



Massie Medal Awarded to Sally Guy Brown

*by Katherine Knopf, GCV Awards Chairman
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The Massie Medal Award for Distinguished Achievement was presented to Sally Guy Brown at the Annual Meeting in Norfolk on May 13, 2015.

As a member of the Garden Club of Alexandria, Sally Guy has served many roles including president, first vice-president, awards chairman, corresponding secretary and advisory board member. Sally Guy served as president of the Garden Club of Virginia from 2006 until 2008 and continues to be involved in its work around the commonwealth. She is a board member of Preservation Virginia, as well as a benefactor and volunteer for Mount Vernon, Stratford Hall and Menokin Plantation.

As her club members stated well, Sally Guy brings “a strong background in leadership and remarkable awards in horticulture from her Garden Club of Alexandria experience. Sally Guy served as president of our club and is a recipient of the Silver Anniversary Achievement Cup, the GCV Horticulture Award of Merit, the Cup for General Excellence in Horticulture and the Lindsey-Campbell Daffodil Bowl (year after year). Sally Guy fits seamlessly into the purpose and performance of the Garden Club of Virginia.” She brings with her a dedication and enthusiasm for all things GCV.

Sally Guy received her Landscape Design degree from George Washington University and was a natural choice to chair the Restoration Committee where her insights and leadership enabled GCV projects to flourish. As Marty Moore stated perfectly, “Sally Guy is a natural resource of our commonwealth.” 🌸



*Tom and Sally Guy Brown (the Garden Club of Alexandria),
Garden Club of Virginia President Jeanette Cadwallender
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deLacy Gray Award for Conservation

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Polly Rowley received the 2015 deLacy Gray Award for Conservation at the Annual Meeting in Norfolk, May 13, 2015. Polly was raised in a family of conservationists; her grandfather was a forester and her father and uncles promoted the preservation of trees and land. Polly founded the Middleburg Horticulture Symposium when she was president of the Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club from 1990-1992. This biennial event is still held.

Of her many stellar accomplishments, one stands alone. Polly designed and oversaw the installation of a learning landscape at The Hill School in Middleburg. This nearly 300-acre learning laboratory offers hands-on experiences to students and promotes the value of conservation. She chose the plant materials herself, sticking to common native trees and plants that promote good use of soil and water and benefit wildlife.

Polly received the Dudley Cup, a Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club award given for outstanding service to the club and community, in 1987; the GCV Horticulture Award of Merit in 1994; the Garden Club of American Zone VII Horticulture Award in 1996 and the GCA Zone VII Horticulture Arts Award in 2011. These awards, her quiet knowledge and her beautiful gardens display her gardening-for-conservation expertise. Polly represents the best of GCV conservation. 🌸



*Polly Kowley with daughter, Missy Janes
(Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club) and son, Mat Rowley*