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“TOGETHER WE GROW”

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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My Farewell as your President
May 2017- May 2019
Winifred H. Holland

The Rome Federated Garden Club Presidency gave me a new look about the working and planning to make our world a better place. It opened my eyes to the wishes and hopes of people. We as a Federation shared our creative dreams and plans with our county and city leaders to help fulfill dreams for Our Plot on this Earth, Rome City and Floyd County.

It opened my eyes to people’s dreams and aspirations for our 10 clubs that make up the Rome Federation . All of our club members have been busy with deciding critical issues. The keeping of our Federated House at 100 8th Street Rome, GA and the research that was completed to help members to see what was best for all concerns on this critical issue kept these two years of service a busy one. Thanks to our Vice President, Carrie Wilder, for her research on the condition of the house. Stanley Boulee, our Treasurer, carried us through with information of just where we were in the financial records. Therefore, intelligent and smart decision could be made by all on what was best for all concerns.

It showered me with the love from all the Executive Board Members and their hard work throughout these two years. The planning and execution was by Jo Hernandez of the Environmental Schools which were held at the EOC Center Rome, GA. She did a formidable job pulling it all together and making it a stupendous success. Joy Puckett organized the social part in this school by having breakfast and lunch available for the participants in each school. Our corresponding secretary, Judy Howerton, did all the publishing of these events and getting it to the eyes of participants. Outstanding work by these incredible people in getting the school ready, made it a true success.



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That all want to
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Award #7 Special Achievement Award (DFAC)

H.M. Townview

Award #10 Garden Therapy Award

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Award 13 Civic Improvement Award

1st Townview (Small Club)

1st Seven Hills (Large Club)

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1st Townview

Award #37 Publications

1st Seven Hills (Single Page Newsletter)

1st Townview (Newsletter 2-12 pages)

2nd-Three Rivers (Newsletter 2-12 pages)

Award #37 Membership Brochure

1st Townview

Award #38 School Grounds Improvement

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2nd Townview

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plants with leaves, blooms and stalks.
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Loving and caring hands
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For creatures to crawl,
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For creatures to give life,
Bringing lasting changes.
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Giving off the beauty of your creations
While waiting on creatures seeking food and shelter.
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Beaming from each of the leaves, blossoms, stems spreads
the early morning dews quietly splashing
It moisture
Across the garden of living beauty.
Tiny sparrow flying above
Waiting for the quiet peace
To make a safe landing
To feast upon the tiny creatures
while make their landings

To build their homes with leaves and stem
that spread
Forth to catch the light
forever growing.
Seeds and Plants grow and flourish.
serving as a welcoming spot
To the Monarch Butterfly
Dashing in and out
Bees of many sorts gather their nectar.
Birds stalk their prey
Caterpillar waiting to display beauty.
May this be an appreciation
To visitors who come through this town
Citizens who call Rome their home
Perhaps they might see this mighty creation filled with
Differences in colors,
Different shapes,
Different sizes
Giving beauty and glory to all creation
Just as we are,
In this vast growing and sometimes cruel
And unjust world.
Yet we know that understanding
The beauty of our world
Can help us to understand
that all living creatures have
A place.
of love and beauty that is
Appreciated
as we celebrate
on this April 10th, 2019 morning.
Through our thoughts, our words, and our deeds,
May this be a thanks to all who prepared for
This special occasion as we close
With the Great Amen!
Amen.

We love this Our Great Earth of Creation.
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