



Mrs. Richard D. Povall (Polly M.)
31st GCFM President
1983-1985
“Lend A Hand”
193 clubs – 12,304 members



Many changes marked Mrs. Povall’s term. Headquarters moved from Horticultural Hall to the Wellesley Community Center, with a number of joys and headaches. The past presidents became Trustees of Scholarships, a role they still hold. Morning of Design at the Waltham Field Station began with enthusiastic response from a full house. A garden study course was held at the Essex Agricultural and Technical School. Among other projects, GCFM sponsored “Holiday Happening”, a Christmas Show and Boutique with Preview Evening at the Wellesley Community Center. A comprehensive Club of Distinction Rating Sheet was sent to all clubs.

Well established programs continued. A cookbook and books for Flower Show School added funds to the Treasury. The Conservation and Energy chairperson held a Festival of Trees Day, an Energy Awareness Conference, and continued with an informative bulletin. Every chairperson had the opportunity to write an article for the *Newsletter*, state publication.

State scholarships continued to be supported and well-funded with a total of \$12,000. There was an increase in membership with nine new clubs.

There was a letter from Long’s Jewelry Company stating they “*could no longer find someone to hand carve the President’s pins*” and suggested we have a die cut for the pin. We followed their suggestion. With our new die, it was voted to have silver pins made for club presidents and past presidents for a modest fee. This has been a popular item with our clubs. Our outgoing GCFM presidents continue to receive a gold die cut past president’s pin.

The administration was active in promoting ideals and goals of GCFM and National Council. The theme, *Lend A Hand* worked as all hands reached out to hundreds of people.