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# The Purple Iris

Atkinson Garden Club

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## A Tribute to the National Parks



On June 13 & 14, the Atkinson Garden Club held “A Tribute to The National Parks”, a Patriotic Standard Flower Show, schedule written by Dot Cole. The staging committee out did themselves in transforming the library into a walk through the National Parks. It was amazing!

The design division consisted of 6 classes of 4 designs each—all done by AGC members with 25% by members who had never entered a design in a show before!

Horticulture included 9 sections and 210 exhibits with Diane McMillen’s Katsura

Tree branch winning the Arboreal and Horticulture Excellence Awards (right).

Special Exhibits were truly special with two youth exhibits and two educational exhibits.

Club members, when on duty, dressed the part with ranger hats and appropriate uniforms. Above right is a photo of the clerks who assisted during judging.

Sue Miner, show chairman, expressed her appreciation to all club members for their help and participation.



Left: Brenda Weber won 1st and the NHFGC Lady Bug award for a first time blue ribbon winner. The award is sponsored by Mary Lea Daily (pictured).

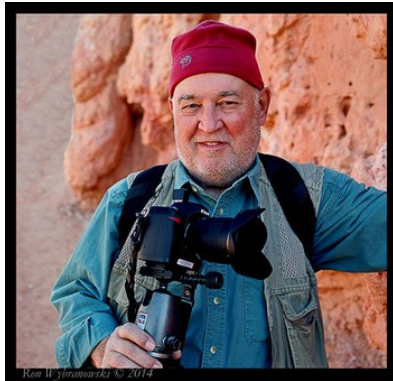
Right: Janet Snowdon won the Award of Design Excellence for her parallel design in the class “Badlands”



## RECENT CLUB MEETINGS

### June 4—“Yellowstone, WY”

Ron Wybranowski, a “serious amateur” photographer, presented a PowerPoint highlighting one of his favorite subjects - the natural beauty of our National Parks. This was a great prelude to our Standard Flower Show.



### July 2—“Alyson’s Orchard, NH”

Michelle Mensinger, NHFGC president, educated us about Mason Bees, solitary bees that are alternative pollinators.



### August 6—“Storm King, NY”

Members enjoyed a guided tour of Bedrock Gardens, a private garden, notable for its plants, its landscape design, its hardscape and its sculpture.



## State Flower Show



Below: Diane’s small design in the class “Neutrons”



Five club members entered designs in the NHFGC Flower Show in Concord in mid June. Left is Sue Miner’s Miniature Type II Hanging Design which took first in the class “Electrons”. Bottom (left to right) Dot’s and Ellen Durling’s creative designs in “Space Shuttle” and Joanne’s creative use of printed circuit boards in her design in “Space Junk”.



## New Member



Linda welcomed Ann Reardon as a new member during the June regular meeting.

## Garden of the Month



June Garden of the Month was awarded to Ken & Ellen Dymant (above) of 5 Blackford Drive for their perennial hill and well designed landscaping. Ms. Lisa



Sarcia (right) of 13 Winslow Drive for her annuals overflowing many magnificent urns.