

AWARDS 2021 PRESENTED AT STATE ANNUAL MEETING

*ANNIVERSARIES

- Garden Club of Twenty-District III -110 Years
- Green Spring Valley GC-District III 110 Years
- Talbot County GC -District I-105 Years

*EVELYN M. COTTON MARYLAND CONSERVATION AWARD:

District 5 Mountain Laurel GC- Accident Library Community Garden for an outstanding conservation project that included the removal of invasive plants and replacing them with perennials.

*GOVERNOR'S BEAUTIFICATION BOWL:

District 5 Howard County GC- Bee Smart Pollinator Garden planting of pollinator plants in the library's existing garden to promote citizens' education and knowledge about pollinators

*MARYLAND ROADSIDE AWARD:

District 1 Four Seasons GC -Changing Fates Equine Rescue Community Service Project planted 6 trees to benefit rescued horses by providing wind breaks and shelter from the sun.

*CLEMSON BOWL: Office Administrator checks FGCMMD records (none in several years)

*DISTRICT BOWL: Office Administrator checks FGCMMD records (none in 2019)

*STATE PERENNIAL BLOOM WINNER

Awarded to **Pat Parker** for her enthusiastic and continuous support of the Federation, District III and her local club, Halten GC. For the past 25 years, Pat has served in a variety of positions within her club from Chairmanships to Secretary to President and is currently a Board Member at Large. She has served in a variety of chairmanships for District III, was a District Director and recently served on the District's Nominating Committee. In addition, Pat is a member of the Daffodil Society and is active in Master Gardeners. She has won numerous awards for floral design and horticulture entries. She has been recognized 5 times with the Kitty Hessian Bowl which is given to a Halten GC member earning the most horticultural points at the Maryland Daffodil Show. On the state level, Pat was the Program Liaison Chair for 4 years.

PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

Awarded to **Lisa Marcus, Crofton Greenery Garden Club**, for her dedication to the President's SEED School Project-Lisa has been a tremendous help with this President's Project, the SEED School. Lisa accompanied me to the school, took measurements, made sketches, and applied her CAD skills to put the plan to paper. She has been instrumental in getting the project off the ground.

Awarded to **Liz Williams, Chartwell Garden Club**, for her efforts to update the State Website-Liz researched various options to improve the layout of the website to make it more user-friendly, informative, and attractive. The revised website brings a fresh face to our organization.

Awarded to **Tina Swanson, Mt. Airy Garden Club**, for her endeavors to increase traffic on the State Facebook page. Thanks to her hard work, the metrics continue to improve, and the number of people following our page has almost doubled in her first year as the Facebook Chairman.

Awarded to **Bev Frye, Crofton Village Garden Club**, for creation of the new award certificates for FGCMMD. As a group dedicated to conservation of resources, the design of these new certificates uses significantly less ink and reflects the black eyed Susan, Maryland's State Flower.

Awarded to **Shelley Johnson, Green-walled Garden Club and Ann Street Four Seasons and Somerset Garden Clubs**, State Awards Chairman and Vice Chairman, for revising the State awards manual to align with the new NGC requirements and leading members through the process of submitting awards for the best results.

*FGCMD PRESIDENT AWARDS: Selected by State President

*MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR:

Awarded to **Jennifer Evans, Howard County GC and District V**. Jennifer is a passionate horticulturalist with a degree in Landscape Design and a willingness to share her enthusiasm for plants. She is currently the Horticultural Chair for District V. She has served in a variety of rolls at the District level including Membership, Conservation and Natural Chairmanship, as well as, Assistant Director, Director and Advisor for the district. Jennifer was instrumental in obtaining two Blue Star Memorial Markers to be placed in Ellicott City. Both were destroyed by major floods but Jennifer helped secure funds from the NGC Natural Disasters Fund and a third marker has now been placed at a higher level due to her diligence.

This spring as part of the FGCMD Landscape Design Council Course V, Jennifer will be teaching “Contemporary Landscape Design Trends” and “Guidelines for Evaluating Landscape Designs of Residential, Public Commercial Property”.

*AWARD OF CITATION:

*AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT:

*AWARD OF APPRECIATION: State President selects and/or FGCMD Executive Board may make recommendations. Approval not needed. May have more than one.

Awarded to **Jan Kirsch** who brings new meaning and inspiration to the terms ‘garden as art.’ Likewise, her commitment to community service and education about the value of native landscaping and conservation has positioned her as a valuable resource to gardeners and garden clubs throughout Maryland. Trained in fine arts, Jan turned to landscape design, fulfilling a desire to work within the parameters of her environs. For three decades, she has worked with clients to create inviting and relaxing outdoor living spaces.

Jan has provided innumerable pro bono hours by contributing and sharing her expertise at garden club presentations and other District I projects, including the planting of 11 native trees at the entrance to the Visitor’s Center at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Cambridge. The trees were donated by FGCMD funded by the Alice Rush McKeon Trust.

As Jan says *‘My work is about joy and expression. It is about relationships. My art reflects the intimate wonder of nature.’* Thank you, Jan for sharing with all of us.

*SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

*MARIE COULTER BOWL: State President selects and/or FGCMD Executive Board may make recommendations. Approval not needed.

Awarded to **Terry Holman, Oxford GC, District I** Terry relocated from New Jersey to Maryland, where she was active in the New Jersey Garden Clubs. Since then, she has been actively involved in promoting the objectives of FGCMD. She has served as the Program Chairman, Horticulture Chairman and currently serves as the Assistant Director of District I. At the State level, Terry has served as the Awards Vice Chairman, Youth Gardening Chairman, and is the current Horticulture chairman. She has served on the NGC Board as the Sponsorships and Partnerships Chairman. She is publisher of the Cultivate horticulture newsletter and presents programs on various aspects of horticulture to garden clubs. Terry truly promotes the goals and objectives of FGCMD.