

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

Awards 2025



98th Annual Meeting

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Marjorie Dienhart, President

“Nurture Nature”

New England Garden Clubs, Inc.

Polly Brooks, Director

“We Grow Gardens & Gardeners”

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Donna Donnelly, President

2025 - “Plant America For The Next Hundred Years”

2026 - “Plant America Red, White, and Blue”

Thursday, June 19, 2025

Danversport

161 Elliott Street, Danvers, Massachusetts 01923

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. State Awards

II. CIVIC DEVELOPMENT - CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION

C. CONTINUING CIVIC PROJECTS AWARD (Revised 2018)

Awarded to a GCFM club for continual maintenance of one or more civic projects.

Hopkinton Garden Club - Large club

Springfield Garden Club - Extra Large club

D. WILLIAM J. THOMPSON AWARD (1989)

A silver vase in memory of William J. Thompson, awarded for excellence in horticultural achievement and involving education, community planting, or a conservation project. The activity must include others in the community, children, senior citizens, or the public at large.

Framingham Garden Club

E. CIVIC DEVELOPMENT AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS (Revised 2018)

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts annually funds Civic Development/Historic Preservation grants to state garden clubs for local projects. Funds are provided for seed money to encourage member garden clubs to pursue community improvement and historic preservation planting projects.

Civic Development Grants are for projects that garden clubs will help maintain, such as municipal planting projects, landscaping at schools, libraries, etc, or plantings of labeled trails at nature preserves.

Historic Landscape Preservation Grants are for projects designed to preserve the past in the context of the present, such as improvement of historically significant sites. Projects like restoration of landscaping at historic buildings, creation of historically accurate gardens, or other historic related landscaping projects. For 2024, Grants were given to four clubs.

Driftwood Garden Club of Marblehead - The Sandra Joyce Grant (\$1000)

Abbot Library entry garden project with plants selected to minimize maintenance, reduce water consumption, and grow to the right size for the right place - following the adage and teachings of Sandra Joyce.

Danvers Garden Club - GCFM Grant (\$1000)

Memorial Garden at Kaplan Family Hospice House renovation project to add low maintenance plantings to four gardens. All club members participate by giving a week's worth of maintenance time during the year.

Cambridge Plant & Garden Club - GCFM Grant (\$500)

Hooper-Lee-Nichols House perennial bed refurbishment project to add shade plants, recreating the c.1960 garden plan.

Pepperell Garden Club - GCFM Grant (\$500)

Colonial era culinary herb garden project to honor the USA 250th anniversary, located at the Prudence Wright DAR Chapter House. A garden nod to history.

III. CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL

B. CONSERVATION AWARD (1957)

Awarded for completing a project in conservation and demonstrating outstanding leadership - education category

Acton Garden Club

IV. FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

O. RUTH A. WALLACK SCHEDULE AWARD (1991, *Revised 2018*)

A silver tray given by Beth Shalom Garden Club of Needham, awarded in memory of Ruth Wallack for the most creative design division of a schedule for a Small Standard, Standard, or Design Specialty Flower Show. Ruth's interest in flower arranging and judging was inspirational to many.

Central North and Western/Central South Districts for "Moments of Joy" Standard Flower Show

S. THE POLLY M. POVALL SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW AWARD (2006)

This Certificate of Excellence is given to honor Polly Povall, an indispensable and faithful board member of GCFM for many years. She served on major committees and led the Federation as President. Polly's years of continuous commitment to flower shows has been inspirational and she has been instrumental in educating and encouraging the staging of Small Standard Flower Shows.

Aptuxet Garden Club of Bourne for "Bartlett's Familiar Quotations" Small Standard Flower Show

V. GARDEN THERAPY

B. GARDEN THERAPY CERTIFICATE

A Certificate of Merit awarded to a GCFM club for an outstanding program of garden therapy.

Acton Garden Club

IX. PROGRAM AWARDS

A. THE EVELYN D. CRONIN HORTICULTURAL AWARD (1970)

Awarded to the club for an outstanding single program horticulture workshop with member participation.

Garden Club of Norfolk, Inc.

D. PATRICIA C. MICHAUD AWARD (2006)

A silver vase, given by the Scituate Garden Club, awarded for an outstanding design program given by a member of a club to its membership or neighboring clubs.

Framingham Garden Club - Large club

Danvers Garden Club - Extra Large club

XI. PUBLICATIONS

A. PUBLICATIONS AWARD

A certificate of merit awarded to a club for publications, excluding periodicals or yearbooks.
For 2024, Awards are in two categories.

Framingham Garden Club - club promotion brochure

Hopkinton Garden Club - native plant exhibit and resource list

B. MARGARET K. BELL NEWSLETTER AWARD (*Revised 2018*)

A silver tray for the best newsletter. Must include three samples, identify the editor, and number of issues per year.

Arlington Garden Club - Large club

Springfield Garden Club - Extra Large club

C. YEARBOOK (1957, *Revised 2018*)

A certificate of merit for the best garden club yearbook submitted in various size classes. Criteria include format, cover, GCFM, National, and Region information, program types and topics, community projects, fundraising events, bylaws, club president list, meeting times, current number of members, and much more.

20-29	Groveland Garden Club
30-44	North Reading Garden Club
45-69	Norwell Garden Club
70-99	Garden Club of Harvard
100-300	Danvers Garden Club

XII. COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

A. THE MARY F. BREWER ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION AWARD (1965, *Rev. 2018*)

A silver tray, known as the President's Tray, awarded to a club for outstanding roadside beautification within the boundaries of the clubs' township. Application form must include "before" and "after" pictures.

Burlington Garden Club

XIII. SERVICE AWARDS

A. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT (1957)

A certificate of merit for a GCFM member club for especially outstanding garden club work.

Framingham Garden Club Tablescape Program

Garden Club of Norfolk, Inc. Food Pantry Project

XIV. WEBSITES & OTHER MEDIA

B. MEDIA PRODUCTION (2018)

A certificate of merit for the best media production.

Framingham Garden Club - state-wide membership advancement and education for Garden Therapy Model Program

Central North and Western/Central South District - state-wide membership education for Moments of Joy Flower Show video

XVII. GCFM SPECIAL AWARDS

A. THE CINDORA GOLDBERG AWARD (2002)

An annual award given in tribute to Cindora Goldberg to honor the ability she had to continually see and create in an innovative manner. A framed Certificate to the most outstanding floral design submitted by a GCFM member.

LuBeth Kuemmerle, Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club

New England Garden Club Awards presented at the New England Garden Clubs' Annual Meeting in Warwick, RI on October 24, 2024

1. The Sears Civic Beautification Award

Acton Garden Club

for their revitalization of the Oval Garden in front of the Town Hall

7. The Helen Hussey Champlin Award

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts

for the largest number of new members in a state garden club - 455

18. The Virginia Grandpré Wildlife Gardening Award

Garden Club of Norfolk

For a town-wide initiative to increase awareness of the ecological importance of butterflies and pollinators, and their habitats, by establishing three public pollinator gardens in Norfolk.

22. The Pamela C. Hebert Garden of Youth Award

Groton Garden Club

for its excellent and innovative "Gardening at the Library" project for preschoolers

Yearbook Class 3 30-44 members

Garden Club of Norfolk

For their 23-24 Yearbook

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Award Winners Presented at the NGC Convention in Charleston, SC from May 18 to 22, 2025

CE-5 Community Enhancements - Beautification Project

Hopkinton Garden Club

Beautification of the Town Common, in honor of the club's 100th anniversary.

The Common is also the starting line for the Boston Marathon where many visitors appreciate the positive impact of the renovation.

CE-9 Community Enhancements - Landscaping of Historic Areas

Springfield Garden Club

Restoration of landscaping and historic gardens at the Geisel home where "Dr. Seuss" author lived. Native plants have been added and educational material developed with the theme "We Speak for the Bees".

EC-2 Environment and Conservation - Conservation Education

Framingham Garden Club

The Annual Earth Day Festival provided an opportunity to educate the community on sustainable and environmental gardening practices. Components also included the Community Giving Garden and Pollinator Education.

EC-4 Environment and Conservation - Water

Acton Garden Club

The Gardening for Climate Resilience lecture focus was to enrich the community through education about managing natural resources. This presentation focused on key elements of water extremes and how to adapt plantings.

FD-2 Floral Design Program

Framingham Garden Club

The Character of Color, a Design Challenge, was presented by Ruth Evans. There was an educational component about color and a hands-on workshop to work with plant material in many ways.

FS-5 Club Small Standard Flower Show

Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne

Bartlett's Familiar Quotations was the theme for this Small Standard Flower Show.

MAE-1 Membership Advancement and Education - Membership Awareness

Framingham Garden Club

A new, innovative, visually appealing club informational brochure was designed to attract new members. It informed the public about the many ways the club works in the community and how it welcomes new members.

MAE-3 Statewide Membership Advancement and Education - Digital Media Presentation

Central North + Western/Central South Districts

The "Moments of Joy Video 2024" musical slideshow captures the essence of this NGC Standard Flower Show at New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill. Highlighted were the talent and creativity of the exhibitors.

MAE-4 Membership Advancement and Education - Publications - Educational Native Plant Resources

Hopkinton Garden Club

Native plants take center stage in this well-designed exhibit. Included was educational information and comprehensive resource material for local native plant outlets.

MAE-4 Publications Statewide Membership Advancement and Education - Publications - Manuals/Handbooks

GCFM and Framingham Garden Club

The State and FGC collaborated on a Garden Therapy Model Program to showcase ways all clubs can introduce garden therapy programs, teach new skills, and work together to benefit participants and their club.

Scholarships – State – \$1000 each

The Conley Scholarship

Hector Campos attends Boston Architectural College

The Cole Scholarship

Ryan Christensen attends Northeastern University

The Cleveland Scholarship

Nathan Dietz attends Westfield State University

The Patterson Scholarship

Zaviere Drumm attends The Conway School of Landscape Design

The Motley Scholarship

Dante Filadoro attends UMASS Stockbridge

The Leach Scholarship

Marisa Gay attends UMASS Dartmouth

The Bent Scholarship

KamiLeigh Trushaw attends UMASS Stockbridge

The MacLaren Scholarship

Owen Tuepker attends the University of Vermont

The Landscape Design Scholarship
Bennett Zimmerman attends the Conway School of Landscape Design

The Sargent Scholarship
Alana Borden will attend Bristol Community College

The Baker Scholarship
Micayla Hozella will attend the University of Nebraska

Scholarships – National – \$4000 each

Zaviere Drumm attends The Conway School of Landscape Design

Marisa Gay attends UMASS Dartmouth

Helen DeOrsay Freidberg Tribute Scholarship

Scholarships awarded annually to one garden club member per district for NGC schools held in Massachusetts:
Landscape Design, Gardening, Flower Show, and Environmental Schools

Eileen Fialkow - Flower Show School - Western and Central South District

Joan Marie Driscoll - Flower Show School - Cranberry District

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest – State

Grade 2 - Mark Purnel (Taunton Garden Club)

Grade 3 - Violet DeLong (Springfield Garden Club)

Grade 4 - Alaina Chaufy (Holliston Garden Club)

Grade 5 - Winston DeLong (Springfield Garden Club)

Youth Poetry – State

Kindergarten - Parker Mackin - *Vegetable Sharing* (Framingham Garden Club)

Second Grade - Paige Leahy - *Growing and Giving* (North Reading Garden Club)

Third Grade - Isabelle Aubrey - *Vegetables are Blue and Green* (Framingham Garden Club)

Fourth Grade - Rosalie Dopfel - *My Garden* (Framingham Garden Club)

Fifth Grade - Lizzie Adelman - *Sprout to Smile* (Framingham Garden Club)

Youth Poetry – New England Region

Second Grade - Paige Leahy - *Growing and Giving* (North Reading Garden Club)

Fourth Grade - Rosalie Dopfel - *My Garden* (Framingham Garden Club)

Youth Poetry – National

Second Grade - Paige Leahy - *Growing and Giving* (North Reading Garden Club)

National Grant Awards

2025 Plant America Community Project Grant
Sudbury Garden Club

Ames Tool Unique Project Grant
North Shore Garden Club

Landmark Anniversaries with GCFM

90 years	Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club Holliston Garden Club Sudbury Garden Club Taunton Garden Club
80 years	Hopkinton Garden Club
75 years	Attleboro Garden Club
70 years	Abington Garden Club Country Garden Club of Weston
60 years	Beacon Hill Garden Club Williamstown Garden Club
40 years	Boggestow Garden Club of Sherborn Sherborn Garden Club
20 years	Holden Garden Club Millis Garden Club Shrewsbury Garden Club
10 years	Franklin Garden Club

“Gardening is the work of a lifetime: You never finish.” – Oscar de la Renta

Congratulations to all our winners!

As another year comes to a close, we thank the clubs and individuals who take the time and make the effort to enhance their communities in many ways.

All clubs should be proud of the work you are doing. The awards program gives GCFM an opportunity to recognize and express our appreciation for your projects.

Although not every submission received an award, we hope to promote growth by encouraging activities that connect to our objectives and your club. We can also learn from each other, and sharing our knowledge makes us all better.

You are encouraged to continue to submit applications to recognize club projects, apply for scholarships and grants, sponsor youth activities, and continue to make a difference.

Thank You From The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

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