

GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA COMMON WEALTH AWARD

Established at the Annual Meeting, May 1979 to provide an annual grant to promote projects in the interest of conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation and education. The two-word name, Common Wealth, was chosen to describe the "wealth" that is "common" to all Virginians.

WINNERS

- 2025 Preservation, Conservation and Restoration of Grove Street Cemetery – The Garden Club of Danville
- 2024 The Nature Garden Along the Smith River Paw Path at the Smith River Sports Complex -- The Garden Study Club and The Martinsville Garden Club
- 2023 The Virginia War Memorial Public Green Space, Richmond, – The Boxwood Garden Club, The James River Garden Club, Three Chopt Garden Club, and The Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton
- 2022 First Place: Horticulture Therapy for Pediatric Patients at Virginia Treatment Center for Children (VTCC) – Three Chopt Garden Club, Richmond
Second Place: Beautification & Conservation of Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence Campus Onancock – The Garden Club of the Eastern Shore
- 2021 First Place: Jill’s Garden – Union Mission Women and Children’s Shelter – Harborfront Garden Club, Norfolk
Second Place: Trail to the River at Fort Christanna, Lawrenceville – The Brunswick Garden Club
- 2020 First Place: Living Green Wall at Brock Environmental Center’s Classroom Annex – The Virginia Beach Garden Club
Second Place: Mill Mountain Wildflower Garden: The Next 50 Years and Beyond
Enhancing the Visitor Experience Through Educational Signage – Mill Mountain Garden Club
- 2019 [Peter Paul Development Center and Playground Enhancement - The Boxwood Garden Club](#)
- 2018 First Place: Urban Garden Invites Youth to “Dream a Different Future” - The Elizabeth River Garden Club
Second Place: Project Dogwood- A Hundred Year Journey - The Augusta Garden Club
- 2017 First Place: The Healing Grove at Boulder Crest Retreat - Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club
Second Place: The Lee Park Wildflower and Bird Sanctuary - Petersburg Garden Club
- 2016 The Academy Center of the Arts Tree Garden - Hillside Garden Club
- 2015 Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Center - Charlottesville and Rivanna Garden Clubs
- 2014 First Place: The Ashland Train Station - Ashland Garden Club
Second Place: Canal Walk in Great Shiplock Park - Boxwood, James River, Three Chopt and Tuckahoe Garden Clubs

- 2013 First Place: Chatham Manor Garden Beautification - Rappahannock Valley Garden Club
Second Place: First Landing State Park - Princess Anne
- 2012 The Miller-Claytor House Garden - The Lynchburg Garden Club
- 2011 Hatton Ferry - Rivanna Garden Club
- 2010 Butterfly and Sensory Garden at St. Mary's Home - Harborfront Garden Club
- 2009 Anne Spencer Garden - Hillside Garden Club
- 2008 A Fort Called Christanna and its Indian Trading Center - The Brunswick Garden Club
- 2007 Camp Still Meadows - The Spotswood Garden Club
- 2006 First Place: Cedar Hill Project Heritage Garden - The Nansemond River Garden Club
Second Place: Morea: A Living Botanical Classroom - Albemarle
- 2005 Virginia's Botanical History, 1607 to Today - The Huntington Garden Club
- 2004 Bandy Field Nature Park - The Boxwood Garden Club, The Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton
- 2003 Camp Still Meadows - The Spotswood Garden Club
- 2002 Cape Charles Central Park - The Garden Club of the Eastern Shore
- 2001 Virginia Native Plant Garden - The Garden Club of Norfolk
- 2000 The Chamber Walk - The Franklin Garden Club
Washington Park Renovation - The Albemarle Garden Club
- 1999 Discover Garden for Williamsburg's Children - The Williamsburg Garden Club
The Fauquier Outdoor Lab - The Warrenton Garden Club
Plants and Planters for the Virginia Museum of Transportation - Roanoke Valley Garden Club
- 1998 A Legacy of Wildflowers - The Petersburg Garden Club
Richmond's Library Park - The Boxwood Garden Club, The James River Garden Club, Three Chopt Garden Club, The Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton
- 1997 Landscaping at the Ivy Creek Natural Area - Rivanna Garden Club
- 1996 Roots and Shoots Project - The Blue Ridge Garden Club
- 1995 Old City Cemetery Gate House - Hillside Garden Club
- 1994 Memorial Hospital Roof Garden - Gabriella Garden Club
- 1993 Landscaping the deWitt Cottage Garden - The Princess Anne Garden Club
- 1992 Landscaping at Shalom-et-Benedictus Treatment Center - The Winchester-Clarke Garden Club
Landscaping the Central Rappahannock Regional Library - The Rappahannock Valley Garden Club

- 1991 Virginia Living Museums Backyard Habitat - The Huntington Garden Club
Landscaping at Shalom-et-Benedictus Treatment Center - The Winchester-Clarke Garden Club
Gardens at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Retirement Community - The Garden Club of the Northern Neck
- 1990 Wildflowers at the Seaside at the Virginia Marine Science Museum - The Virginia Beach Garden Club
- 1989 Scholarship to Port Isobel Island - The Garden Club of the Eastern Shore
- 1988 The Mill Mountain Wildflower Garden - The Mill Mountain Garden Club
Landscaping the University of Virginia Fraternity Grounds - The Charlottesville Garden Club
Landscaping the Virginia Museum of Natural History - The Garden Study Club
- 1987 Miller School Arboretum - Rivanna Garden Club
Operation Plant A Tree - The Lynchburg Garden Club
- 1986 Belle Boyd Cottage Garden Project - The Garden Club of Warren County
Preservation and clearing Rosewell - The Garden Club of Gloucester
- 1985 Completion of the Anne Spencer Garden - Hillside Garden Club
Landscaping the Eastern Shore Public Library - The Garden Club of the Eastern Shore
Courtyard Garden at the University of Virginia Hospital - The Charlottesville Garden Club
Miller School Arboretum - The Rivanna Garden Club
Garden at the Roanoke Transportation Museum - Roanoke Valley Garden Club
- 1984 Landscaping at Northern Virginia Center for Mentally Handicapped - The Garden Club of Fairfax
Trees at the Miller School - The Rivanna Garden Club
Boxwood plantings at the Hermitage Foundation - The Garden Club of Norfolk
- 1983 "Welcome to Virginia" planting areas. - The GCV Conservation and Beautification Committee
- 1982 Landscaping at Douglass Community Center and Park - The Leesburg Garden Club
- 1981 Educating Youth for Environmental Service – The Princess Anne Garden Club
- 1980 Landscaping the Entrance to the C&O Walking Trail – The Blue Ridge Garden Club