



Nurture Nature

Monday Memo

October 23, 2023

Hello Everyone,

Is your Club considering applying for a **State Award**? Do you know what the process is? **Save the Date** for a Zoom presentation, hosted by Lisa Murray, our Awards Chairperson, on the 2023 State Awards submission process. Get tips on what category to select, how to make your application and photos stand out and important dates and deadlines. Bring your questions, too. **Monday, November 6th, @ 7 PM** on Zoom. Use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85055359668?pwd=dFFtUFZ2WDlrSWU2copjZUsoeXM1Zz09>

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You may also find this link on the **GCFM.org** website under **EVENTS/State Calendar**

Please note, this presentation does not apply to Flower Show or Special Awards or Grants. All Clubs are invited to send their Awards Chair or a representative. Please forward as needed.

Last week I mentioned the passing of Jeanne-Marie Parkes. I received additional notification that she was a Hull Garden Club President from 1976-1978 and an active member for many years. She was an honorary club member in her later years. Jeanne Marie was active in environmental and horticultural issues and served as a GCFM President, a NEGC Director, a Master Judge, and a National Garden Club Chairperson for over 20 years. Most recently, she was on the BOD as a PH & E Trustee. The **Parkes Hosta** is named after her. Recently, at the NERC in Plymouth, the **Jeanne-Marie Parkes Award** was presented to the Burlington Garden Club, Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont, for their timely exhibit on Rain Gardens at their show, "*Springtime Splendor*."

The Junior Gardener Webinar hosted by **Diana Brandi**, our **Junior Gardener Chairperson**, took place last week and the feedback was excellent. A big thank you to Diana and Kevin Andrews, the Johnson School Principal, who was also on the call. Both gave a wonderful overall

slide presentation that planted the foundation for the why, how and where to start and what to do. Diana has many projects that she will present in Zoom meetings in the future so you can adopt them if you want to start building a syllabus for your junior garden club program. She encourages you to email her if there are specific topics you would like her to discuss. If you want suggestions for a specific grade level, please feel free to reach out to her via email d_brandi@verizon.net. GCFM is happy to continue to host the webinars for these future Zoom meetings. Please let us know your interests. I recorded the program, which will be posted on the website. Stay tuned.

Enjoy each day.



Marjorie Dienhart
GCFM President

And the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep and autumn was awakened. - Raquel Franco