



**Jill Malcolm**  
**50<sup>th</sup> GCFM President**  
**2020-2023**

**“Play Together, Plant Together, Grow Together”**  
**10,131 Members**



Due to Covid restrictions, board meetings were held using Zoom and went from Wednesday to Thursday mornings. Meeting months varied, but were usually Sept. Oct, Feb, Mar, Apr. & May. A special board meeting was held in December 2022 at the Wayside Inn in Wayland with luncheon.

There was no 2021 Fall Conference due to the Covid virus. The 2022 Fall Conference was not held to allow for Districts to hold Presidents' Coffees instead. Annual meetings were held each year in June.

Membership was up three clubs and no clubs were lost. In 2022, membership went up 4% over the prior year and we received an NGC Certificate of Merit and \$100 for the greatest per capita increase in membership in 2022.

There were three active councils, but no active Environmental Council due to the inability to get a chairman. Schools were held each year in Landscape Design, Gardening and Flower Show.

To promote education, workshops were held. There were 2 programs via zoom; 3 in-person Fundamentals, and 3 Design workshops each year. Six zoom programs on horticulture, the environment or landscape design topics were given during the two years. A Native Plant Challenge was created to encourage the planting of natives.

There were seven major flower shows over the two years along with MFA Art In Bloom and Worcester Hort. Flora in Winter each year.

Eleven Scholarships and two grants were given out each year with an additional grant in the second year. Penny Pines raised \$9000 for reforestation. The largest amount ever raised. In 2021 over 60 pounds of pull-tabs were collected from GCFM clubs and delivered to the Shriner's Hospital in Springfield, a new record.