

RIFGC accomplishments since last OCT

- Our award-winning annual flower show took place in April 2026, with the theme **“Dearly Beloved,”** a beautiful bridal-inspired celebration of flowers and design. The theme was inspired by my installation from April 2025. It was a fabulous show featuring many talented New England designers alongside Rhode Island designers, all showcasing breathtaking and creative floral designs. If you have not yet attended this wonderful show, it is truly a must-see event!
- I am excited to report that two club members have completed the four Flower Show Schools making them student judges. They have been assigned a Student Directive by National that is a schedule that they have to write. We are so proud of these ladies!
- RIFGC applied for tax-exempt status following mine and a few others encouragement and recommendation.
- Following the rewrite of our bylaws that were voted in in January, it was decided that our monthly meetings should include an educational or engaging program rather than simply a reading of announcements and upcoming events. The goal is to provide meaningful programs that educate, inspire, and engage our club members while making each meeting a valuable and enjoyable experience.
- Our Life Member Group was honored to award scholarships to two deserving students Taylor Sirois of Seekonk, MA and Liam Cotter of Gloucester, RI. Taylor also received the NGC scholarship award.
- Our website has been undergoing an exciting new look and is nearly ready to be unveiled. A current board member worked tirelessly throughout the summer to bring this project to completion, and we are grateful for the time, creativity, and dedication that went into creating our new website
- After several weather-related attempts, the Life Member group was finally able to participate in Newport Polo's All Charity Day. Members and guests enjoyed a wonderful, fun-filled event while supporting a very important cause. All proceeds from the event benefit the Life Member Group Scholarship Fund, helping to support deserving students through educational opportunities.
- In July, I had the pleasure of hosting all club presidents, vice presidents, and current board members for another Presidents Gathering at my home. In keeping with my theme, **“Cultivate Your Strengths...Share Your Knowledge,”** the gathering was designed to foster stronger relationships and provide an opportunity for the current vice presidents to meet one another and connect with the State VP who will serve in the next term beginning in April. We began with an icebreaker and then engaged in an open discussion on
- topics such as programs for monthly meetings, favorite club programs, and any questions, concerns, or ideas the group wished to share. It was a wonderful opportunity to exchange knowledge, learn from one another, and strengthen the connections among our clubs.
- Once again, we have scheduled three Design Study Classes for the 2026–2027 year in collaboration with the Judges Council. These classes will focus on the design styles and techniques featured on the schedule for the upcoming State

Flower Show, providing members with an opportunity to prepare, learn, and strengthen their floral design skills.

- RIFGC was lucky to have two garden clubs have garden tours this year. One was during the rain and the other during the shine.