

# C.A.R. PERENNIAL BLOOM AWARD APPLICATION FORM

**NAME:** Sarah Yeats

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**STATE:** Maryland

**CLUB:** Calvert Garden Club

**PRESIDENT'S NAME:** Joyce Fletcher **PHONE:** 443-975-1373

## **OFFICES HELD BY APPLICANT:**

- President: 1997 – 2001
- Vice President: 1995 – 1997
- Secretary: 1993 - 1995

## **CHAIRMANSHIPS:**

- Horticultural Study Group Chair
- Landscape Design Chair
- Historian
- Membership
- Programs
- Flower Mart

**HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS:** Sarah was recruited into Calvert Garden Club in 1989 by long-time member Barbara Grosvenor. Over the following years, Sarah was an active, contributing and supporting member of all of the goals and objectives embraced by Calvert Garden Club. Following are some of her honors and achievements:

- She organized, coordinated and participated in all of the Calvert Garden Club Flower Shows.
- She assisted in the planning and execution of many of the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimages in Calvert County.
- She planned and hosted a District II Meeting/Luncheon at the Rod and Reel in Chesapeake Beach, Md. At the luncheon all guests were presented with a favor--small azaleas propagated and grown by the horticulture committee chaired by Sarah.
- She planned and participated in the many Flower Marts (now referred to as Plant Sales) held by Calvert Garden Club. Sarah was a major contributor to this fund raiser and would always bring to sell beautiful boxwood plants that she had propagated and raised herself as well as many other types of trees and shrubs grown on her property.

- Sarah served as a horticulture mentor to many in the club, teaching them how to propagate plants, and passing on her love of horticulture.
- Sarah hosted several Garden Club Picnics at her home.
- She was a Calvert County Master Gardener with the University of Maryland.
- She was a Federated Garden Club of MD., Landscape Design Consultant
- Her property is Bay Wise Certified.

In addition to all of the above accomplishments, perhaps the most lasting achievement of Sarah's was to assure that Calvert Garden Club would grow and continue into the future. Sarah realized during her term as President that the club had not done a good job recruiting new members; especially younger members. She also realized that the Club had become somewhat of a "closed group" and had not reached out to the larger community to capture new members. In an attempt to rectify this, she planned a "New Members' Tea" and invited people in the community to her home. Several women came, met Sarah and others and learned what Calvert Garden Club was all about. Needless to say, their interest was piqued and they joined the club. These same women became officers and leaders and went on to recruit more members. The club grew and grew into what it is today; an enthusiastic and smart group of women who not only reflect the larger community but love gardening and flower arranging and one another! Thank you, Sarah, we owe you a debt of gratitude.