

The West Hartford Garden Club

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The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut

Award 2020

All-Around Excellence Tina Collias

There is very little Tina has not touched during the 50 years she has been an active member of The West Hartford Garden Club! Over the years she has served on seven committees, chaired five of them multiple times including the Floral Design Study group for 20 years! In addition to her committee work, Tina served as President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Advisor and Strategic Planning Chair.

Her involvement in the FGCCT Historic Garden Committee led to the task of salvaging the historic Victorian Butler-McCook House and Garden. This garden was rehabilitated to what is now a historic gem in downtown Hartford. The West Hartford Garden Club members continue to faithfully tend the garden.

As an accredited Flower Show Judge, Tina has shared her considerable talent and love of floral design with others by leading design workshops and teaching the art of floral design. She is often an exhibitor at West Hartford Garden Club flower shows, the Connecticut Flower Show, as well as the Fine Art and Flowers Show at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art.

Elizabeth Park has also benefited from Tina's efforts and energy. Tina and Lina Wagner, President of FGCCT at the time, founded and formed the Friends of Elizabeth Park, a small group that stopped the demolition of the Rose Garden and saved what we are fortunate to have today. Having served on the board of Elizabeth Park Conservancy from 1977 to 2006, she was named an Honorary Lifetime Director in 2015.