



Mrs. Richard S. Gallagher (Agnes R.)
30th GCFM President
1981-1983
“Come Grow With Us”
188 clubs – 11,907 members



The 1981 Annual Meeting was held at Dunfey’s Resort in Hyannis. There were 354 registered. Mrs. Francis A. Fink, the new National Council President, installed Mrs. Gallagher and officers.

Civic Development accomplishments were top priority in a number of clubs. Projects consisted of landscaping churches, municipal buildings, gardens, parks and public areas for all to enjoy. The also included educational programs for schools and town events. Three clubs received State, National and Regional Awards.

Conservation is a continued project in which all are interested. The Chairperson promoted a “Plant a Tree Day”, “Festival of Trees” and “Arbor Day”. Ten scholarships are given yearly to worthy students pursuing some phase of horticulture, floriculture, art and sciences related to these subjects, and environmental research. A total of \$6,400 was given in 1981-1983. Many of the clubs have also established scholarships.

Flower Show Schools were well attended. Course I was held in 1981 and The New England Flower Show Symposium in 1982. GCFM had 67 accredited judges, 17 Life Judges, 52 Master Judges and 5 Judges Emeriti – a total of 140 Judges.

With so many cup plate collectors, a plate was designed using our State Flower, the Trailing Arbutus, incorporated in the seal of the Garden Club Federation. Total profit was a little over \$1,200. A tour to England in cooperation with the International Design Symposium added funds to the Treasury.