



The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.

What did our Federation do this past year?



MEETINGS

- 78th **Annual Meeting** April 2007
Tony Tedesco, speaker, 289 members present
- 78th **Annual Awards Meeting** October 2007
Designs by Creative Arrangers of CT, with garden Club members participating in the "APPRENTICE PROGRAM" learning experience. Attendance 384
- Your Federation was represented at:
The **NGC Convention** in Boston, MA
New England Region Meeting in Bartlett, NH
NGC Fall Board Meeting in St. Louis, MO

AWARDS

- 5 **National Awards**, given by Kitty Larkin, NGC Pres.
- 5 **Regional Awards**, 29 **NER Sprouts-Youth Awards**
- Bronze Medal** awarded to Donna Ellis
- 35 **State Awards** received by clubs & individuals
- 60 **Certificates of Achievement and Citations**
- Flower Show Awards** – 1 Red Rosette, 12 Citations
- 1 **Federation Scholarships** awarded to college students
- 8 **Connecticut Tribute Awards**

MEMBERSHIP

- 159 Clubs, including 16 Affiliate clubs
- 7561 club members
- 16 New Life Members
- Local clubs are members of the FGC of CT & NGC

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

- Course III – May 8-10 – 2007 -17 Students
- Course IV – October 22-24 -2007 - 15 Students
- Course I – Planned for May 13-15, 2008
- 2 student judges received accreditation

LANDSCAPE DESIGN STUDY PROGRAM

- Course I, Series VIII, March 27 – 29, 2007
- 90 Students including 23 Refreshing

GARDENING STUDY SCHOOL

- Course II, Series V, November 27-29, 2006
- 35 students, including 11 refreshing
- Course III – Planned for October 7-9
- 2 new Gardening Consultants/6 Provisional consultants

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOOL

- New School to begin*
- Course I September 22-24, 2008

GARDENING CONSULTANT'S COUNCIL

- 42 consultants
- Annual meeting & field trips
- Established 2 awards: Love-ly Garden Award & Garden Study School Scholarship

JUDGES COUNCIL

- Meets 5 times a year, 68 judges, including 12 students
- Encouraging simple, small shows for clubs
- 7 Club Standard Flower Shows held in 2007
- 7 Marita Wezowic FS Grants awarded
1 state show

LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL

- Judged Landscape Exhibits at CT Flower & Garden Show
- Excellence in Design Contest awards

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- 27 Registered Garden Clubs
- 189 poems entered in NGC Youth Contests

SPECIAL EVENTS

- CT Flower and Garden Show, "*Once Upon a Time*"
February 21-24, 2008 at CT Convention Center
Design & Hort entries from clubs around the state
- Federation "*Tours*"
May 31-June 4, 2007 – Ashville & So. Highlands
October 4-13, 2007 – Spain
March 7-16, 2008 – Argentina

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- IT'S EASY BEING GREEN* - President's Theme, with column included in each issue of "News". Club projects concerning environmental and conservation issues.
- Legislative concerns – Water Bottle Bill, Billboards
- "*LET'S GO NATIVE*" – NGC Civic Development Grant Program – 3 grants awarded in CT
- 3 Garden Clubs worked with *Habitat for Humanity*
Installation of 8 gardens & teaching gardening to owners
- Endangered Species & Invasive Plant groups
- NGC *PENNY PINES* to reforest stricken areas - \$150
- NGC *GLOBAL PARTNERS: RUNNING WATERS*, large project in Guatemala - \$1000 donation.
- Planning Committee for CT Science Center Roof Garden
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COMMUNICATION

- The Federation employs a part-time secretary
- Regular email communications to club presidents
- "*NEWS*" is the state newsletter – free to all members
Published 10 times / year - State & local events
Info from committee chairman
- Federation Website - www.ctgardenclubs.org
Links include National GC & local clubs
- Federation's Board of Directors meets 6 times per year

FINANCES

- The Federation has a Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer & Finance Committee to oversee the finances.
- NEWS* advertising revenue for 2007 was \$3,640
- Books earned \$2,706.68 in 2007