

Alice/President's Commendation

This year, there is to be one more award given. The recipient has already won most of the GCA Awards on the books and also the existing Weeder awards, some more than once. This recognition is a personal way to honor an accomplished and extraordinary woman at a unique moment in time. It may not be given again for a quite awhile. This particular commendation is a first, new, and personal recognition, to be given at the discretion of the Weeder President, to a deserving woman who has contributed both her time and energies for several years toward two particular events culminating this Spring. . .the GCA Centennial Meeting and Concourse Lake. How do I thank a woman named Alice for staying the course and keeping her civility. Dealing with the myriad of details and organization concerning the meeting is never one person's responsibility, but Alice Doering has more than done her part behind the scenes to ensure the success of this historic meeting in Philadelphia. Concurrently, Alice has been in the trenches "literally" making Concourse Lake a reality. Again, we know many hands have been involved with the creation of the project and the execution of the plan, but Alice's creativity and tenacity has helped bring Concourse Lake to fruition. We cleaned up the site last summer, planted bulbs last fall and saw the plan taking shape to become part of Philadelphia's Fairmount Park continuing legacy. Additionally, Alice is also helping Concourse Lake to have a future through trying to seek funding to hold onto what has been accomplished. All of the above and still keeping her hand in landscape design, conservation and community work. . .Strafford Station for one but not the only!

On a personal level, Alice has been a patient mentor, especially to me whether correcting my botanical Latin, propagating cuttings or giving the answer to many a Weeder history question. Both conscientious and caring, Alice, you are head and shoulders above the fray. I am honored to be in a position to give you this recognition today for your extraordinary contributions in this President's Commendation.

I am grateful you are a Weeder. . . Alice!!!!

Linda Anderson
The Weeders

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