



**Mrs. Roger J. Bullock (Diane J.)**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> GCFM President**  
**1987-1989**  
***“Bridging the Generation Gap”***  
**182 clubs – 12,000 members**



In addition to the existing programs and schools offered to the members, a fundraising raffle was held for a one week trip for two to London. This project grossed over \$11,000.

An evening horticulture program was initiated for club members who were unable to attend the monthly morning programs.

Clubs promoted outstanding projects with the elderly and youth. Weekly and monthly programs were held at nursing homes, housing for the elderly and senior centers. Two districts had a special project working with patients at two V.A. hospitals. The programs enjoyed by all varied from horticulture, flower design, to craft type projects. One outstanding program in particular that they did enjoy was a slide presentation of the New England Spring Flower Show.

At a 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration, a club “bridged the generation gap” by honoring all their past presidents. The first and oldest president, 102 years young, was present and three new members were also welcomed into their club.

A president 93 years old and active for 55 years, assumed her second presidency four years ago to keep the club from disbanding. All members were over 70.

Youth programs excelled in the state. There was strong participation in the Speech and Essay Contest, as well as The Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl Contest.

The state environmental chairperson designed and organized an outstanding exhibit on Hazardous Waste and Water Conservation. This education exhibit was displayed throughout the state to help educate the public about the serious problems of our precious water resource and the dangers of hazardous waste.

The fourth boat trip on the Merrimack River to benefit the Merrimack River Watershed Council was successful. A cooperative effort was made with the Watershed Council and Phillips Academy in presenting the exhibit entitled: The Merrimack – The Lives of the River. The exhibit was open to the public with emphasis on school groups.

We strongly felt that the experience with the elderly and the youth in our state are the future of our nation and that we must take a hand in guiding them in the right direction.