

## AWARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2025

The 2025 Awards Committee included Janet Lindgren, Mary Malavase, Peg Condon, Pat McGill, Kathleen Poole as President, Caroline Ellis as Daffodil Awards liaison and Mary Ellen Ferrel Chairperson.

Committee members were selected in the fall of the first year of the committee. Attention was paid to the committee balance of years of membership and their knowledge of the membership. It is also helpful to include at least one person who is a year-round resident to help note the many contributions of the year-round group, especially regarding Daffodil.

In the spring of each year the committee members were sent a list of the awards with the description and requirements for each award encouraging the committee to reflect on potential awardees. Included were suggested awardees who had been suggested prior years. In-person meetings were held in late June and early July. (Any GCA or Zone awards must be applied for in the spring in order to have them on site for the August Annual Meeting awards. However, since our club is a summer club consisting of members from all over, it is rare for a member to qualify for a GCA award.)

A new Daffodil Awards liaison will need to be appointed. The individual must be on island for the event and will be responsible for transporting all Daffodil Awards from either the Atheneum glass case or the storage locker to the event location. She will also be responsible for recording all event winners and reporting to the Awards Chair. Following the show, this individual will transport the appropriate awards to either the scrimshander or the engraver to have the winners' names inscribed on each trophy. Awards must be returned by July 31. It is helpful as well to have the liaison then bring the awards to the Annual Meeting in August. The Scrimshander Gallery and Pageo did the work in 2022, 2023 and 2024. The Daffodil Awards person does not sit on the Awards Committee. This year the Daffodil Awards liaison did not follow up with having the awards scrimmed or engraved, so I did it after Annual Meeting.

This summer there was no Green Thumb Flower Show. The assignment and responsibilities of the Green Thumb Flower Show Awards liaison are the same as the Daffodil Awards liaison.

Prior to the Annual Meeting, the awards need to be cleaned or polished and transported to the site of the Annual Meeting for display and then returned to the appropriate location. Large awards such as the Susan Burke shovel are stored in the mid-island storage unit.

The Awards Chair is responsible for all award printing, framing, transport, engraving and presentation of the awards. Poet's Corner is very helpful in the printing of awards. Rosanne and Nate have the templates for the club awards. The Years of Service Awards are applied for from the GCA Awards Committee. The Chair also writes the citations for the awards and the script for the Awards ceremony. After the Annual Meeting, a list of all award winners should go to the Communications Chair and the President as soon as possible to be included in upcoming publications.

Several years ago the Nantucket Garden Club Community Merit Award was created to recognize islanders for their beautiful gardens. Mary Jo Beck and Caroline Ellis have been in

charge of this award. The certificates for this award are stored in the locked case in the storage locker. The awards process for this award must be coordinated by the Awards Chair, The President and this committee, although the committee takes full responsibility for the designation and presentation of this award.

In 2021 the Conservation Commendation was created to recognize islanders whose landscaping met the standards of conservation, native plants, fertilizer and water usage. The Awards Chair, along with Mary Ann Wasik and Lynn Boyajian, has been charged with organizing the visitations to these properties, coordinating with the Nantucket Land Council, a partner in this project. The committee takes full responsibility for the designation and presentation of this award.

Additional blank ivory pieces have been purchased and applied to several NGC awards, as ivory is increasing in price and very difficult to source. It is suggested that we maintain contact with Dells, supplier of basket-making materials and a procurer of the ivory quarter board used on awards, and purchase additional ivory quarter board and ovals for future use. Michael Vianeau at The Scrimshander Gallery has been helpful in this as well. The Creative Leadership Award and several Daffodil awards require these ivory pieces. The new Sandy Taylor Award has brass plates arranged along the frame of the painting. These can be ordered from Trophy Partner.com. (.75 x 1.5) Also, several of the silver awards are running out of space for engraving, so a solution will need to be found for future awardees. It has been suggested that a club member might volunteer to donate a silver pitcher.

Invoices for the printing of awards (Poet's Corner), scrim work (The Scrimshander Gallery) and engraving (Pageo) should be submitted to the Treasurer in a timely fashion.

A new award, The Sandy Taylor Award, was created last year to honor our beloved member, Sandy Taylor, who passed away last year. The award is an oil painting of one of Sandy's beautiful, prize-winning floral arrangements, painted by Greg Hill. I gave the Hills a gift card to the Languedoc to thank them.

The insurance documents are located in the notebook front cover. Consideration should be given to having the awards reappraised to keep up with inflation. When shipping, the shipping insurance amount always exceeds the present insured value.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Ellen Ferrel  
2024/2025 Awards Chair