



SECOND DISTRICT
FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF NEW YORK STATE, INC.
Kim Thomson, Director
NEW YORK STATE BOOK OF RECOGNITION

The New York State Book of Recognition, proposed by a former Second District member and State President, Mrs. Otto Langhans, became a reality in 1967. This longstanding Book now has thousands of names recorded and is kept in our state office in Albany.

Garden Clubs or individuals may honor members "In Appreciation" who have provided outstanding service to their club or former members who have passed on and their club wishes to have their name listed "In Memoriam." To do this, the procedure is as follows:

1. Send a check for \$10.00 payable to Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc. to our Second District Book of Recognition Chairman who will then send it on to the state chairman for final processing. (Please do **not** write Second District on the check.) This money is placed in a fund and used for educational purposes approved by the State Board.
2. Include the name, address and club of the recipient.
3. State the name and address of donor.
4. Mention whether this is given in appreciation or in memory. If in memory, please list name and address of recipient's family or person(s) to be notified.

To facilitate this process, a form accompanies this email. You may duplicate as many as needed.

The information will be sent to the state chairman who will send an acknowledgement to the proper party. A thank you receipt will be sent to the donor from the Second District Chairman. The honoree's name, district, sponsor and whether the donation is given in appreciation or in memorial will be inscribed into the Book of Recognition. Names of persons so honored, will in time appear in the newsletter of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.

This relatively simple procedure is an honor which will be most appreciated by the recipient or by the family of a former member. This gesture of appreciation may be repeated for a member as many times as is deemed deserving. It is not limited to a one time listing. It is an excellent way to salute past presidents, a deserving and thoughtful tribute to an outgoing president and always a great way for individuals to recognize special members (mentors) who have been exceptionally helpful and supportive to them in garden club growing and learning experiences. So when thinking of ways to show appreciation and/or admiration to a deserving club member, please do consider the New York State Book of Recognition.

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