

Mrs. Russell S. Carr (Bess)
26<sup>th</sup> GCFM President
1974-1976
"Restoration and Enhancement
of our Environment"
197 clubs – 12,966 members



Interest in the environment continued. The Legislative Chairperson kept GCFM informed regarding pending bills detrimental to our environment.

GCFM continued its support to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society Hub Box program and provided financial aid to their Plantmobile.

The third state flower show "Blueprint for Independence" was held at the Burlington Shopping Center Mall. "Sleigh Bells", a Christmas show, was held at Horticultural Hall. Workshops on Conservation, Litter Control and Recycling, Garden Therapy and Junior Gardening were well attended.

The 48<sup>th</sup> annual meeting was held at Dunfey's Hyannis Resort. Total attendance was 368. GCFM participated in a National Council project – Bright of America Bicentennial Compotes. Mrs. John F. Clark, Chairperson, presented two silver trays to Falmouth Garden Club and the Tewksbury Garden Club for growth in sales. GCFM received \$556.15. The highlight of the meeting was the bus tour to Heritage Plantation to view its rhododendron and holly collections, beautiful gardens and museums of Americana.

Arnold Arboretum presented each GCFM garden club a tulip tree to plant in their community. A number of clubs also planted Liberty elm trees.