

COHASSET GARDEN CLUB 2019

Awards

The Garden Club of America endorses three categories of Awards. National Awards are presented at the national annual meeting in the spring. Zone Awards are presented at the Zone 1 annual meeting, and Club Awards honor our own Club members and are announced at the Cohasset Garden Club annual meeting in October.

Every garden club member is reminded to familiarize herself with the categories of awards listed and explained in the yearbook, keeping in mind worthy recipients who might be honored, and privately discussing a candidate with the Club Awards Chairman. She brings the name to the Club President and Executive Committee for approval. If approval is granted, the Club Awards Chairman fills out the appropriate form online, including a short proposal portfolio and a citation write-up, and emails it to the Zone 1 Awards Representative. If approval is granted, the Zone Representative emails the information directly to GCA Headquarters in New York, or to the appropriate national chairman (in the case of awards for Conservation, Horticulture, Design, etc.).

All GCA national awards, GCA zone awards, and GCA club awards are described on the GCA website under the Awards Committee. Awards specific to the Cohasset Garden Club are listed in the yearbook.

GCA Zone I Awards

Zone Conservation and/or Civic Improvement Award
For service to conservation and achievement in civic improvement.

Mrs. William G. Russell 1977

Barbara Spaulding Cramer Flower Arrangement Award
For achievement in flower arrangement and flower arrangement
education in and beyond the zone.

Mrs. Frederick L. Good, Jr. 1992

Zone Conservation Achievement Certificate to a
Non-Member
(proposed by the Cohasset Garden Club)

John Faulkner Hubbard 1993

David E. Clapp 1994

GCA Novice Photography Award

Laura McAuliffe, Visions & Vistas 2012

Zone Creative Leadership Award
For outstanding and unusual talent in the field of leadership,
exemplifying continued judgment and initiative over a period of
time. Creative leadership may be defined as executive or
organizational ability put to use in any area of GCA activity
throughout and/or beyond the Zone.

Jane O. Goedecke 2008

Susan H. Kearney 2010

Marguerite Borden 2017

Zone Flower Arrangement Certificate
For flower arrangement achievement beyond the activities
of one's club.

Barbara Power	2004
Anne Elwell Reardon	2008

Kitty Ferguson Award

The Kitty Ferguson Zone Award is presented to a Zone I club member whose dedication to the goals of the GCA and Zone I reflects the generosity of spirit and commitment exemplified by

Kitty Ferguson, President and member of the
Fox Hill Garden Club and the President of
The Garden Club of America 2003-2005.

Susan Kearney	2013
Marguerite Borden	2015

Zone Preservation Award

Virginia Knowles Garden	1998
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Zone Historic Preservation Commendation

Holly Hill Farm and The Frank White Family	2013
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Nell Schwartz Mentoring Award

For achievement beyond the activities of one's club, this award is given to a GCA club member for inspiring individuals and clubs to expand their endeavors in the areas of horticulture, flower arranging, conservation, civic improvement or historic preservation. The recipient's expertise, enthusiasm, and desire to develop the abilities of others must have been consistently used to guide and enhance the GCA community.

Patricia Michaud	2009
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Marion Thompson Fuller Brown Conservation Award
Cohasset Garden Club, 'Let There Bee Light,' Zone 1,
May 14, 2013

Garden Club of America Corliss Knapp Engle Zone Horticultural
Sweepstakes Award
Cohasset Garden Club, Zone 1 May 2013

Zone Judges Award
Patricia Michaud 2016

GCA Club Awards

The Garden Club of America makes available awards for those who have demonstrated outstanding excellence or dedication in various areas of horticulture, conservation and civic endeavor.

Some awards, including a considerable number garnered at the New England Spring Flower Show, were imperfectly recorded and are not listed here, though a few are referred to in the Club history. It should be noted that in 1994 our Club ceased to list members in their husbands' names in our Yearbook. The Award listings herein reflect that policy. In addition, please note that the names of some of the awards have been altered in recent years; this yearbook reflects those changes.

Medal of Merit

Awarded by a GCA club (and voted by its Executive Committee) to one of its own members, upon application to and with approval of the national Awards Committee Chairman, for contributions of exceptional merit in the field of horticulture, conservation or civic achievement, or dedication and inspirational leadership within the area of a member's respective club. A recipient may receive the award only once.

Mrs. Robert C. Knowles	1969
Mrs. John M. Bleakie	1980
Mrs. Robert Littlehale, Jr.	1982
Mrs. Sherman R. Thayer	1984
Mrs. Edward F. Woods	1985
Mrs. Frederick L. Good, Jr.	1987
Patsy Rabstojnek	1998
Jane Goedecke	1999
Marguerite Borden	2007
Barbara Power	2012
Mary Hartshorne	2013
Anne Manchester	2014
Patricia Michaud	2015

Club Appreciation Award

Awarded by a GCA club (and voted by its Executive Committee) to one of its members for dedicated and sustained participation in activities within the recipient's own club. As of 2009, the Louise G. Littlehale Bowl accompanies this award. More recently, it was decided that a recipient may only receive the award once.

Mrs. James B. Grinnell	1984
Mrs. Samuel Bishop	1985
Mrs. John R. Hoopes, Jr.	1985
Mrs. Jeffrey R. Power	1985
Mrs. Walter Railsback	1986
Mrs. Bartlett Tyler	1989
Mrs. Frederick Garrison	1990
Mrs. Goodwin T. Schramm	1990
Mrs. John F. Howe	1991
Mrs. Robert L. Littlehale, Jr.	1993
Mrs. George J. Rabstejnek	1993
Mrs. Raimund G. Vanderweil, Jr.	1993
Mitzi Railsback	1997
Nancy Garrison	1998
JoAnn Ford	2000
Anne Manchester	2002
Mary Hartshorne	2003
Charlotte Sommerfeld	2004
Sarah Pease	2005
Joan Shockman	2006
Eleanor Bleakie	2007
Patsy Dean	2009
Lucia Woods	2010
Jane Reardon	2013
Debbie Shadd	2013
Margaret Cotter	2015
Susan Pile	2016
Linda Wakeman	2017
Sandy Durant	2018

Louise G. Littlehale Bowl

This award, donated in 1993 by Sarah and Samuel Pease in honor of Mrs. Littlehale, is given in recognition and appreciation of dedicated and sustained participation in the activities of the Club and is accompanied as of 2009 by the GCA Club Appreciation Award. The award and its accompanying bowl may be received only once.

Mrs. Robert L. Littlehale, Jr.	1993
Eleanor Bleakie	2007
Patsy Dean	2009
Lucia Woods	2010
Jane Reardon	2013
Debbie Shadd	2013
Margaret Cotter	2015
Susan Pile	2016
Linda Wakeman	2017
Sandy Durant	2018

Club Conservation Award

May be presented annually to a club member for outstanding service in conservation within the recipient's own club and/or community.

A recipient may win the award only once.

Mrs. William Russell	1972
Mrs. David E. Place	1974
Mrs. John F. Hubbard	1976
Mrs. Kempton Churchill	1984
Barbara Power	2001
Patsy Rabstejnek	2005
Sandy Durant	2011
Vanessa Day	2013
Martha Gangemi	2018

Club Floral Design Achievement Award

May be presented annually to a club member for outstanding service in flower arrangement within the recipient's own club and/or community. A recipient may win the award only once.

Joan Shockman	2000
Anne Elwell Reardon	2004
Patricia Michaud	2008
Genevieve Good	2009
Ginger King	2014
Jennifer Willms	2016

Club Historic Preservation Award

May be presented annually to a club member for outstanding service in historic preservation within the recipients own club and/or community. A recipient may win the award only once.

Mrs. Goodwin T. Schramm and Mrs. Samuel Wakeman	1993
Mary Hartshorne	2007
Martha Gangemi	2012
Debbie Shadd	2018

Club Horticulture Award

May be presented annually to a club member for outstanding service in horticulture within the recipient's club and/or community. A recipient may win the award only once.

Mrs. Bartlett Tyler	1957
Mrs. James Adams	1962
Mrs. Frederick L. Good, Jr.	1972
Mrs. John M. Bleakie	1976
Mrs. Edward F. Woods	1978
Mrs. Langford Warren	1984
Mrs. Henry G. Simonds, Jr.	1985
Mrs. Jeffrey R. Power	1986
Mrs. John Hoopes, Jr.	1987
Margaret Cotter	1997
Patricia Michaud	2004
Ginger King	2012

Anne Elwell Reardon

2014

Club Photography Award

Laura McAuliffe

2014

GCA Years of Service Award

These certificates are awarded to members in increments of 5 years starting with 25 years.

Eleanor Bleakie	awarded in 2011 for 63 years
Alison Jordan	awarded in 2011 for 57 years
Genevieve Good	awarded in 2011 for 55 years
Genevra Higginson	awarded in 2011 for 50 years
Lucia Woods	awarded in 2014 for 50 years
Patsy Leggat	awarded in 2015 for 50 years
Anne Manchester	awarded in 2017 for 45 years
Patsy Rabstojnek	awarded in 2017 for 40 years
Jane Goedecke	awarded in 2017 for 30 years
Anne Vanderweil	awarded in 2017 for 30 years
Margaret Cotter	awarded in 2017 for 25 years
Kathy Sherbrooke	awarded in 2017 for 25 years
Eleanor Bleakie	awarded in 2018 for 70 years
Linda Wakeman	awarded in 2018 for 35 years
Joan Shockman	awarded in 2018 for 30 years
Debbie Shadd	awarded in 2018 for 25 years
Betts Murray	awarded in 2018 for 25 years

GCA Honorarium

Given to a member who has reached her 90th Birthday

Genevieve Good	2006
Eleanor Bleakie	2010
Lucia Woods	2011
Alison Jordan	2012
Mary Hartshorne	2018

Special Cohasset Garden Club Awards

The Knowles Cup

The Knowles Cup for horticultural excellence was presented in 1977 by Mrs. Edward F. Woods in honor of Virginia W. Knowles. It is awarded to the grower who has accrued the most points exhibiting in both horticulture competitions each year. If a member wins the Knowles Cup for two consecutive years, that member will be required to “sit out” for the next two years before being eligible again. Although ineligible to compete for the Knowles Cup, she would still be able to enter and win the Sweepstakes Award, which is for the most blue ribbons at each horticultural show.

Mrs. Edward F. Woods	1977
Mrs. Frederick L. Good, Jr.	1978
Mrs. Langford Warren	1979
Mrs. Henry G. Simonds, Jr.	1980
Mrs. Jeffrey R. Power	1981
Mrs. Bartlet Tyler	1982
Mrs. Jeffrey R. Power	1983
Mrs. Frederick L. Good, Jr.	1984
Mrs. C. Michael Bliss	1985
Mrs. Henry G. Simonds, Jr.	1986
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Mrs. Nicholas Sommerfeld	1988
Mrs. Frederick L. Good, Jr.	1989
Mrs. C. Michael Bliss	1990
Mrs. Edward F. Woods	1991
Mrs. Philip Shockman	1992
Not Awarded	1993
Charlotte Sommerfeld	1994
Susan Pile	1995
Susan Sturdy	1996
Susan Sturdy	1997
Barbara Bliss	1998
Patricia Michaud	1999
Patricia Michaud	2000
Heidi Condon	2001
Heidi Condon	2002
Anne Elwell Reardon	2003

Lucia Woods	2004
Ginger King	2005
Patricia Michaud	2006
Ginger King	2007
Margaret Cotter	2008
Ginger King	2009
Ginger King	2010
Ginger King	2011
Ginger King	2012
Anne Elwell Reardon	2013
Anne Elwell Reardon	2014
Ginger King	2015
Ginger King	2016
Janice Todd	2017
Janice Todd	2018

Golden Trowel Award

Members who have belonged to the club for five years or less and have not won the Knowles Cup are eligible for this award. The award will go to the member of this group who has accrued the most points in both horticulture shows that year.

Ginger King	2003
Jennifer Willms	2004
Stacey Weaver	2005
Martha Gangemi	2006
Not Awarded	2007
Stacey Weaver	2008
Martha Gangemi	2009
Susan Hess	2010
Vanessa Day	2011
Vanessa Day	2012
Vanessa Day	2013
Laura McAuliffe	2014
Jan Todd	2015
Jan Todd	2016
Jennifer Brady-Wilson	2017
Susan Meikleham	2018

The Crampton Bowl

The Barbara C. Crampton Bowl for flower design was presented in 1983 by G. Roland Crampton and his family in memory of Mrs. Crampton. It is open to designers who have graduated from the intermediate class (Class II) and is awarded to the designer in Class I who has accrued the most points, exhibiting in both design shows.

Mrs. Frederick L. Good, Jr.	1983
Mrs. Robert L. Littlehale, Jr.	1984
Mrs. Robert C. Knowles	1984
Mrs. C. Michael Bliss	1985
Mrs. Jeffrey R. Power	1986
Mrs. Frederick L. Good, Jr.	1987
Mrs. Philip C. Shockman	1987
Patricia Dean	1988
Mrs. John Rousseau	1989
Patricia Dean	1990
Mrs. John F. Hartshorne	1991
Mrs. Robert L. Littlehale	1992
Mrs. Jeffrey R. Power	1992
Not Awarded	1993
Eleanor Bleakie	1994
Eleanor Bleakie	1995
Tish Grinnell, Brenda Urmson	1996
Joan Shockman	1997
Barbara Bliss, Tish Grinnell	1998
Anne Elwell	1999
Barbara Power, Lou Littlehale	2000
Anne Elwell	2001
Anne Elwell	2002
Anne Elwell, Pat Michaud	2003
Pat Michaud	2004
Anne Elwell	2005
Anne Elwell	2006
Jennifer Willms	2007
Not Awarded	2008
Ginger King	2009
Patricia Michaud	2010

Anne Elwell Reardon	2011
Eleanor Bleakie, Jennifer Willms	2012
Anne Elwell Reardon	2014
Anne Elwell Reardon	2014
Ginger King, Anne Elwell Reardon	2015
Ginger King, Pat Michaud, and Anne Elwell Reardon	2016
Ginger King	2017

Silver Scissors Award

Open to flower designers, who have graduated from the novice class and only until they have won three blue ribbons in this class (Class II). The winner is the intermediate designer who has accrued the most points in the Crampton Cup Competition, exhibiting in both shows.

Ginger King, Linda Wakeman	2003
Carmen Schramm	2004
Mary Hartshorne, Jennifer Willms	2005
Carmen Schramm, Jennifer Willms	2006
Julia Catlin	2007
Not Awarded	2008
Carmen Schramm	2009
Carmen Schramm	2010
Heidi Condon	2013
Jane Reardon	2014
Heidi Condon, Martha Gangemi	2015
Linda Fraker	2016
Sue Hess, Jane Reardon	2017

Novice Bowl

Open to designers in their first three years of membership or until they have won three blue ribbons in this class (Class III). Also open to any new exhibitor. The winner is the designer who has accrued the most points in the Crampton Cup competition, exhibiting in both shows.

Marguerite Borden, Jill Fitzgerald and Jennifer Willms	2003
Jennifer Willms	2004

Jane Reardon	2005
Jill Fitzgerald	2006
Sandy Durant	2007
Not Awarded	2008
Martha Gangemi	2009
Not Awarded	2010
Andrea Hillier	2011
Lucinda Vanderweil	2012
Jennifer Lord	2013
Laura McAuliffe	2014
Jennifer Lord, Linda Fraker	2015
Susan Meikleham	2016
Susan Meikleham	2017

Genevieve Good Award

The Genevieve Good Award honors a member of less than seven years who has exhibited commitment to the Club above and beyond expectations.

Vanessa Day	2016
Mary Whitley	2017
Barbara Wallner	2018

Woods Bowl for Photography

This award, presented in 2015 by Anne and Eli Manchester in honor of Lucia R. Woods, is awarded to the member who has obtained the most points in the year's photography competitions. In the two years prior to 2015, one competition was held each year.

Barbara Wallner	2013
Deborah Shadd	2014
Martha Gangemi	2015
Martha Gangemi	2016
Martha Gangemi	2017
Sue Hess, Jennifer Brady Wilson	2018

New England Spring Flower Show Awards

Fenwick Medal

Barbara Power	1999
Anne Elwell Reardon	2001

National Council of State Garden Clubs Award for Design

Anne Elwell Reardon	1999
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John Taylor Arms Award

Genevieve Good	1963
Genevieve Good	1975
Barbara Power	1981
Anne Elwell Reardon	2001

Best of the Day Blue Ribbon for Flower Arrangement

Anne Elwell Reardon	2001
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Thompson Begonia Award

Genevieve Good	1970
Genevieve Good	1991

Evelyn D. Cronin Award For Excellence in Culture of an Orchid

Lucia Woods	1995
Pat Michaud	2006
Lucia Woods	2007

Cunningham Award

Eleanor Bleakie	1984
Lucia Woods	1996

Designer's Choice Purple Ribbon

Anne Elwell Reardon 2007

Design Division One Blue Ribbon and Tricolor Ribbon
Anne Elwell Reardon 2008

Philadelphia Flower Show Awards

Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania Blue
and Gold Rosette

Anne Elwell Reardon (with Julie Lapham
of Worcester GC) 2003

Pennsylvania Horticulture Society Trophy
Anne Elwell Reardon (with Julie Lapham
of Worcester GC) 2003

Newport Flower Show Awards - July 2011 Class 10: The Sculptured Garden

The Newport Flower Show Best in Show Award
Anne Elwell Reardon

The Corinne Clarke Reynolds Trophy
Anne Elwell Reardon

National Garden Club Award for Design
Anne Elwell Reardon

Award for Distinction in Flower Arrangement
Anne Elwell Reardon

Trustees of Massachusetts Horticultural Society Visiting Gardens Committee 1998

Each year the Visiting Gardens Committee visits several private gardens in a selected area and awards a number of prestigious medals and certificates. In 1998, the Committee visited Cohasset.

The Gold Medal for a Four-Season Garden

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Borden

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Rabstajnek

The Seasonal Garden Medal (a Silver Medal)

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey R. Power

The Collector's Garden Medal (a Bronze Medal)

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Chase

The Albert Cameron Burrage Porch Gold Medal

Mr. and Mrs. Raimund G. Vanderweil, Jr.

Mary B. Wakefield Award for a Small Garden (a Medal)

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Sommerfeld

A Special Award of Merit

Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Leggat

Two Public Garden Certificates Awarded

The Knowles Garden

The Lightkeepers' Garden

Gardens Selected to be Included in the “Notable
Gardens of the Archives of American Gardens” at
the Smithsonian Institution

(Submission to the Archives was proposed by the CGC Garden
History and Design Committee)

Penelope Place, Cohasset, Massachusetts

Mary Niles, Hingham, Massachusetts

James P. and Marguerite M. Borden, “Unicorn Cottage,”
Scituate, Massachusetts 2007

Robert G. and Virginia King, “Kingsview,”
Cohasset, Massachusetts 2011

George J. and Patricia Rabstejnek, “Ravenstone,”
Cohasset, Massachusetts 2011

Charles and Geneva Higginson, “Cedarledges,”
Cohasset, Massachusetts 2011

Patricia Michaud, “Seaside Garden”
Scituate, Massachusetts 2014

Anne Elwell Reardon, “A Hingham Cutting Garden”
Hingham, MA 2017