

Tribute Awards – 2014

Civic Development

Barbara Deysson, Shippan Point Garden Club

Barbara has worked hard in the design, selection, and placement of trees during both her terms as President of the club, coordinating efforts with the City of Stamford and CL&P, thereby, continuing the tree planting efforts of the club to beautify the streets of Shippan. Since 1926 the club has planted over 400 trees.

Conservation

Letty Malone, Milford Garden Club

A lifelong advocate of open space, Letty has worked with many organizations to preserve wetlands, gardens, parks and open space in Milford. As chair of the garden club's Environmental Awareness and Conservation Committee, she successfully spearheaded the club's efforts to save the Organic Gardens in Eisenhower Park that were subject to removal for the sake of a new ball field.

Design

Barbara Bosco, Garden Club of Woodbridge

While an award winning floral designer, Barbara is being honored for her behind the scenes work mentoring both student judges and clubs needing assistance with flower shows, as well as her endless work recruiting designers for the CT Flower and Garden Show. She has graciously spent countless, voluntary hours helping others in the pursuit of her love for Flower Shows, for pleasure and educating the public.

Garden Therapy

Johanne McLean, Wallingford Garden Club

For many years Johanne has worked with residents of the Skyview Convalescent Home, delivering weekly floral arrangements to the front desk and patients. She's also assisted rehabilitation patients at the Village Green and delivered floral arrangements to ill club members.

Horticulture

Karl Reichelt, Manchester Garden Club

Karl, as the club's Horticulture Chair, has been the organizer, analyzer and disseminator of horticultural information for club meeting participants at every meeting for the last three years. His energy and interest have been contagious and he inspires participation in many community projects that run the gamut of developing worm farms to horticultural club challenges.

Landscape Design

Mindy Gordon, Westbrook Garden Club

Not only did Mindy chair the club's landscaping at the gazebo on the town green, she created the design, fought for funding, oversaw the hardscape installation, purchased the plants and lead club members in their planting of a most successful landscape project.

Youth

Ann Germano, Long Hill Garden Club

As part of the club's "Growing a Generation of Gardeners" program, Ann manages all aspects of the club's Early Childhood Education Program. She was instrumental in the club's involvement in developing a wildlife habitat that serves as a science lab in a courtyard at the Madison Middle School. She is intimately involved on an annual basis with the First Grade Tree Planting Program and also chairs the club's scholarship committee to benefit a Trumbull High School senior.

All-Around Excellence

Nancy Lenoce, Long Hill Garden Club

Nancy has received national recognition for the rose garden that she and her husband, Al, have created, but she knows a lot more than how to grow roses! She is well versed in all areas of horticulture. That, combined with her enthusiasm, friendliness and love of learning, has helped her contribute to her club's 300% increase in membership, to a significant increase in participation in the National Garden Club educational programs offered annually in CT, to the club's increased involvement on the state board and also to increased involvement in the CT State Flower and Garden Show. The ripple effects of Nancy's willingness to share her knowledge and interest, as well as reach out to others extends far beyond the Long Hill Garden Club.