

## ***Remembering Evelyn Beebe .....***

*(remembrances from several SGC members)*

Evelyn was very involved in Garden Club and served on several committees. She made flower arrangements for Meals on Wheels recipients, made arrangements and participated in the county fair Flower Shows on Eureka road, made flower arrangements for the Vault's Art in Bloom. She organized the restoration of a historical site garden at the Dan Foster House. She was always busy creating beauty. For the Festival of Trees events she made gingerbread houses, wreaths and centerpieces to be sold for Creative Sales and was a key person on general decorating day with glue gun in hand. Evelyn was always there for civic beautification clean-up and planting days and always adopted a planter or two in town that she watered all summer. The following are thoughts gathered from Springfield Garden Club members.

I remember fondly the good times we spent with Evelyn at Garden Club events and her great sense of humor. Evelyn lit up a room and included who she was speaking to in her "glow". I once told her something like this and she said, "I was thinking the same thing about you!"

I'm so grateful for her warm welcome to Springfield Garden Club and her support as I took on some leadership roles. I appreciated every word of encouragement she offered- both privately and publicly. I loved working near her at creative workshops and was always inspired by her lovely creations. She was upbeat and energetic, even in stressful times. I loved her laugh.

I remember the warm welcome she gave me when I started attending Garden Club events. Evie always had a smile and hug upon seeing you. She was always first to offer help with a job and always very kind and caring. She was detail oriented & perfectionist. Her gardening skills were fabulous.

Evelyn was a big part of creating flower arrangements for the SGC Meals on Wheels clients. She dedicated years of her life to bring them joy. I will miss the camaraderie, the laughter and the bantering back & forth that I shared with her.

I remember work days in the historical gardens at the Dan Foster House in Weathersfield, which she did a brilliant job of reviving. Evelyn always brought coffee and hot scones for all the workers. Very often it was either misty or snowing lightly! I will miss her energy and joy at Garden Club gatherings. She is someone I've looked up to and admired for over twenty years.

It was always my pleasure to work with Evelyn on the Festival of Trees in years past. Please know how many friends have enjoyed her friendship and kindness over the years.

We shared many years together working on Garden club projects. I will fondly remember her as one of many mentors. Evelyn was busy!! She was always organizing neighborhood get togethers and helping others. She loved her garden. I remember her hosting multiple Garden Club pot lucks on her sunny deck and will forever remember her beautiful, "gimongous" clematis plants off the deck....and her amazing green thumb. I'm sure by now she has the angels picking flowers and is smiling down on us all. I will forever be grateful for her friendship.

A radiant smile, and ubiquitous good cheer.....What a great way to be remembered. I had not seen her in a while but will remember her always! Her light will shine in all of the Garden Club members' hearts!