The Waterman Bowl was given to the Garden Club of New Haven in 1956 by Mrs. Frederick Waterman, then president of the Garden Club, "to be awarded annually...to stimulate interest in all phases of garden club work." She went on to suggest some eleven fields for consideration. This year's awardee would be a winner in any of the fields, but through the ten years she has been a member of the New Haven club, she has been, as one committee member noted, "phenomenal" in her fulfillment of the tenth, "Exceptional generosity in expenditure of time, effort, and talent in behalf of the club." To name all her "expenditures" might keep us here for a very long time and would certainly overload this page. She has filled many offices, at least once two in one year, and has initiated numerous programs that have produced the strong club we enjoy today. But I believe her project this year is a first for the New Haven club. She has written and published a manual to instruct other clubs and their members about how to run a flower arrangement course with the idea of instructing members on the basics of flower arranging and ultimately leading to entries in flower shows. In her her term the Kitchen Arrangement course. The manual is a tangible reminder of her very active time with us here in New Haven. It gives me great pleasure to pass the Waterman Bowl to Betsy Nininger.

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