

GCA AND GREEN THUMB FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

GCA AWARDS

Botanical Arts

Best in Show Botanical Arts

Best in Show in the botanical arts division.

2013 Barb Kaytes

Conservation

Marion Thompson Fuller Brown Conservation Award

Awarded for an exhibit of exceptional educational and visual merit that increases knowledge and awareness of the environment.

2017 Susan Rein

2013 Nantucket Shellfish Association

2011 Emily MacKinnon and The Nantucket Land Council

2005 Sarah Johnson

2001 Kathy Cruice

1999 Caroline Ellis

1996 Linda Holland

1992 The Nantucket Garden Club

1988 Mary Margaret Holmes

Education

Ann Lyon Crammond Award

Awarded for an outstanding exhibit that best educates the public about gardens and increases the appreciation of any aspect of plants, gardens, or landscape design.

2024 Paulette Boling

2011 MaryJo Beck & Caroline Ellis

1996 Betty Webb*

Floral Design

Dorothy Vietor Munger Award

Awarded in recognition of creative work of outstanding beauty using

predominantly fresh plant material.

2017 Kathleen Poole and Gretchen Riley

2015 Robin MacTaggart and Ann Webber

2013 Vicki Livingstone

2011 Lyndon Dupuis

2008 Betty Webb*

Fenwick Award

Awarded for a creative work of outstanding beauty using predominantly fresh plant material in a highly competitive show.

1995 Sandy Taylor*

Margaret Clover Symonds Medal

Awarded for an innovative, modern design that creatively combines man-made material(s) with fresh and/or dried plant material.

2003 Barb Kaytes

Sandra Baylor Novice Award

Awarded to a novice exhibitor for a unique and skillful response to the schedule.

2024 Betsy Carey

2017 Marcella Zimmerman

2015 Nancy Serafini

2013 Jill Sandole

2011 Donna Hamel

2008 Christine Dean

2007 Beverly Barlow

2006 Charlotte Mathey

2003 Vicki Livingstone

Harriet DeWaele Puckett Award

Awarded for an innovative and interpretive entry that, while abiding by the principles of good design, goes beyond traditional period arrangement to whatever art form the arranger chooses.

The award recognizes a uniquely skillful and creative response to an imaginative schedule.

2024 Nina King
2013 Barb Kaytes
2011 Sandy Taylor*
2010 Barb Kaytes
2006 Betty Webb*
1998 Sandy Taylor*
1998 Betty Webb*
1996 Betty Webb*
1993 Betty Webb*

Best in Show Floral Design

Best in Show in the floral design division.

2024 Barb Kaytes
2017 Gretchen Riley
2015 Mary Jo Beck
2013 Barb Kaytes
2011 Lynn Filipski

Horticulture

GCA Novice Award in Horticulture

Individual GCA Club members. The Novice Award may be given to an exhibitor who has never won first place or who has never won this award before in the division entered. First, second, and, third places may be awarded to novice exhibitors.

2024 Martha Polachi
2017 MaryAnn Wasik
2015 Peg Condon

Elizabeth Platt Corning Medal

Awarded to an entry with distinction and originality, notable for its cultural difficulty and exceptional standard of horticultural excellence.

1986 Mary Margaret Holmes

Catherine Beattie Medal

Awarded for a single plant, collection of plants, container garden, or cut specimen grown by exhibitor for at least 6 months for vibrancy, prime condition, and perfection of grooming.

- 2015 Libby Moore
- 2013 Laura Buck
- 2011 Sandy Taylor*
- 2005 Ken Roman
- 2004 Debbie Thomas
- 2003 Betty Webb*
- 1999 Betty Webb*
- 1995 Betty Webb*
- 1991 Betty Webb*
- 1989 Betty Webb*

Rosie Jones Horticultural Award

Awarded for an entry of exceptional visual appeal that reflects the spirit of growing with joy and enthusiasm and inspires others to propagate, grow, show, and share horticulture.

- 2017 Mary Brown
- 2015 MaryAnn Wasik
- 2011 Julie Hensier
- 2008 Caroline Ellis
- 2007 Caroline Ellis

Clarissa Willemsen Horticulture Propagation Award

Awarded for a single rooted plant or a collection of rooted plants, propagated and grown by the exhibitor for at least 6 months, recognizing prime condition, flawless grooming, and difficulty of propagation.

- 2024 Marianna Brewster
- 2013 Elizabeth Murray*
- 2005 Betty Webb*

Best in Show Horticulture Division
Best in Show in the horticulture division
2024 Marianna Brewster

Photography
GCA Novice Award in Photography

Awarded for an outstanding exhibit by an individual novice exhibitor and GCA club member, placing first, second, or third in the Photography division at a flower show.

2024 Yvonne Wade
2013 Julie Hensler

GCA Photography Creativity Award

Awarded for creative and technical excellence in response to the theme of the schedule.

2024 Lane Morrison
2013 Gretchen Riley

Best in Show Photography
Best in show in the Photography division.
2024 Mimi Kerr
2013 Mary Malavase
2017 Susan Hilbert

GREEN THUMB AWARDS

Floral Design
25th Anniversary Award
Presented by Mrs. Donald H. Robinson, for the most interesting and well-designed arrangement in a pedestal class.
2024 Marianna Brewster
2017 Gretchen Riley
2015 Barb Kaytes
2013 Donna Hamel
2011 Sandy Taylor*
2009 Gretchen Riley and Betty Webb*

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2007 Gretchen Riley and Betty Webb*
2006 Gretchen Riley and Betty Webb*
2005 Lyndon DuPuis
2004 Kate Miller and Joan Soons*
2003 Elaine Brand
2002 Susan Everitt
2001 Elizabeth Garcia
2000 Mariann Appley
1999 Joan Soons*
1998 Eva Maria Tausig
1997 Judy McKelvey
1996 Kate Miller
1995 Susan Burke
1994 Sandy Taylor
1993 Mariann Appley
1992 Sandy Taylor
1991 Susan Burke
1990 Mariann Appley
1989 Christine Willcox*
1988 Helene S. Whitehead*
1987 Christine Willcox*
1986 Helene S. Whitehead*
1985 Helene S. Whitehead*
1984 Margaret Robinson*
1983 Jacqueline Kilvert*
1982 Christine Willcox*
1981 Christine Willcox*
1980 Jean MacAusland*
1979 Constance Murray*

Anniversary Dining Table Award

Presented by Mrs. Earle R. MacAusland for the table arrangement styled in the most beautiful and dramatic fashion. Open only to members of the Garden Club of America.

2017 Gretchen Riley and Kathleen Poole

2015 Bonnie Ford and Pat McGill
2013 Jill Sandole
2009 Barbara Malcolm*
2008 Leslie Purple and Alice Farley
2007 MaryJo Beck and Julia Hilton
2006 Gretchen Riley and Betty Webb*
2005 Betty Webb* and Gretchen Riley
2004 Betty Webb* and Sally Humphreys
2003 Lyndon Dupuis
2002 Christine Willcox*
2001 Lyndon Dupuis
2000 Pam Armour* and Linda Kelly
1999 Collen Hempelman and Mary Jones
1998 Christine Willcox*
1997 "Boots" Thrower*
1996 Christine Willcox*
1995 Christine Willcox*
1994 Eva-Maria F. Tausig
1993 Dottie Yancy
1992 "Boots" Thrower*
1991 "Boots" Thrower*
1990 Ann Barnes Maury
1989 Terry Hoyt*
1988 Terry Hoyt*
1987 Christine Spencer*
1986 Terry Hoyt*
1985 May Metcalf
1984 Helene S. Whitehead*
1982. Jacqueline Kilvert*
1981 Emily Goddard
1980 Dorrit Gutterson*
1979 Margaret Yates*
1978 Dorrit Gutterson*
1977 Jean MacAusland*
1976 Jessica Woodle*

1975 Jessica Woodle*
1974 Margaret Robinson*

Jules M. de R. Thebaud Trophy

Awarded for the Best in Show for Flower Arrangement. It will be presented to the exhibitor who in the opinion of the judges has presented the outstanding arrangement combining originality, distinction and beauty of design. The winner must be a member of the Garden Club of America.

2024 Nina King
2017 Gretchen Riley
2015 Robin McTaggart and Ann Webber
2013 Vicki Livingstone
2011 Lynn Filipski
2009 Gretchen Riley and Betty Webb*
2008 Leslie Purple and Alice Farley
2007 MaryJo Beck and Julia Hilton
2006 Gretchen Riley and Betty Webb*
2005 Joan Soons and Kate Miller
2004 Betty Webb* and Sally Humphreys
2003 Kate Miller and Joan Soons
2002 Susan Everitt
2001 Susan Everitt
2000 Julie Lapham
1999 Joan Soons*
1998 Pam Halsted*
1997 Judy McKelvey
1996 Christine Willcox
1995 Susan Burke
1994 Sandy Taylor*
1993 Sharon Thebaud*
1992 Sandy Taylor*
1991 Susan Burke
1990 Bonnie McCausland
1989 Christine Willcox*
1988 Christine Willcox*

1987 Elizabeth C. Murray*
1986 Christine Willcox*
1985 Christine Willcox*
1984 Carol Lathrop*
1983 Nancy M. Green*
1982 Irene M. Beach*
1981 Christine Willcox*
1980 Mercia P. Lee
1979 Virginia Reiner
1978 Beverly Lindley*
1977 Beverly Lindley*
1976 Christine Willcox*
1975 Isabelle Tuttle*
1974 Jean MacAusland*
1973 Abigail Hawes
1972 Isabelle Tuttle*
1971 Margaret R. Robinson*
1970 Ellen Halsey*
1969 Margaret D. Boone
1968 Constance Murray*
1967 Dorothy Thebaud*
1966 Geta Houghton
1965 Isabelle Tuttle*

Margaret Robinson Memorial Award

Awarded to a novice flower arranger who has never before won a blue ribbon in a GCA Major or small Flower Show.

2024 Betsy Carey
2017 Marcella Zimmerman
2015 Mary Ellen Ferrel
2013 Jill Sandole
2011 Donna Hamel
2009 Barbara Malcolm*
2008 Christine Dean
2007 Barbara Charlton* and Winnie Mortenson
2006 Judith Brust

2005 Ann Holmes*
2004 Dottie Gennaro
2003 Frances Scarcille
2002 Dorrie Hopper
2001 Sarah Baker
2000 Christine Stein

Sandy Taylor and Betty Webb Creativity Award

For the most creative interpretation of the schedule.

2024 Marianna Brewster
2013 Carol Atkinson and Marcella Zimmerman
2011 Sandy Taylor*
2009 Barb Kaytes
2008 Sally Nash & Patty Gibian
2007 Bridget Hubbard
2006 Gretchn Riley & Betty Webb
2005 Susan Everitt
2004 Betty Webb and Sally Humphreys
2003 Susan Everit

Horticulture

The Susan Scarborough Ward Memorial Award

A certificate awarded to a novice exhibit of exceptional merit.

2024 Martha Polachi
2017 Barbara Medaugh
2015 Marie Sussek
2013 Diane Dietle
2011 Eleanor Roethke
2009 Kathleen Poole

Helen Magee Alliot Best Rose Award

Given in memory of Helen Magee Alliot by her daughter, Jane Murkland.

2017 Diane Dietle
2011 Joan Jessiman*
2009 Sally Orr

2008 Mariann Appley
2007 Marilyn Whitney*
2005 Sally Orr
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2001 Joan Jessiman*
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1998 Sally Orr
1997 Joan Jessiman*
1996 Peggy A. Gilbert
1995 Charles A. Kilvert*
1994 Susan Ward*

Green Thumb Horticulture Award

Presented by Mrs. Earle F. MacAusland will be awarded for best in show for horticulture.

2024 Marianna Brewster
2017 Jill Sandole
2015 Dorrie Hopper
2013 Laura Buck
2011 Sandy Taylor*
2009 C. Mitchell Carl
2008 Mariann Appley
2007 Debbie Thomas
2006 Pam Battiston
2005 Betty Webb*
2004 Betty Webb*
2003 Deedie McCarthy
2002 Joan Jessiman*
2001 Joan Jessiman*
2000 Mary Espy
1999 Betty Webb*
1998 Betty Webb*
1997 Mary Malavase

1996 Betty Webb*
1995 Betty Webb*
1994 Alice Erickson*
1993 Betty Webb*
1992 Sally Orr
1991 Betty Webb*
1990 John Rugge
1989 Betty Webb*
1988 Betty Webb*
1987 Betty Webb*
1986 Barbara W. Briard*
1985 Virginia Dyer*
1984 Jane Harter*
1983 Henry Petzel*
1982 Aldys Chapman*
1981 Henry Petzel*
1980 Marie Hensler
1979 Mary Armstrong*
1978 Elizabeth Williams
1977 Joyce Jaskula
1976 Siki Evans
1975 Melinda Geddes

The Terry Hoyt Memorial Award

A silver plate bought with the money donated to the Garden Club.

2024 Eloise Boling
2017 Elizabeth Pellegrini
2015 Fuller Holland and Sawyer Holland
2013 Elizabeth Pellegrini
2011 Hannah Boone
2009 Marshall Shaffar-Roggeveen
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2007 Lucia Gonnella
2006 Jessie Royster
2005 Jessie Royster

Sweepstakes Award

Given by the show committee to the exhibitor who places first in the most horticulture categories. A Green Ribbon.

2024 Marianna Brewster

2017 Paulette Boling

2015 Dottie Genero

2013 Gretchen Riley

2011 Chris Mortenson and Sally Orr

2009 Gretchen Riley

2008 Sandy Taylor*

2007 Marilyn Whitney*

2006 Sally Orr

2005 Joan Murray*

2004 Joan Jessiman*

Photography

Excellence in Photography

2024 Barbara Davidge

Photography Award

2024 Mimi Jones

*Deceased