

The awards committee, consisting of your president, Louise Andrews, and Donna Berger, met March 10 to review the nominations for various awards. It is heartening how many members listened to Louise's reports and submitted well thought out nominations. It made the job of choosing the recipients very easy. Jan Stoorza offered to make the certificates and did a very nice job. These awards will be presented at the Annual Luncheon April 13. Several people have submitted awards directly to the state but unfortunately the results will not be announced until the FFGC Convention, which occurs a few days after the luncheon. Those awards will be presented at the first meeting of GCS in October.

The FFGC Annual Convention will be held in Lake Buena Vista, FL, April 12-17. Anyone interested in going should make reservations sooner rather than later. All information can be found on the FFGC website. Accommodations are available at the Embassy Suites. There is a link to them on the convention site.

The District X Spring Meeting will be held in Boca Raton on April 23. The theme is "WOW: Wonders of Water." Deadline for applications is April 9. Go to the website districtx.org for information and application. Hopefully we will have several members attend. It is always great to mix with new people and enjoy sharing information.

And finally, congratulations to Bonnie Stoeppelman and her team for a very successful Secret Garden Tour. The gardens were lovely, the cars were a treat, the weather was perfect, and visitors were very happy with everything. Bonnie will fill you in on the details. The Kick-Off party the night before was exceptional, thanks to Sue Dudzic. A big surprise to me was the popularity of the silent auction Africa trip. I admit I was skeptical about it, but what a success. Kudos to everyone for all their hard work.

Mary Neal, President