

ANNUAL REPORT  
FOUNDERS FUND – 2021

As we lived through our second year of quarantining and social distancing, the Garden Club of America excelled in communicating with all its members through online programs and Zoom meetings. Our votes for the 2021 Founders Fund Award involved us with the other 200 GCA clubs in this national outreach.

The 2021 Founders Fund prize of \$30,000 was won by **Rhododendron Glen: Healing an Historic Stream, Engaging All Ages in Urban Water Ecology**, a project proposed by the Seattle Garden Club, Zone XII. The two runners-up were a Florida project, **Going Native: A Public-Private Partnership to Transform Forgotten Land into an Oasis of Native Plantings** (which was inspired by an article by Doug Tallamy in a 2019 GCA Bulletin), and the **Houston Hospice Family Terrace and Commemorative Garden**. Each will receive a \$10,000 award.

I very much want to thank Wendy Russell for generously giving of her time to make it possible for our members to vote for the Founders Fund on the Club's website.

It is a great pleasure to serve as our Club's liaison to the GCA Founders Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

*Peggy Barton*