

Report from Membership and Awards

Judy Harkness Taft, chairman

Membership chair Judy Taft is happy to report that Perennial Planters gained two wonderful new members this year, Sarah Whinery and Betsy Santalarsci. Both Sarah and Betsy bring with them some extraordinary accomplishments and talents, and we look forward to working -- and playing! -- with both of them for many years to come.

Sadly, in 2014 we also lost our very dear friend and sustaining Member, Ginny Seiner, after a long illness and very long and full life. We will miss her!

Awards Committee:

This year, by unanimous agreement, Perennial Planters conferred an Award of Special Merit on Kay Sheldon at the President's Dinner. The citation reads:

"In grateful recognition of her long and loyal membership, unflagging good humor and dedication, and the many important contributions she has made in the areas of Horticulture, the Street Tree Program, Stewardship of the Mary Elizabeth Sharpe Park, and in many offices, including as President."

The first GCA Zone II Director's Award went to Peggy Sharpe at the annual Zone II meeting in Providence on May 21st:

"In recognition of her visionary efforts, creative leadership, and tireless work to improve the quality of life in Providence, Rhode Island through the restoration of the urban tree canopy."

Tiffany & Co. donated a handsome crystal award in her honor, which reads, in part: Peggy Boyd Sharpe, "Force for Nature."