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Ms. Polly L. Hicks
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Dear Ms. Hicks,

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.

We are looking forward to hearing about your work on the wetlands restoration in the New York/New Jersey Harbor Estuary: Information obtained will provide vital knowledge in trying to prevent further degradation of our natural areas and bird life.

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 ½ 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.

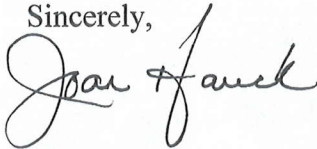
Our Scholarship program exists because of member gifts. Therefore, we make a great effort not only to report on our scholarship recipients' work in the GCA *Bulletin* but also to schedule former and current scholarship recipients as speakers at Zone and Annual Meetings. At some time in the future, you may be asked to make a presentation at one of these meetings.



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 cursive script, appearing to read "Sheldon J. Hauck".

Mrs. Sheldon J. Hauck
Chairman, Scholarship Committee

Enclosure: Check

cc: Dr. Carl Hershner, Virginia Institute of Marine Science ✓
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