



Mrs. Stephen B. Bobo, Jr. (Vivien A.)
27th GCFM President
1976-1977
“Conserve and Cultivate
our Ecological Endowments”
196 clubs – 12,953 members



National Council requested that all state federation presidents' terms be concurrent with the National Council presidency. Mrs. Bobo was installed with the understanding that she would serve for only one year.

An exciting first was the Organic Gardening Conference, “Tune In With Nature”, co-sponsored with the New Alchemy Institute. Subjects covered included solar and wind energy as related to gardening, companion planting and intensive gardening beds, composting and principles of organic and bio-dynamic gardening.

The well-attended Presidents' Conference at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts stressed the value of GCFM and National Council to the individual club and member.

GCFM was pleased to host the New England Regional Flower Show Symposium, with a stimulating new addition – the first meeting of the New England Regional Judges Council.

The following state flower shows were sponsored by GCFM: “Song and Dance” at the Burlington Mall for the fourth year; “Holiday Festival of Trees” at the Massachusetts Horticultural Hall, and “New England Weather” at the New England Spring Flower Show.

Another highlight was a tour to New Orleans.

The Garden Therapy Committee joined with the Massachusetts Horticultural Society to sponsor four Garden Therapy Workshops, which could be taken for college credit as well as further knowledge. They were held at four different learning institutions throughout the state.

The ACE Committee presented a full day workshop concentrating on such areas as water pollution, air quality, energy sources and land use.

The Golden Anniversary Convention in Sturbridge gave the members an opportunity to look back on fifty years of accomplishment and look forward toward greater goals in the future.