

## GCFM Awards for 2020

The GCFM Garden Clubs do an amazing job creating beauty in our towns, educational programs for adults and youth, and informing our communities about gardening, environmental issue, and much more. The following clubs have been selected for GCFM Awards this spring.

### II C – Continuing Civic Projects Award

**Small Club - Garden Club of Norfolk** – The club planted and has maintained an herb garden on the historic town common since 1988, adapting to changes and conditions throughout the years.

**Medium Club – Hopkinton Garden Club** – Hopkinton has beautified the downtown area as well as several other sites since the late 1990's welcoming residents and visitors to the town.

**Large Club – Framingham Garden Club** – The club continues to expand the Nobscot Pollinator Garden begun in 2010.

### III B – Conservation Award

**Chelmsford Garden Club** – The club has worked with open space stewards to add trees and plantings to a town site as well as planting and maintaining a butterfly garden since 2008. The butterfly garden has been certified by the North American Butterfly Association.

### V B Garden Therapy Certificate

**Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford** – This club began garden therapy in 1968 and now holds monthly sessions with varying themes and flowers.

### VI C – Historic Preservation Certificate

**Framingham Garden Club** – Working with the History Center, the club sponsored a new program, "*Artifacts in Bloom*", highlighting the center's collection. The club has been asked to make this an annual event.

### IX B – Bridging the Generations Award

**Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford** – Club members hold programs for both seniors and young gardeners throughout the year. Programs included instruction on succulents and propagation.

### IX C – Helen Friedberg Award

**Garden Club of Norfolk** – This award was presented for the club's program, "*Herbs in the Garden and Kitchen*". A power-point presentation was followed by viewing and tasting foods prepared with the herbs discussed.

### XI A – Publications Award

**Garden Club of Norfolk** – The club created a flyer, "*Native Plants*", to help gardeners and the public have the information needed to add native plants to their gardens.

### XI B – Margaret K. Bell Newsletter Award

**Garden Club of Norfolk** – small club award

**Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford** – medium club award

**Village Garden Club of Dennis** – large club award

### XIII A Special Achievement

#### Dorothy Creamer – Marblehead Garden Club

Dorothy has been a member since 1965. Throughout the years, she has contributed greatly to the club in working, liaison to other organizations, president and more. Today she is a mentor sharing her knowledge and guiding the club.

**Geri Taylor – Lakeville Garden Club** Geri is a founding member and has worked with the junior gardeners for 30 years encouraging gardening and community service. She has served in various positions including president and has opened her garden for tours.

**Garden Club of Norfolk** – The club assembles baskets of holiday greens for families served by the Norfolk Food Pantry. Each year a theme is determined (angels, reindeer, snowmen). Ornaments from natural materials are included in the baskets along with ginger bread cookies matching the theme.

### XVI A – Mitzi Belitsky Award

**Garden Club of Norfolk** – The club worked with two Brownie Troops for several months on a Monarch Guardian program. The troop members raised Monarch caterpillars, kept journals and planted butterfly friendly plants. The success rate was 22 out of 24 girls raised Monarchs.

Thank you to all who submitted award applications. All of us are doing incredible work in our communities and state. Please apply for an award – you deserve to be recognized.