

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 Directors at the July Board meeting. No club shall receive this award in two consecutive years. The traveling awards shall be offered as follows: LARGE CLUB:(over 60 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 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 Sally Shumway (1983-1985).

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

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 or more members)

Award of Excellence in **Garden Therapy**

To a **small** club

To a **medium** club

To a **large** club

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AWARD OF EXCELLENCE *(cont d)*

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

To a **small** club

To a **medium** club

To a **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)*

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 to the Awards Chairman before June 1.

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.

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.

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 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 1.

MARY LONCIN FLOWER SHOW AWARD *(established 2004)* \$100 and a traveling pewter bowl and certificate will be awarded to the club [or divided 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 FGCCT 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*) 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.

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 responsibility.

THE TERRY STOLESON CREATIVE DESIGN AWARD (*established 2007 by Creative Arrangers of Connecticut*) An orange and purple ribbon and certificate to be awarded at the State Flower Show for the outstanding creative design.

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.*

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.

THE LOVE-LY GARDEN AWARD (*established 2006 in memory of Penny Jarvis*): A garden accessory 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.

THE PENNY JARVIS GARDENING STUDIES SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP is given annually to a student of this school.

PUBLICATION AND WEBSITE AWARDS may be awarded annually in the form of certificates. 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).

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 15th. 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 continuous, 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 June 1st.

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.

FOR NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB AWARDS see www.gardenclub.org

FOR NEW ENGLAND REGION AWARDS see www.NGC.NER.org