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ANNUAL REPORT/SUMMARY AUGUST 2024 – The Blue Star By-Way Memorial Garden

GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF MASSACHUSETTS

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT & HISTORIC LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION GRANTS

The Falmouth Garden Club was granted \$500 in Fall 2023

On Wednesday, August 23, 2023 the Blue Star By-Way Memorial Garden was rededicated in a ceremony which would make every veteran and current troop proud. Falmouth Garden Club members, particularly Booje Calfee and Judy Rebello the originators of the project in 1989, local officials, clergy, honored guests from Joint Base Cape Cod, partners from the Museums on the Green Falmouth, Marjorie Dienhart of Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, color guard of Scouts of America and many local patriots gathered for a program of patriotic songs, review of the history of the Blue Star Marker Project and a personal inspirational patriotic message from Captain Lucy Young, United States Navy (retired).

It was the official start of a new garden shared by the Falmouth Garden Club and the Museums on the Green of Falmouth. It is viewed by many and appreciated by all.

Expenses as accounted for in our application were our actual expenses. Much labor and materials were donated for the project. The garden was designed, constructed and planted throughout the 2023 spring and summer seasons.

Expenditures and improvements for the summer planting season of 2024 included addition of perennials such as dusty miller (white) and red coneflower flanked the blue salvia from the original garden. These plants are rabbit-resistant and long blooming and are proving to be much better than the white petunias and red salvia annuals in the original garden 2023. Weekly watering and weeding by volunteers from the Falmouth Garden Club maintain its beauty. Not a work session goes by without a passer-by saying thank you to the workers for the patriotic garden.

The Falmouth Garden Club has appropriated \$300 annually for this garden's upkeep. The garden continues to run a \$723 deficit from our original funding, however, mini-fundraisers provide donations designed to close that gap including such things as tips from guided tours by Museums on the Green of all five of the Falmouth Garden Club gardens.



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Respectfully submitted,

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