

MEMO:

FROM: Sharon Brown, President

The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

RE: Certain Supplies from the GCFP Office

It has become increasingly apparent over the last few years that GCFP has needed to use more and more of the monies invested for our future in order to keep up with rising costs. In addition, National Garden Clubs, Inc. passed a dues increase at their spring convention that would double the cost that GCFP must remit for our members' dues. At the summer board meeting in June, an ad hoc committee was formed to study what could be done to prevent a dues increase to GCFP club members.

For many years, the GCFP has provided flower show ribbons free of charge and absorbed the mailing costs. The ad hoc committee recommended that there be a charge for these ribbons that would cover both the cost of supplies and postage. In an effort to further control costs, the committee also recommended that the Award Manual, the President's Handbook, the Red Manual, the Annual President's Packets and as many rosters as possible be placed on the website for download. Hard copies of these items will be available for purchase from the GCFP Office at a cost of \$15 plus postage. Both recommendations were unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

The increases for the flower show ribbons and replacement manuals will become effective immediately. Placing the manuals and rosters on the protected side of the website will be accomplished as soon as possible. Please remember that there is a password to access the protected information on the website.