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THE RI WILD PLANT SOCIETY WINS THE ALLEN C. HASKELL AWARD

Each year the **RI Spring Flower and Garden Show** recognizes exhibitors for excellence in horticulture, design and creativity. This year the RI Wild Plant Society's Vernal Pool display won the prestigious **Allen C. Haskell Award**.

Although it may mean little to the average person on the street, it is a great honor to the 80 volunteers that create the RIWPS display each year. Named after nurseryman Allen Haskell, this award is given each year to a display that exhibits the most care and creativity with plants. We are deeply honored after 15 years of participating in the RI Flower Show be awarded the Haskell award by his son.

We would like to thank just a few of our helpers, because they come from all over the state we hope you will help us get the word out about this great honor.

Jules Cohen (North Kingstown) Committee Chair

Judy Ireland (East Greenwich), Lead Designer

Barney Webster (North Kingstown), Water Features, Sound, and Construction

Rick Enser (Wood River Junction), Water Features & Plant Consultant

Kim Botelho (Bristol) and Pat Cahalan (Wakefield), Education Booth

Gil Moore (Slatersville) and Dick Donnelly (Saunderstown) Forcing Coordinators.

Tysh McGrail (Chepachet), Volunteer Coordinator

Lisa Fiore (Wakefield) Planting Coordinator

Bonnie Baker (Wickford), Martha MacBurnie, Bob Baxter, and Shirley Anderson (Wakefield), The planting team

Bob Anderson (Wakefield) and Doug McGrady (Coventry), Mike Elmer (Smithfield), Mark Rowan (Warwick) and Dave Gumbley (Foster) Construction

Dave Renzi (Exeter), Karen Asher (West Greenwich) and Andy Daigle (Wickford) Plant Transportation.

Dick Perreault (Wakefield) Signage

Debbie and Moe St. Pierre (Somerset, MA) Sound & Lighting

(Just in case you missed the show; vernal pools are small depressions in the landscape, which fill temporarily with water in the spring. These pools are very important to the life cycle of many amphibians, including frogs and salamanders.)