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Helen and Tayloe Murphy with daughter, Anne Murphy Douglas.

2002 Massie Medal Recipients

For only the third time in the history of The Garden Club of Virginia, the prestigious Massie Medal was awarded to a couple. Bev King (Mrs. David F.), GCV Massie Medal Chairman, presented the Massie award on behalf of The Garden Club of Virginia to Helen and Tayloe Murphy. The presentation was made at The GCV Annual Meeting held in Danville this past May.

Mrs. King said in her presentation address that, "The recipient, in the judgment of the Committee, must have done outstanding work in gardening, served The Garden Club of Virginia with unusual dedication and distinction, improved the quality of life or have been effective in the protection, restoration, or preservation of the natural beauties of our Commonwealth." This statement is a fitting description of the life-work of Helen and Tayloe Murphy from the Northern Neck of Virginia.

Helen served as President of The GCV from 1992-94. She has held numerous offices in The GCV and in her member club, The Garden Club of the Northern Neck. Currently, she

The Murphy's award inscription reads:

"To Helen and Tayloe Murphy for their achievement, leadership and inspiration to The GCV and The Commonwealth of Virginia."

is Chairman of the Favretti Fellowship Committee and member of The GCV Restoration Committee. She and husband, Tayloe, have worked tirelessly for more than 20 years as advocates for The Garden Club of Virginia and Commonwealth of Virginia.

Tayloe is an honorary member of The Garden Club of Virginia. He sponsored The GCV anti-billboard legislation and has been a supporter of numerous conservation and preservation issues endorsed by The GCV in the Virginia General Assembly. He continues to protect, restore and preserve the natural resources of our state as Secretary of Natural Resources appointed by Governor Warner. He is a "gardener" of our wetlands.