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May 31, 2001

Carl Hershner, Chair
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Virginia Institute for Marine Science
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Dear Carl,

The Scholarship Committee has enthusiastically endorsed the selection of Matthew Katz and Kathleen Bailey as the 2001 recipients of the GCA Award in Coastal Wetland Studies. We greatly appreciate the work of your Selection Committee and ask that you express our most sincere thanks to all. It is a time consuming responsibility.

An article announcing our scholarships appears in the June issue of the *GCA Bulletin* and we hope that an announcement of these fellowships can be made in an appropriate VIMS publication. This is certainly mutually beneficial to both our organizations, as well as to our winners.

According to our Agreement, please find a check enclosed for the administrative fee for the past year. Also, I have enclosed an Agreement (renewal) for the upcoming year's work, which begins July 1, 2001 and concludes June 30, 2002. Would you have the Agreements signed as soon as possible and return one copy to Ms. Connie Sutton at the Garden Club of America Headquarters, in the envelope enclosed.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the GCA Award in Coastal Wetlands Studies. It remains a source of pride to our committee and all our GCA members across the country. Christina Richards, the Rockefeller Scholar and first recipient of the award, spoke to the Annual Meeting of the GCA just a few weeks ago. She was enthusiastically received by the 600 members attending and represented the Fellowship professionally and convincingly.

Sincerely,

Judy O'Donnell

Mrs. Barnes O'Donnell
Chairman, GCA Scholarship Committee

Encl: Check (\$500)
Agreement: July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002

Cc: Mrs. Arthur Coburn
Mrs. Edward Elliman





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April 10, 2001

Mr. Matthew L. Katz
Section of Evolution of Ecology
University of California
2320 Storer Hall
One Shields Avenue
Davis, CA 95616

Dear Mr. Katz,

It is with the greatest pleasure that the Scholarship Committee of The Garden Club of America awards you the GCA Award in Coastal Wetlands Studies. Your project was selected from an outstanding field of proposals and we heartily congratulate you.

Your undertaking of a very interesting study on the potential for biological control of *Spartina alterniflora*, a marsh plant, which is considered a pest species on the west coast of America, is most exciting. We anticipate the important new knowledge your work will provide.

Once the project has been completed, we request that you submit a final report to (1) Dr. Carl Hershner at The Virginia Institute of Marine Science and (2) The Garden Club of America's Scholarship Committee. (Please include your permanent and e-mail addresses with it.) The Scholarship Committee also requests an abstract in layman's language (250 words or 1 1/2 pages doubled-spaced) and at least two slides of you at work in the field that may be used for publication. These will be submitted to the editor of the *GCA Bulletin* to be considered for publication so our members across the country may learn more about our fellowship recipients, their areas of research, and the importance of supporting this kind of work. Please send these materials addressed to the Scholarship Committee at the above address. We are not able to return these materials.

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Ms. Kathleen Baily
Dept. of Natural Resources
Fernow Hall, Tower Road
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY 14853

Dear Ms. Baily,

It is with the greatest pleasure that the Scholarship Committee of The Garden Club of America awards you the GCA Award in Coastal Wetlands Studies. Your project was selected from an outstanding field of proposals and we heartily congratulate you.

Your undertaking of a study on the effects of groundwater flow and chemistry on wetland communities around Lake Ontario is most exciting. We anticipate the important new knowledge your work will provide.

Once the project has been completed, we request that you submit a final report to (1) Dr. Carl Hershner at The Virginia Institute of Marine Science and (2) The Garden Club of America's Scholarship Committee. (Please include your permanent and e-mail addresses with it.) The Scholarship Committee also requests an abstract in layman's language (250 words or 1 1/2 pages doubled-spaced) and at least two slides of you at work in the field that may be used for publication. These will be submitted to the editor of the *GCA Bulletin* to be considered for publication so our members across the country may learn more about our fellowship recipients, their areas of research, and the importance of supporting this kind of work. Please send these materials addressed to the Scholarship Committee at the above address. We are not able to return these materials.

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We also ask that you submit a summary of expenses covered by the award. This may be enclosed with your report. In addition, we request that any publications or other public release of information regarding your research acknowledge The Garden Club of America's support.

Congratulations and best wishes for every success in this undertaking. Please find your award check of \$5,000 enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith O'Donnell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Mrs. Barnes O'Donnell
Chairman, Scholarship Committee

Enclosure: Check

cc: ✓ Dr. Carl Hershner, Virginia Institute of Marine Science
Mrs. Frederick C. Hansen, Jr., President, Garden Club of America
Mrs. John G. Rohrbach, Executive Liaison, GCA Scholarship Committee
Mrs. Edward Elliman, Vice-Chairman, GCA Scholarship Committee