Awarding the Waterman Bowl to Carol Ross
Comments by Bonnie Byers, June 2012

Elizabeth Waterman gave this bowl to the club in 1956. It is to be awarded for the most noteworthy accomplishment by a member during the current year.

It is given to a member who has gone beyond her prescribed job and contributed greatly to the “wellbeing and furtherance” of the club.

Will all former recipients of this award who are present please stand up so that we can again thank you.

The Waterman Bowl Committee met this spring and unanimously agrees upon its recipient. This woman can only be described in superlatives, in so many ways; she is an inspiration to us all.

She has:
1. Been a member since the year 2000.
2. Served on numerous committees.
3. She revised out dated bylaws.
4. She served as our president for two years. Her newsletters were a delight to read.

I’d like to read a poem written by John Edwards (husband of Debbie).

_Ode to Carol_

(To the cadence of T’was the Night Before Christmas)

T’was the day of the Meeting
And all through the town,
The Garden Club ladies
Were scurrying ’round.

Company was coming
The party was soon.
Who knew they’d been planning
Since two years ago June?

But still there were details...
They had to make tracks.
Embarrassment waited
If something fell through the cracks.

The best news of all
Was the one who was Boss.
They knew they could do it
With “no problem” Ross.
With a glint in her eye
And a whip in her hand,
She marshaled her forces
And struck up the band.

"Now driver and cookers
And tour guides and hosts,
You’ve got to move quicker
It’s no time to coast."

"To the Omni, to the Lawn Club,
The ladies won’t wait.
They’re picky and grumpy –
Today is the date."

And then it was over
The meeting was done.
As the ladies left town
They cried, “You’re number one!”

And now the GCNH is honored to present this award to:

Carol Frost Ross

Committee

Nancy Duble
Jean Kashgarian
Nancy Ahlstrom
Bonnie Byers, Chairperson