



## Massie Medal Awarded to Nina Mustard

*By Lynne Beeler, Massie Medal Committee Chairman  
The Martinsville Garden Club*

**A**t the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting in Roanoke on May 11, 2011, Nina Williams Mustard was awarded the Massie Medal for Distinguished Achievement, the highest and most prestigious award presented by the Garden Club of Virginia. Nina's talents, dedication and immeasurable contributions have eminently qualified her for this distinguished award.

Nina has been an active member in the Williamsburg Garden Club since 2000. She has been treasurer of her club for several terms and has computerized the club's finances. It wasn't long before her knowledge and technological proficiency became known to the Garden Club of Virginia.

Nina soon moved into a position of leadership, becoming Webmaster and Online Chairman. By creating a website, she unified not only member clubs with the GCV, but provided a connection with a larger community. The outside world became aware of the work done by the members of this vibrant organization. Valuable information about Historic Garden Week, flower shows, awards, conservation and restoration projects was available to all with a click on the website.

Nina developed a Donor Management System entitled Green Gifts. This program enables the Development office to track gifts and acknowledge them easily. Because of her expertise, Nina has saved the GCV thousands of dollars in software.

With patience, talent and graciousness, Nina is a committed innovator who embodies the essence of excellence. She is constantly in search of ways to improve the performance of the operations of the Club. She is delighted to research any suggestion and does so readily.

For her dedication and rare quality of vision, Nina Williams Mustard is honored with the Massie Medal. 🌿



*Nina Mustard with her family after the presentation of the Massie Medal.*



## Conservationist Sallie Sebrell Honored

*By Karen Jones, GCV Conservation Committee Chairman  
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The de Lacy Gray Memorial Medal for Conservation was awarded to Sallie Sebrell at the Annual Meeting on May 11, 2011. Since 1981 Sallie has been a member of GCV clubs. Sallie is currently a member of the Nansemond River and Blue Ridge Garden Clubs. The entire Garden Club of Virginia has benefited from her passion, as has the state of Virginia. Sallie has been actively involved in every aspect of the Conservation Committee



*Sallie Sebrell and Karen Jones*

and currently is a presenter for the program, *Global Warning: A Virginia Guide to Climate Change* that the GCV produced with the National Wildlife Federation (NWF).

Sallie has actively represented conservation issues in wide-ranging ways. She sells *Eco-Bags* at the Suffolk Street Fair, drives a Prius and speaks to the Virginia General Assembly. As a result of her efforts, Suffolk now has curbside recycling. She was recognized with the Blue Ridge Award from the Virginia Conservation Network for her work towards preserving the Virginia Citizens Boards. In the early 90's, while a member of the Huntington Garden Club in Hampton, Sallie received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Sallie and her husband, John, have lovely landscaping at their Suffolk farm created without toxic chemicals. They have planted fields of sunflowers for wildlife. In their new hometown of Lexington, the Sebrells are restoring the historic Sheridan Hotel with emphasis on green renovations.

Sallie's father was a naturalist and conservationist who taught her that as stewards of our earth's natural resources and the highest animal on the food chain, we have an awesome responsibility to preserve and protect. These early lessons have been the foundation for Sallie's lifelong passion and personal commitment to conservation. 🌱



*Pam Combs, Karen Jones, Emma Ramsey and Page Carter, winners of the Bessie Boccock Conservation Award.*