 2022-2023. She did a beautiful job on it and I am so proud to display it on our home page until June of 2024. Then, I intend to put this graphic permanently on the Penny Pines page of our website. Again, thank you to all of the clubs who contributed to help make this happen. Thank you to Betsy Howard, our Webmaster, for making constant updates to our website to keep us current.

Don't forget, tonight, Lisa Murray, our Awards Chairperson, will be hosting a webinar on Awards. This will be very informative and it would behoove every club interested in learning more about the process, to listen in on the zoom call. We have the flier posted on our website as a Pop Up as you open the website. This webinar will teach you all you need to know about the 2023 state awards submission process. You will learn how to choose an award category, how to make your application photos stand out and the important dates and deadlines to make your submission successful. You may click on the zoom link below to get into the meeting. The meeting link will be active 15 minutes prior to the start time of 7:00 PM. Please try to arrive 5-10 minutes early. I will record the meeting for viewing afterwards, if you are unable to attend this session.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85055359668?pwd=dFFtUFZ2WDlrSWU2c0pjZUs0eXM1Zz09#success>

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Members of National Garden Clubs are passionate about growing with a purpose and The Espoma Company wants to help! Together, they're looking for NGC Affiliated Garden Clubs with a vision that can be brought to life. They're selecting up to 20 clubs with projects in 2023-2024 to receive a \$250 grant for Espoma Organic plant foods and potting soils. Please see the attached flier for more details on The Grant Program being offered. Applications being accepted from October 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024. See flier [HERE](#).

On Thursday I attended the GCFM Judges Council Symposium and thoroughly enjoyed myself. I appreciated the invitation to enter a world that is a bit foreign to me - floral design, that is. But I listened well, asked a few questions, and learned a lot! It was very well attended and I was awed by the talented women and men that were in the room. I would strongly urge members to consider thinking about taking flower school classes which will begin in April 2024. Start small and grow in the learning process.

Enjoy each day.



Marjorie Dienhart  
GCFM President

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower. - Albert Camus