I am proud to announce the 2012 winners of our new award, the Circle of Roses.

The Certificate reads

**“Congratulations, the FGCI President and Board recognize you for your contribution and participation in FGCI. You have inspired others with your knowledge and participation in Federated Garden Club. You have made our gardens, our garden clubs and our communities a better place. We Thank You!”**

The following have been nominated by their club or the Executive Board for their contribution and participation to FGCI: Please come forward as your name is read.

**Ackworth Garden Club**

Kathryn Waser – an avid flower designer and an active club member opening her home for meetings

Gladys Nicholls – an active member always sharing her produce, seeds and growing tips

Armetta Keeney – inspiring others in flower arranging and a wealth of information and also known for her pie baking

Cheryl Holland – always working tirelessly supporting many projects and passing her love of gardening to her son and others

Lucille Henry – her garden has been toured many times, her knowledge of plants is remarkable and she has encouraged others in horticulture

**Afton Garden Club**

Doris Porter

Audrey McDowel

Olive Kern

These ladies have vast knowledge, they are the backbones of the club, and they are active members working together on projects and have welcomed new members and made them their friends

**Ames Garden Club**

Wilma Lesan - an active club member for 33 years serving her club and community well

**Greater Des Moines Garden Club**

Barbara Barnett – a former flower show judge and an active garden club member for over 50 years sharing her knowledge of design and horticulture

**Green Thumb Garden Club, Northwood**

Mavis Stevens – a talented artist and designer. She designed our Circle of Roses pin as well as her club yearbook covers since 1992 and the wild rose napkin sold by the FGCI a few years ago.

**Keokuk Garden Club**

Shirley Hendricksmeyer - an active club member who steps in, organizes and gets things done making Keokuk a prettier place

**Knoxville Federated Garden Club**

Sandra Chrisman is a charter member serving in many positions presenting programs and continually recruits new members

**Muscatine Garden Club**

Lynn Tavener – active garden club member in many positions, former flower show judge and currently our beloved “bird” chairman and poetic chaplain

**Quasqueton Garden Club**

Leone Sauer has inspired others and remains a good steward of the soil and environment. She has been an active member, flower show judge (and was sought after for her kindness and fairness as well as her knowledge of horticulture and design) and she was instrumental in several community projects.

**Swaledale Garden Club**

Melicent Ames

Laura Froning

Edna Peters

These ladies are charter members whose knowledge, which they willingly share, have inspired us. Edna and Laura were flower show judges. They were and are still very active in garden club, made many improvements to the community and, to this day, Melicent has the prettiest lilies in town.

**Tipton Federated Garden Club**

June Beckler – an active garden club member who is always willing to share her knowledge, working on many community projects with her helping hand

**Town and Country Garden Club**

Judith Yeager – an active club member with a dedication to excellence

**Garden Study Design**

Jennie Clay has devoted her time and expertise to the garden study school program

**Landscape Design**

David Moody - the former chair of the landscape design school

**Flower Show School & Symposium**

Peggy Moody – an active club member, flower show judge as well as flower show school and symposium state chair

Patsy Sadler - a former flower show school chairman and a flower show judge

**State Fair Flower Show**

Florence Thomas – an active club member whose name invokes State Fair Flower Show

**FGCI Past Presidents**

Barbara Sylvester – active club member, FGCI state president 1991 – 1993 and former Central Region Director

Barbara Rusk – FGCI president 1993-1995, an active club member for 33 years serving in many capacities, currently State Historian

Sandy Quam – flower show judge, 1995 – 1997 state president

Jane Buck – 1997-1999 state president, national board member, flower show judge and set up our first website

Sandra Heerema – an active club member, flower show judge, on the state board and 1999 - 2001 state president

Fran Stueck – a Flower show judge, an active garden club member giving 110%, a wealth of knowledge, State President in 2001-2003 as well as several positions on the state, national and Central Region boards

Sandy Gossman – active club member, flower show judge, 2003 - 2005 State President as well as the current NEWS editor and editor of the National newsletter

Roberta Bowie – flower show judge, 2005 - 2007 state president

Jacqueline Strother – flower show judge as well as an instructor, 2007 - 2009 state president

Yvonne McCormick – flower show judge, 2009-2011 state president and national board member

Submitted,

Juliene Bramer

2nd Vice President