



Garden Club of New Haven

WATERMAN BOWL

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The WATERMAN BOWL was given to the Garden Club of New Haven in 1956 by Mrs. Frederick Waterman, "to be awarded annually by a Trophy Committee appointed by the President. The trophy shall be awarded for the most noteworthy accomplishment by a member during the year, and shall be made for achievement in any phase of Garden Club work."

In a further statement, Mrs. Waterman wrote "In presenting this trophy to the Garden Club of New Haven, it is my desire to stimulate interest in all phases of Garden Club work. I shall merely suggest some fields. The committee to be most effective must be free to add others as the need arises:

1. Horticulture
2. Conservation
3. Civic
4. Garden design or planning
5. Flower arranging
6. Articles written by a member on Garden Subjects
7. Exceptional photographs, paintings, or drawings of Gardens or Flowers
8. Work on a special project of benefit to the Club
9. Work that would further the aims and objects of the Club in the Community
10. Exceptional generosity in expenditure of time, effort, and talent on behalf of the Club
11. A collection of books, articles, or prints dealing with any phase of gardening.

Over the years the various committees have added the idea that the recipient should have shown ability and achievement above and beyond that called for in the fulfillment of a particular job.

- above taken from the WATERMAN BOWL binder

WATERMAN BOWL (continued):

PROCEDURE:

1. Most recent recipient should meet with President to determine composition of the Trophy Committee. Committee should consist of 3-5 people, at least one of which should be a previous recipient. The most recent recipient will act as the Chair of the Waterman Bowl Trophy Committee.
2. The President has the Waterman Bowl binder, which will be given to the Chair of the Trophy Committee for use that year. In addition, all previous citations are located on the Club's website.
3. The Chair should read through the original intent of the Waterman Bowl and previous citations, to get a feel of who has received it and why.
4. The Waterman Bowl is awarded by the Chair of the Trophy Committee, at the Club's annual meeting at the end of the GC season. If the Trophy Committee feels that there has NOT been a project/member noteworthy enough to fulfill the intent of the award, no award should be given. The Bowl was not awarded in the following years: 1961, 1963, 1966, 1967, 1972, 1975, 1980, 1992
5. Once the Trophy Committee has been chosen, the Chair should meet in February or March to assess/discuss any potential candidates.
6. Once a candidate has been determined, the Chair should discuss it with the Awards Committee Chair to make sure the recipient is not being considered for other awards.
7. Waterman Bowl should then be taken to an engraver in mid-late April. Ask Chair of Awards Committee who the club uses for engraving.
8. The name of the recipient must be kept a secret until the Bowl is awarded. The Chair should make every effort to make sure that the recipient attends the Club's Annual Meeting.
9. The Chair prepares a citation to be read at the Club's Annual Meeting.
10. Make 2 copies of the citation - One is put in the Waterman Bowl binder; one is given to the Waterman Bowl recipient at the Club's Annual Meeting. In addition, email a copy of the citation to the Club Website Administrator, for inclusion on the club's website.
11. Give the Waterman Bowl binder back to the President after the Club's Annual Meeting.