



“No Stranger, She”

Virginia Brown Guild Receives Massie Medal

The Garden Club of Virginia's highest award, the Massie Medal, was presented at the Annual Meeting to Virginia Brown Guild (Mrs. Henley L. Guild). Massie Medal Committee Chairman, Bessie Carter (Mrs. Robert Carter) presented the award saying, "To know her is to love her."

Virginia is no stranger to The Garden Club of Virginia. She has served as GCV President (1990-92), 1st Vice-President and Restoration Chairman. She has judged flower shows in Virginia and the Philadelphia Flower Show. As a gifted teacher she shares her knowledge of horticulture with member clubs by presenting programs on the various aspects of growing, drying and arranging flowers.

Among Virginia's claims to fame are the exquisite arrangements she makes, using flowers she has grown and dried, for the diplomatic reception rooms of the State Department.

Virginia has improved the quality of life for the many people who know and love her. The inscription on the 1997 Massie Medal reads: "Virginia Brown Guild: a giver of self and a gracious and gifted leader."



“No Shrinkin’ Violet, She”

Faye Cooper Receives deLacy Gray Memorial Medal

The deLacy Gray Memorial Medal for Conservation was presented at the Annual Meeting by Conservation and Beautification Committee Chairman, Hylah Boyd (Mrs. J.P. McGuire Boyd) to Lafayette (Faye) Crawford Cooper (Mrs. Peter F. Cooper) of the Augusta Garden Club.

In 1989, Faye founded the Valley Conservation Council which serves 11 counties in the Shenandoah Valley. The organization's purpose is to get citizens involved in selecting growth options which will provide long-term protection for the Valley's resources and to promote land use that will sustain the farms, forests, open spaces, and cultural heritage of the Valley of Virginia. She advocates two approaches: one, to promote private, voluntary land protection; and two, to encourage public policy to preserve the Shenandoah Valley's natural assets. One of the directors on her board says, "She has the kind of passion for our mission that makes success inevitable."