

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our Club has had a very busy year and has accomplished a great deal. As next year's program book was being prepared, we reviewed our mission statement to be certain that the activities planned for next year are consistent with that mission. That led me to look back to see how this year's work had contributed to our overall mission. I would give us an A+.

An exciting array of monthly programs helped us gain broader knowledge of gardening techniques. The Living Landscape program brought two nationally known speakers to Little Compton to share their expert knowledge and motivate over 300 attendees to put that knowledge into practice to help protect and preserve natural resources, birds and wildlife.

Our Civic Beautification work teams regularly tended to the Burchard Triangle and the Brownell House Gardens to make them welcoming sights for community members and visitors alike.

The number of awards we received from the RIFGC, New England Garden Club and the National Garden Club demonstrate how our programs support their aims.

Finally, significant evidence of how well we are carrying out our mission came in the Garden Club of America Commendation Award for our valuable contribution to our community in promoting garden education, conservation awareness and town beautification – an award given to us by the Little Compton Garden Club. We were very proud as we accepted this award on the club's behalf.

We look forward to another exciting year of programs and activities to help create a *Living Landscape for All Creatures*.

Shirley