

NEGC History 2017-2019

Director, Susan Hinkel's theme for her 2017-2019 term was "NEGC Plants for Everyone."

The membership for the 6 New England states was as follows:

Connecticut - 6502, Maine - 2070, Massachusetts - 11,021, New Hampshire - 901, Rhode Island - 1019, Vermont - 846. The total NEGC members is 22,359 at the end of this term.

The 2017 Annual Meeting was held in Warwick, RI and given by the RIFGC on Oct. 30-31. This was the first Annual Meeting for the New England Region, which is now known as the New England Garden Clubs, Inc. The Monday evening program was a Small Standard Flower Show Chaired by Jacqueline Connell and called "The House That Love Built." The Business Meeting held the next day consisted of approval of the new NEGC Bylaws. Andrea Little, Parliamentarian, ran that part of the meeting. Nancy Hargroves, NGC President, joined our first meeting and presented her program. A Symposium followed the annual meeting.

The 2018 Annual Meeting was held at Water's Edge Resort and Spa in Westbrook, CT. The programs were a Design Challenge and a presentation by Leslie Martino, "Community Gardening and the CSA Concept." A symposium followed this meeting.

The awards given to the region ranged from 10 Plant America Project Grants (5 each year), Blue Star Markers and one Gold Star Marker, 2 Regional Meetings followed by 2 Symposiums, and NGC Scholarship awards, etc. Thirty-three NEGC awards

were given including each year: Publicity Press books, Garden Therapy, Creative Floral Design, to name several, as well as 2 Member Awards of Honor.

During this term NEGC became a 501(c) (3) and was incorporated, both necessary since all 8 NGC regions are presently separated financially from NGC itself. The new Bylaws were necessitated by this action. In addition, our website was updated with some striking pictures and stories included.