



The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.
STATE AWARDS SPRING 2023

GCFM State Awards for projects during the 2022 calendar year

II. CIVIC DEVELOPMENT - CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

C. Continuing Civic Projects Award
COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB OF WESTON

III. CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

A. Mildred S. Parker Conservation Award
ANDOVER GARDEN CLUB to honor Maria Bartlett

B. Conservation
ANDOVER GARDEN CLUB

D. Patricia Dennett Grant
APTUCXET GARDEN CLUB OF BOURNE

V. GARDEN THERAPY

A. Mrs. Ralph H. Davis Silver Bowl
FRAMINGHAM GARDEN CLUB

B. Garden Therapy certificate
BURLINGTON GARDEN CLUB

VII. LANDSCAPE DESIGN

A. Virginia F. Thurston Landscape Design Award
BOXFORD VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

VIII. MEMBERSHIP

Membership Award
DANVERS GARDEN CLUB

X. PUBLICITY/PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

A. Public Relations

ACTON GARDEN CLUB

XI. PUBLICATIONS

A. Publications Award

1. GROTON GARDEN CLUB – for Membership Outreach

2. ACTON GARDEN CLUB – for Historical Preservation

B. Margaret K. Bell Newsletter Award

VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB OF DENNIS

C. YEARBOOK

Clubs of 20-29 members

Village Garden Club of Andover

Clubs of 30-44 members

Norwood Evening Garden Club

Clubs of 45-69 members

Boxford Village Garden Club

Clubs of 70-99 members

Waltham Garden Club

Clubs of 100-300 members

Danvers Garden Club

XIII. SERVICE AWARDS

A. Special Achievement

WALTHAM GARDEN CLUB

B. Presidential Citations Awarded at the direction of the president for meritorious service.

SHARON GARDEN CLUB

XIV. WEBSITES & OTHER MEDIA

A. The Barbara May Website Award

SPRINGFIELD GARDEN CLUB

B. Media Production

WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB

XV. WILDFLOWER PRESERVATION

The LaVerne R. Collard Wildflower Award

GROTON GARDEN CLUB

XVI. YOUTH ACTIVITIES

A. Mitzi Belitsky Award

SPRINGFIELD GARDEN CLUB

B. Junior Garden Clubs

1. ANDOVER GARDEN CLUB

2. DANVERS GARDEN CLUB

**National Garden Club
NEW ENGLAND REGION WINNERS for 2022-2023
YOUTH CONTESTS - POETRY & ESSAY**

1st place winners	Grade 3 Tatum Breen	North Reading Garden Club, Massachusetts
<p>“My Wide-Awake Dreamworld” When I look at a forest, can you guess what I see? Colorful leaves, some floating down, like falling stars in a night’s sky above me. All around are paths of flowers, with colors like rainbows so vibrant and bright: Yellows like the sun, waves of oceany blue and touches of cloud-like white. The tall trees rising above, with branches reaching far and wide, Like the arms of beanstalk giants! Are they friendly, or should I run and hide?</p> <p>I see butterflies with wings colorful as sunsets fluttering by. They’re like fairies and pixies, impossible to capture no matter how hard I try! I hear birds singing songs like the magical lullabies I hear as I fall asleep every night. I see ants, bees and other bugs busy working just like fairy tales elves might. The ground is lined with seeds creating many paths I can choose. Like the dots on a treasure map a pirate might use! When I look at a forest, do you now know what I see? It is my “wide awake dreamworld” filled with whatever my imagination wants it to be.</p>		
2nd Place winner	Grade 4 Madelyn Brown	North Reading Garden Club, Massachusetts
<p>“How My Garden Grows” Winter is gone, we’re clear of snow Time to let my garden grow I dig a hole and plant my seeds And every day I’ll pick the weeds With sun and water my plants grow tall</p> <p>Soon they’ll reach the garden wall Little buds and blossoms appear A buzzing sound means bees are near They pollinator, then fly away My flowers turn to fruit this way Zucchini, tomato, squash and peas Now I’ll eat then as I please It was fun to watch my garden grow I learned what you reap is what you sow</p>		
2nd Place winner	Grade 5 Harper Breen	North Reading Garden Club, Massachusetts

“A “New-bees” First Spring Flight”

From a honey-yellow hive hanging in a sun- warmed reviving tree,
 Out pops a very shy little new-born honeybee!
 Full of excitement for her very first Spring, she quickly starts looking around,
 Her senses taking in Nature’s “magical kingdom” everywhere a new smell, sight and sound!
 Below is a path of flowing blue movement to first catch her curious eye.

She stretches, opens her wings and, in the stream's direction begins her very first fly.
 When she reaches the end of the rolling blue trail, a cascade of aromas and colors fill her head.

This is what her mom softly sang songs to her about; a fresh blooming Spring flower bed!
 Suddenly her very “bee-ing” is overwhelmed by a smell which brings on a most joyous mood.
 Excited, she flies from flower to flower, gathering pollen and nectar, every bee’s favorite food!
 With her collection soon completed, a moment’s rest on a tree branch to again take in all the wonder around:

The cool feel of a breeze, joyous sound of singing birds, watching seeds as they float to the ground.

With a promise to soon return, the little “new- bee” gives her flowerbed friends a wing wave farewell.

She flies back up the water courses to her hive, now with a tale of a “First Spring Flight” to tell!

1st Place winner	Grade 7 Hannah Geller	Framingham Garden Club, Massachusetts
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“The Garden”

Pink flowers
 Green trees
 Rain showers
 Yellow bees
 Weeds and dirt
 Green and brown
 Get on my shirt
 After I sit on the ground
 This is where
 We all play
 Out in the garden
 Every day