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Channing Harris of Connecticut Receives Prestigious Award

The members of National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) recently honored Channing Harris of Hamden, Connecticut with their prestigious Award of Excellence, the highest award presented by NGC to a non-member. The Award of Excellence honors an individual, organization or institution that has made a significant contribution toward the advancement of goals and purposes of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut of the NGC proudly nominated Channing Harris for a National Garden Clubs Award of Excellence. Channing is a retired landscape architect who graduated from Hampshire College and the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Channing believes in designing with nature to implement memorable places for people. He created landscape designs for urban and rural college campuses, healthcare facilities, and community centers nationwide. He recently designed a calming tree-lined pedestrian walkway at Yale University. Other notable projects include the Tang Center at MIT and the Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola. Channing's work with hospitals spans New England and the Midwest, where he created healing gardens that promote the health and well-being of human life and the environment. A lover of historic landscapes, Channing helped to restore the works of Fredrick Law Olmstead, Beatrix Farrand, and Marion Coffin. He shares his wealth of knowledge with members of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut through programs, tours, and guidance. Working closely with the Federation's Landscape Design Council, Channing provides historic tours, including the 18th-century Grove Street Cemetery and the well-preserved Hillhouse Avenue in New Haven, Connecticut.

About National Garden Clubs, Inc.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. currently has over 5000 local clubs, with 145,000 members, and over 330 international affiliates. The organization provides education, resources, and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, civic, and environmental responsibility. **Learn more about National Garden Clubs, Inc. at gardenclub.org.**

Sincerely,

Gerianne Holzman

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Left to Right: Brenda Moore, NGC President; Channing Harris, AOE Recipient; Gerianne Holzman, AOE Chair; Karin Pyskaty, Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut President