

Awards Committee Annual Meeting Report 2018

The Awards Committee met in January 2018 to discuss the awards we planned to present this year. Follow up meetings were conducted via email. In keeping with the new policy of hosting the awards ceremony biennially we wanted to celebrate our membership with several special awards this year.

The **50 Years of Service Certificate** was presented to Sally Ann Wood in celebration and deep appreciation of her exceptional leadership, abiding commitment and many years of exemplary service to the Weeders.

The **Trusty Trowel Award** is given to an individual who has labored long and hard behind the scenes for the benefit of the Weeders. The intended recipient was not in attendance at the meeting therefore it will be presented at a future date.

The **Ester Lloyd Morton Award** is membership nominated and recognizes a member who has accomplished an outstanding piece of work during this or any other year having to do with the garden club interests. Elaine Lisle painted the beautiful artwork and Polly Garnett did the delicate calligraphy that decorated the page honoring Marilyn Sprague. The award was presented to Marilyn for her passionate and stalwart dedication to The Weeders, her impressive and impeccable record of stewardship, - all magnified by her work with The Magnolia Tribute Garden.

It was with great pleasure and pride that Linda Anderson was presented with **The GCA Club Appreciation Award**. The citation read "In grateful recognition of her generous and enthusiastic spirit. Her tireless work in myriad leadership roles and impactful drive to enrich and enliven are inspirational."

We also presented **The GCA Medal of Merit**. It was an honor to recognize outstanding member Polly Garnett with this distinguished award. It was given in appreciation of her cheerful willingness to help wherever needed. Her steadfast contribution through conscientious and quiet diligence is greatly valued.

President Jackie Burke recognized Lorraine Wallace with the **President's Commendation** for all the work she has taken on, in this and preceding years.

Respectively submitted,

Patricia Doolittle, Chair
Awards Committee