



Judy Boyce Perry Awarded the Massie Medal

by Dianne Spence, GCV Massie Medal Chairman
The Williamsburg Garden Club

Judy Boyce Perry was presented the 2019 Massie Medal for Distinguished Achievement at the Garden Club of Virginia annual meeting on May 8, hosted by the Elizabeth River Garden Club. The members of her club were overjoyed to have one of their own honored in Judy's hometown of Portsmouth.

Judy's depth and breadth of service since 1975 is evident in the positions she has held in the GCV. Judy has served as GCV flower shows chairman, horticulture chairman, artistic judge, director at large, and second vice president. Currently Judy is the GCV historian, a member of the restoration committee, editor of *Restoration News* and, for the past three years, the restoration fellowships chairman.

Within her club Judy has served as the president; chaired GCV board of governors and annual meetings and flower shows; and authored *Styles of Flower Arranging: A Primer, 1991* and *Styles of Flower Arranging: Contemporary Designs, 2006*, which have been successful, ongoing fundraisers for Elizabeth River. Judy's many activities within her community, and especially in conjunction with her club's Common Wealth Award-winning project, Paradise Creek Nature Park, have earned her admiration among her club members and throughout the City of Portsmouth. This year Judy is the recipient of the First Citizen of Portsmouth, one of the highest honors bestowed on a member of the community.

"Judy has been a guiding force for the restoration committee and an intrepid leader of the restoration fellowships committee. In both roles, she has been unflinching perceptive, discerning and sensible," said GCV Landscape Architect William Rieley.

Her dedication in believing that everyone has a gift to share, and her ability to be a confidence builder to encourage others to lead and contribute, make Judy Perry a most worthy recipient of this highest honor bestowed on a GCV member. 🌸



*Massie Medal recipient Judy Perry
with granddaughters
Ainsley (left) and Audrey*



de Lacy Gray Memorial Medal for Conservation

*by Heidi James, GCV Conservation Awards Chairman
The Lynchburg Garden Club*

Anne Mead Beals, of the Rappahannock Valley Garden Club, is the winner of the 2019 de Lacy Gray Memorial Medal for Conservation. The award was presented at the Garden Club of Virginia annual meeting in Portsmouth on May 8.

Anne has consistently promoted sustainable forestry and the ideals of conservation. In 1973, Anne and her late husband, George, moved to 3,800-acre Oakley Farm in Spotsylvania County and managed it using responsible farming and forestry practices. Because of their efforts, Oakley Farm was designated as a Tree Farm in 1988, earned national recognition from the National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation in 1990, won the Clean Water Farm Award in 1999 and was recognized as a Good Earth Conservation Farm. Since 2017, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has overseen the farm as the Oakley Forest Wildlife Management Area. It will be managed in perpetuity as working forestland. By putting 2,900 acres in perpetual managed care, the family has preserved open space, protected a fragile wildlife habitat and conserved natural resources. The remaining acreage, including two historic homes, remains in the family.

Anne worked with the local public school system to create the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience for 4th graders in Spotsylvania County, through a partnership between the Tri-County-City Soil and Water Conservation District and the Virginia Tech Extension Service. She chaired the GCV conservation and beautification committee from 2012-2014 and worked with the National Wildlife Foundation to create a presentation on climate change that she shared with GCV clubs.

Anne participated in the Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute in 2004 and has served in leadership positions with many conservation organizations. In recognition of her lifelong conservation efforts, the GCV is proud to present Anne Mead Beals with the de Lacy Gray Memorial Medal. 🌿



Anne Beals and her son Thomas.