



President's Letter

June 2023

It was a busy year. I tried to communicate with the members through a letter to the Club Presidents. I responded to many inquiries from about how to create a new Garden Club to how to become a Life Member of FGCV.

I visited clubs to install officers, attended a tri-state floral symposium organized by the Judges Councils, attended the environmental hearing organized by the Bennington GC, I attended many Membership Monday zoom meeting and many other of Zoom meetings, I went to St. Louis to the Fall NGC Meetings and worked with the other New England Presidents, meeting garden club presidents from all over the US. The most recent fun time as president was going on the Tulip Festival trip to Ottawa. I worried about the trip on the bus being long for all of us, but we visited and got to know people from other clubs, ate and enjoyed the ride. What a fabulous culmination of my two years as your FGCV President.

I worked with our new editor of the Leaf, Riina Visse of the Brattleboro Club to publish Fall and Spring editions and circulate to all members. Writing articles of interest and encouraging others to include items of interest to the editor.

I assumed the Awards Chair, and with the help of Kitty Furman and Kathy Perkins we sent in Regional and National Awards and processed many awards to be distributed today. I learned a lot and have so many people to thank for their support and patience.

The best part about being President of FGCV the past two years has been meeting and working with so many of you in your clubs. Garden Club folks are terrific. Hard working, fun and interesting makes the time one spends doing the chores well worth it. I can't thank you enough for being a part of this wonderful thing called Garden Club, State, Regional and National.

I am staying on as the Awards Chair so I look forward to working with many of you the next two years.

Respectfully,

Jo Fretz, FGCV Co-President