

THE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF CONNECTICUT AWARDS

BRONZE MEDAL (*established 1935*): This is the highest award given by The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. to an individual, couple, group or club for outstanding accomplishments in upholding the aims and purposes of The Federation. No officer, committee chairman, or member currently serving on the Board of The Federation shall be eligible for consideration for this award. This award is granted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of The Federation at the July Board meeting. Nominations shall be made in writing to The Federation Awards Chairman. The Bronze Medal is not necessarily given each year.

AWARD OF HONOR (*established 1959*): The award may be conferred on a garden club or council of garden clubs which, over a period of five years, has maintained a record of exceptional achievement in upholding the aims and purposes of The Federation. A CLUB OR COUNCIL DOES NOT APPLY for this award. The various clubs' achievements are point scored by the Chairman of the Advisory Council, and granted by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Director at the July Board meeting. No club shall receive this award in two consecutive years. The traveling awards shall be offered as follows: EXTRA LARGE CLUB (100 and over) – a silver bowl; LARGE CLUB (60 to 99 members) – a silver bowl; MEDIUM CLUB (30 - 60 members) – a pewter bowl; SMALL CLUB (up to 29 members) – a pewter bowl.

ELLEN CARDER MEMORIAL AWARD: (*established January 1971*). In recognition of Mrs. Carder's interest and achievements in the field of horticulture, this award, in the form of a suitable book, shall be given annually to a garden club member for noteworthy horticulture achievement. The recipient shall be chosen from suggestions by the general membership, at the discretion of The Federation Awards Committee. Recommendations should be made in writing to the Awards Chairman or the Horticulture Chairman.

LUCILLE SCHAVOIR AWARD (*established 1978*): This award, a traveling silver bowl, may be awarded annually to a club for outstanding garden club work during the awards year. The Federation Awards Committee makes the recommendation from the club projects submitted to the committee chairmen.

MARY FRENG SHERLEY MEMORIAL AWARD (*established 1988*): This traveling silver bowl may be awarded annually to an individual or club for horticultural excellence. The recipient shall be chosen at the discretion of The Federation Awards Committee from suggestions made by the general membership.

PRESIDENTS' BOWL: A traveling silver bowl awarded to a club for an outstanding community project. Donated in honor of all past State Federation Presidents by former Federation President Sally Shumway (1983-1985).

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE: The following traveling silver trophies may be presented annually:

Award of Excellence in **Civic Development**

To a **small** club (1 to 29 members)

To a **medium** club (30 to 59 members)

To a **large** club (60 to 99 members)

To an **extra large** club (100 and over members)

Award of Excellence in **Garden Therapy**

To a **small** club

To a **medium** club

To a **large** club

To an **extra large** club

Award of Excellence in **Historic Preservation and Memorial Gardens**

To a **small** club

To a **medium** club

To a **large** club

To an **extra large** club

CONNECTICUT ARBOREAL AWARD: Traveling silver bowls presented for an outstanding Arbor Day project.

To a **small** club (*established 2005*)

To a **medium** club (*established 2005*)

To a **large** club (*established 1984*)

To an **extra large** club (*established 2014*)

LILLIAN M. RATHBUN AWARD (*established 1990 by the Lyme Garden Club*): A traveling silver bowl may be awarded annually to an individual involved in all phases of garden club work. The recipient shall be chosen at the discretion of The Federation Awards Committee from nominations submitted by the general membership either to the Awards Chairman or directly to the respective chairman of the Awards Committee before June 1st.

PAULINE B. TYLER AWARD (*established 1990 by The Federation Board of Directors*): A traveling silver bowl may be awarded annually to an individual, couple, garden club or group for excellence in promoting conservation or legislation. The Awards Committee shall choose the recipient from names submitted to the State Conservation Chairman or Awards Chairman by June 1.

YOUTH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE (*established 1993*): A traveling silver tray may be awarded to a club for outstanding work with a Junior Garden Club. The award is available to all four club size categories.

LUCKNER YOUTH AWARD (*established 1993*): A traveling silver bowl may be awarded to a club for outstanding work with a youth group in a school setting or with other youth groups. The award is available to all four club size categories.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AWARD (*established 1993*): A traveling silver tray may be awarded to a club or individual for outstanding involvement in areas of environmental awareness.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN HORTICULTURE (*established 1998*):

A traveling pewter tray may be awarded to a club for outstanding horticulture activity.

NELL M^CGUINNESS MEMORIAL AWARD (*established 2001*): A traveling silver tray established by the Guilford Garden Club in recognition of Nell M^cGuinness' love of floral design. It is to be presented to a member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. for the most outstanding floral design at the Federated Garden Clubs Flower Show held at the Connecticut Flower and Garden Show.

LEE BAUERFELD AWARD (*established 2002*): A traveling silver cup, established by the Branford Garden Club, may be awarded annually to a club or individual for an outstanding civic project that benefits the community both aesthetically and environmentally, and is designed to encourage further improvement.

JOYCE P. HARRIS AWARD (*established 2002*): A traveling pewter bowl awarded for outstanding horticulture achievement in the recipient's club and community. It may be awarded to an individual or a group.

CONSERVATION AWARD (*established 2002*): A traveling silver tray established in memory of former FGCT President Jeanne Lena (1981 – 1983) may be awarded to an individual, couple, or group for excellence in conservation. The Awards Committee shall name the recipient from suggestions submitted to the State Conservation Chairman or the Awards Chairman by June 1st.

THE MARY LONCIN FLOWER SHOW AWARD (*established 2004*) (*omit \$100 and*) a traveling pewter bowl and certificate will be awarded to the club [or shared among the participating clubs) for the top evaluated Standard Flower Show in the State. This will be determined by the highest number of points given to a show by the evaluating panel. In case of a tie, the Evaluations committee will make a decision using the Books of Evidence as criteria. This award was established by FGCT Past President Mary Loncin to honor her love of floral design and to encourage Connecticut garden clubs to continue that art by holding Standard Flower Shows.

YEARBOOK AWARD OF EXCELLENCE (*established 2004 by Program Chairmen Florence Flynn and Inge Venus*) may be given to the yearbook that scores 98 or higher. This award is not necessarily given every year, and cannot be awarded to the same garden club in two consecutive years. In the event of a tie, the yearbook cover will be the determining factor. (*See pp 10-11 for scoring*).

TAPESTRY OF DESIGN AWARD (*established 2006*): A traveling pewter vase, awarded to a club for an unusual or outstanding Flower Show, Program, Event Project, or combination of such that promotes the art of Floral Design.

CIVIC CREATIVITY AWARD (*established 2007 by the Suffield Garden Club*) A traveling pewter bowl, awarded to a club for an unusual or outstanding and creative project in the area of civic development.

THE TERRY STOLESON CREATIVE DESIGN AWARD (*established 2007 by Creative Arrangers of Connecticut*) A Rosette of orange and purple ribbons and certificate to be awarded at the CT Flower & Garden Show for the outstanding creative design.

THE ELISABETH SWAIN PROPAGATION AWARD (*Established in 2009 by FGCCT*)
A Rosette of green and lime green ribbons and a certificate is given at the CT Flower & Garden Show for an outstanding named horticulture winner scoring 95 or above, propagated by the exhibitor.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LANDSCAPE AWARD (*established 2007 by Meg Bremer*)
A traveling pewter watering can, awarded to a club for an outstanding landscaping or educational project. *Note: A Book of Evidence is NOT required for this award. See p. 12 for details..*

LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN:
(*established 1982*)

may be given to an individual, a group, or an organization, who has promoted superior design standards through a planned, implemented, and well-maintained landscape. The categories are selected annually. *See pp 13 - 14 in the Awards Manual for details.*

THE LOVE-LY GARDEN AWARD (*established 2006 in memory of Penny Jarvis*): A Watering Can and a certificate are given by the Gardening Consultants Council, for a garden created with love. The recipient is selected by the Council Awards Committee from recommendations submitted to the Council Chairman by June 15. (*See p 11 for details.*)

THE PENNY JARVIS GARDENING STUDIES SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP is given annually to a student of this school. (*See www.ctgardenclubs.org for details*)

PUBLICATION AND WEBSITE AWARDS may be awarded annually in the form of certificates. (*See pages 16-18.*) Radio and TV; Publicity Press Book; Promotion of National Garden Week; Website; Video/CD/DVD/Flash Drive; Newsletter; other publications including: manuals and handbooks, educational, horticulture, design, history, membership brochure, calendar, other (cookbook, etc.).
See p 15 et seq for scoring.

TRIBUTE AWARDS may be awarded to members who have made outstanding contributions in the following categories: Civic Development, Conservation, Design, Garden Therapy, Horticulture, Landscape Design, and Youth. A Tribute Award for All-Around Excellence is also offered. Any member of a Federated Garden Club is eligible. Recommendations should be sent to the Second Vice President/Membership Chairman by August 15. Recommendations may also be included with the Annual Reports returned to Board Chairmen.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT: This award may be conferred upon an individual, a member club, or group of member clubs of The Federation, or an individual, organization, or institution not affiliated with The Federation. It is awarded for outstanding contributions in the following areas:

1. **Civic Development:** Certificate may be awarded for the improvement and beautification of a community. It may also be conferred for planning and planting projects at public buildings or roadsides which may be continuing, yet shall have reached an advanced degree of completion.

2. **Conservation:** For conservation projects, but not limited to soil, water, air, wildlife and plants, but also for conservation of natural resources in the community and state.
3. **Environmental Awareness:** For environmental education projects of exceptional merit, for natural resource restoration projects, and for environmental improvement projects.
4. **Garden Therapy:** For sharing garden knowledge and skills for the therapeutic benefit of individuals of all ages who are ill or disabled.
5. **Historic and Memorial Gardens:** For restoring, establishing, and/or maintaining a garden as a memorial or one which is historically significant.
6. **Horticulture:** For Horticultural Achievement of permanent importance.
7. **Youth Activities:** For promotion of any phase of work with youth by a garden club, fulfilling State and National requirements.
8. **Landscape Design:** For an achievement and /or promotion of significant importance.
9. **Garden Club activity not included above:** Other activities may be eligible to receive this award.

CITATION: May be conferred for any of the preceding Certificate of Achievement categories.

GOOD DEED CITATION (*established 1980*): A thoughtful gesture of goodwill aptly describes this Citation, which recognizes an unusual worthwhile project that otherwise does not fit into the award categories. This might be a small or large one-time project, or a yearly one. Application should be made to The Federation Awards Chairman before June 1.

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE: May be awarded to a club for a project that does not meet the requirements of the preceding categories. Application should be made to The Federation Awards Chairman before May 31st.

CLUB CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION (*established 1978*) This award allows each individual club to recognize outstanding work, length of service, or whatever is applicable to honor one of its members in a fitting manner in any given year. Applications must be sent to the Federation Awards Chairman by June 1. The recommendation must be approved by the Awards Committee. Only one Certificate of Appreciation per club per year.

FEDERATION AWARDS LISTED BY CATEGORIES

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT – Presidents’ Bowl, Award of Excellence (4 sizes of clubs), CT Arboreal Award (4 sizes of clubs), Lee Bauerfeld Award, Civic Responsibility Award

COMMUNICATIONS – see Public Relations, below

CONSERVATION – Pauline B. Tyler Award, Conservation

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS – Environmental Awareness

FLORAL DESIGN – Tapestry of Design Award, Mary Loncin Award

FLOWER SHOW STATE AWARDS– Nell McGuinness Memorial Award, Terry Stoleson

Creative Design Award, Elisabeth Swain Propagation Award, Mary Louise Smith Award of Merit, CT Photography Award; Cheryl Collins Photography for Creativity Award.

GARDEN THERAPY – Award of Excellence (4 club sizes)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LANDSCAPING, (*and see page 12*)

HISTORIC/MEMORIAL/PUBLIC GARDENS – Award of Excellence (4 sizes of clubs)

HORTICULTURE – Ellen Carder Award, Mary Freng Sherley Award (club or individual), Joyce P. Harris Award, Award of Excellence in Horticulture.

OUTSTANDING GARDEN CLUB ACTIVITY – Lucille Schavoir Award, Lillian M. Rathbun Award (individual)

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Newsletters, Publicity Press Books, other publications, web sites and electronic presentations (*page 15*). Yearbooks, (*see page 16*)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for the best publications in the fields of manuals, educational pamphlets, horticulture, design, history, membership, calendars, and other, such as cookbooks.

SCHOLARSHIP – *See FGCCT website for further information.*

SPECIAL COUNCIL AWARDS – Gardening Consultants Council 'Love-ly Garden Award' (*see page 15*), Gardening Consultants Penny Jarvis Scholarship (*page 8 & 15*), Landscape Design Council Award (*see pages 17-18*).

TRIBUTE – (*see page 8 and p 10*)

YOUTH – Youth Award of Excellence (4 clubs sizes), Luckner Youth Award (4 club sizes)