



The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.

What The Federation did this past year-04/2009-03/2010



MEETINGS

- 80th **Annual Meeting** April 2009
Aqua Turf, Plantsville – Jeanne Nelson, speaker
- 80th **Annual Awards Meeting** October 2009
Aqua Turf, Plantsville – Vision of Beauty Designs
Renee Blaschke, NGC President attended
- **“Presidents Day”** September 2009
Club Presidents or representatives attend to meet The Fed. Board & receive info packets
- The Federation was represented at:
The **NGC Convention** in Houston, TX
New England Region Meeting in East Windsor, CT
NGC Fall Board Meeting in St Louis, MO

AWARDS

- 12 **NGC Awards**, presented by Renee Blaschke, NGC President, including Member services catalog contest winner, Al and Nancy Lenoce
- 10 **NGC Certificates of Appreciation**
- 1 **NGC Scholarship Winner**-Marlyse Duguid
- 5 **New England Region Awards**
- **FGCCT Bronze Medal** awarded to David Sutherland
- 8 **CT Tribute Awards**
- 5 **Federation Scholarships** awarded to college students
- 38 **State Awards** received by clubs & individuals
- 51 **Certificates of Achievement, Merit, Appreciation & Citations**
- 37 **Press Books News Letter & Yearbook Awards**

MEMBERSHIP

- 140 Clubs totaling 7,235 members
- 18 Affiliates totaling
- 14 New Life Members
- Local clubs are members of The Federation, New England Region & National Garden Clubs, Inc.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

- Course III – April 6-8, 2009 - 25 Students
- Course IV – Oct. 27-29, 2009 - 20 Students
- 11 new Student Judges; 4 new Accredited Judges

JUDGES COUNCIL

- Meets 5 times a year, 72 judges
- 12 Clubs staged Standard Flower Shows each receiving \$100 from Marita Wezowic Council Fund

LANDSCAPE DESIGN STUDY PROGRAM

- Course IV, March 30 – April 1, 2010

LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL

- Bus Trip to Brooklyn Botanic Gardens
- Award for Excellence in Design presented

GARDENING STUDY SCHOOL

- Course IV – Oct 6-8 2009

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOOL

- Course III – May, 2009

GARDENING CONSULTANTS COUNCIL

- 57 members
- Love-ly Garden Award presented
- Scholarship to GSS students- Awarded for 4th time

SPECIAL EVENTS

- New England Region **Annual Meeting** September, 2009 in East Windsor, CT
Renee Blaschke, NGC Pres. attended
125 in attendance-a record 61 from CT
CT club members made 125 tote bags for attendees
- Sept. 21, 2009- a small groundbreaking ceremony for the Children’s Rooftop Garden-Renee Blaschke and Kathy Thomas attended
- CT Flower and Garden Show, **“Spice of Life”** February 2010 at CT Convention Center
Design & Hort entries from clubs around the state
- Landscape Design and Gardening Study Councils Joint Meeting March 2009-Margery Winters speaking
- Asian Longhorned Beetle Course, April 2010

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- **“Nourish the Earth-Garden with Mother Nature”** State Project – President’s Theme
- **“Mother Nature’s Book Club”**
- **Children’s ROOFTOP GARDEN** at The CT Science Center nears completion-Over \$31,000 donated from 81 Clubs and 6 individuals
- **YOUTH**-172 poems reviewed and judged for NGC contest
- **WORLD GARDENING**-\$1,000 donation to Global Partners-Running Waters, Inc. for Haiti

COMMUNICATION

- The Federation maintains an office in Branford, CT with a Part time secretary, Barbara Romblad
- **“NEWS”** is published 10 times / year & now posted to the website in a new protected link “For Clubs Only”
- The Federation Website - www.ctgardenclubs.org
Links include NGC, NER & local clubs
- **ANNUAL REPORTS**-on the website - direct typing on the forms with a printable copy
- **SCHOLARSHIP**-application on the website – direct typing on the form with a printable copy

FINANCES

- The Federation has a Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer & Finance Committee to oversee the finances.
- **NEWS** advertising revenue - was \$4,500
- **BOOKS-4/09-3/10** earned ~approximately \$3,000

- Clubs generously donated to *Scholarships, World Gardening* and *Garden Therapy*