

## AWARDS 2013

### NEW ENGLAND REGION AWARDS

#### **The Sears Civic Beautification Bowl**

A large silver bowl was awarded for the work done to restore the intersection that was decimated by the Nor'easter.

### THE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF CONNECTICUT AWARDS

#### **Civic Development**

A silver tray awarded to a Large Club

The 2011 October Nor'easter Snow Storm destroyed the once beautiful Bradford pear trees on the traffic triangle at Fern and Mountain Road. The West Hartford Garden Club undertook the restoration of the traffic island during 2012 by redesigning and replanting with plant material worth \$2000. Among the plants chosen were a Stewartia, nine Chamaecyparis pisifera evergreens; nine knockout roses and ground cover roses; four Viburnum shrubs; and 400 daffodil bulbs. They enlisted the help of the Town and maintenance Department for clearing the island of the damaged Bradford pear trees and planting the Stewartia but otherwise had their own members plant all the remaining plants.

#### **Environmental Awareness and Conservation**

Certificate of Achievement

The West Hartford Garden Club uses creative ideas for the "Reduce, Recycle, Reuse Program". Monthly meetings feature a table for "The Gardeners Bookshelf" (all 130 books sold!) or "Tool-shed Orphans", or "Amazing Vases" where members bring items and can buy anything for \$1.00. Excess items are donated to charities. They have begun a "Virtual Tool Library" by purchasing an expensive Weed Wrench that will be loaned to club members and local groups to remove invasive plants.

#### **Certificate of Individual Achievement**

Awarded to Jane Brady

Jane Brady, of the West Hartford Garden Club, is an outstanding club member who works monthly at the West Hartford Health and Rehabilitation Center by assisting clients with creating floral arrangements. She also helps fill twelve planters at the Elmwood Apartments seasonally and works on landscaping the grounds to create a lovely environment for the handicapped and low-income housing residents.

#### **Historic, Memorial, and Public Gardens**

Certificate of Achievement

The West Hartford Garden Club has a long and continuous relationship with Elizabeth Park Conservancy. Container gardens as well as creative floral arrangements were made for their fundraiser. In addition, the club maintains Rose Bed # 65 and following the Fall 2011 Snow Storm, they have contributed \$2,500 toward the restoration of the Rose Arches that had been destroyed.

Citation

The West Hartford Garden Club is recognized for the Noah Webster House kitchen garden. This garden was reconstituted as a fully mature replica of a mid-1700's garden and is used in the education programs of the many visitors to the museum.

**Yearbooks 2012-2013**

Award of Excellence

1st place to the West Hartford Garden Club in Class VI for clubs with more than 100 members.

**Seventy-five year Anniversary**

The West Hartford Garden Club has had membership in National Garden Clubs and The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut for seventy-five years.