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April 19, 2004

Dr. Carl Hershner, Chairman
Dept. of Resource Management and Policy
P.O. Box 1346
Virginia Institute of Marine Science
Gloucester Point, VA 23062

Dear Dr. Hershner:

The Scholarship Committee has enthusiastically endorsed the selection of Tracy Elsey and Elizabeth Watson as the 2004 winners of the **GCA Award in Coastal Wetlands Studies**. The second award was made possible through donations of our membership. We appreciate your work and the work of your Selection Committee and their dedication to selecting outstanding recipients for this fellowship. Please convey our sincere thanks to all.

An article announcing our scholarship recipients will appear in the June issue of the *GCA Bulletin* and we hope that an announcement of the Ecological Restoration winners can be printed in an appropriate Virginia Institute of Marine Science publication. This is certainly beneficial to both of our organizations, as well as to our winners.

According to our Agreement, please find a check for \$500 enclosed for the administrative fee for the past year. Also, I have enclosed an Agreement (contract of renewal) for the upcoming year's work, which begins July 1, 2004 and concludes on June 30, 2005. **Would you kindly have the Agreements signed as soon as possible and return one copy to Mrs. Connie Sutton, The Garden Club of America, 14 East 60th Street, New York, NY 10022.** An envelope has been included for your convenience.

Westy Lovejoy will continue in her present position as GCA Vice Chairman for the GCA Award in Coastal Wetlands Studies. Thank you for your continued commitment to it and your work with us throughout the development of this important scholarship. Our committee and our membership take pride in our association with you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Temple C. Moore, Jr.
Chairman, Scholarship Committee

Encl: Check (\$500)
Agreement (two copies) July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005
Envelope

cc: Mrs. George M. Lovejoy, Jr.
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March 15, 2004

Ms. Tracy Elsey
PO Box 42451
University of Louisiana, Lafayette
Lafayette, LA 70504-2451

Dear Ms. Elsey,

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 project "Patterns of Plant Community Development in Created Salt Marshes on the Gulf Coast of Louisiana", which has come about because of the loss of coastal marshes from the catastrophic rates of sediment load from the Mississippi River and canal construction.

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 that reads "Marty C. Moore".

Mrs. Temple C. Moore, Jr.
Chairman, Scholarship Committee

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cc: ✓ Dr. Carl Hershner, Virginia Institute of Marine Science
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Ms. Elizabeth Watson
University of California, Berkeley
507 McCone Hall
Berkeley, CA 94720

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 project "California tidal marsh vegetation change: a thirty-year record of changes in plant distribution and abundance in tidal marshes of the San Francisco Estuary".

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.

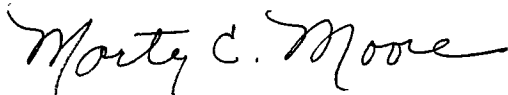
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