

# The Garden Club of Virginia Common Wealth Award

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This year's Common Wealth Award winner is The Nansemond River Garden Club for **The Cedar Hill Project - The Heritage Garden Phase**. The club received a check for \$4,150.00 at the Board of Governors' meeting banquet on Wednesday, October 18, 2006. To date, the Nansemond River Garden Club has made an investment of \$10,000 to hire an architectural historian, landscape the main entrance of the cemetery, replace cedar trees felled by Hurricane Isabel and create a scatter garden for ashes. The award funds will be used to add historic signage (including Braille) and plants to complete the garden.

Albemarle Garden Club received \$3,000.00 as runner-up for **Morea: A Living Botanical Classroom**. The award will be used to restore the northeast border of the garden to create a screen. The planting will be a combination of evergreen and deciduous, with an emphasis on red berries for display. The club will place two or three benches for visitors and The University of Virginia faculty to use in the garden.

Editor's Note: For more information on the projects, read the award nominations that appeared in the June 2006 issue of *Journal*.



Common Wealth Award winner Pat House

Pictured below are both winners with Nancy Lowery, Common Wealth Award Chairman



Common Wealth Award winner Julie Stamm