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48th GCFM President
2017-2019
“Plant America, Start with a Seed”
177 clubs – 11, 021 members



A better office space was found which allowed for storage so there was no longer a need to rent storage space, thus saving money. Board meetings were moved from Waltham to Elm Bank.

A successful fund-raiser with a floral designer from New Zealand was held and increased the scholarship funds. New clubs were added and some older clubs convinced to stay with the Federation.

Two successful State meetings (fall and spring) were held each year. Each meeting had two to three mini-talks in the morning; some floral design element either a speaker or in one case a Judges' Council Flower Show, and a main speaker with topics on climate change, garden based learning and bringing nature home.

All four councils held programs and schools in all four topics. The poetry and essay contest for youth was held each year and the Smokey Bear, Woodsey Owl poster contest was also held with 235 posters submitted in a single year. Each year eleven \$1000 college scholarships were given out and we would also get two NGC college scholarships to give each year.

There were in-person workshops each year. Back to Basics, Design Morning and Horticultural Morning each doing three workshops per year, and the speaker workshop had two each year.

Floral Design was encourage with the Wallack lecture and 8 major flower shows.