

## EA-3: Margaret Holton Environmental Award

### Submitted by: Harbor Island Garden Club

#### Brief summary and objectives:

The Harbor Island Garden Club, along with community members, gathered to celebrate Earth Day as well as some very special Garden Club members that had left this Earth for a very, beautiful place - Mrs Anne Tucker and Mrs Nancy Hearne.

In a year in which a deadly pandemic has had the globe in its grip and climate change helped spark raging wildfires to a ferocious hurricane season, the focus of this year's Earth Day couldn't be more timely. At the heart of Earth Day's 2021 theme comes optimism, a critically needed sentiment in a world ravaged by both climate change and the pandemic.

We had a program on The Theme for 2021 "Restore Our Earth". The theme focused on restoring the world's ecosystems through natural processes, emerging green technologies and innovative thinking. We also presented ways to support conservation and Earth Day efforts by discussing ten activities and ideas that would inspire friends and families to do during the year.

Boy Scout Troop 232 planted a Styra tree as we read a poem "Teach your Children" on the importance in protecting our Earth. Two members had remembrance speeches for those members that passed away and a prayer of dedication was done by Rev. Rabun. Following our prayer, Larry Snider played guitar and sang with our Committee leading the close to the ceremony.

#### Involvement of club members and other organizations:

The HIGC Earth Day Committee, as well as other club volunteers, family and friends of Anne Tucker and Nancy Hearne, Boy Scout Troop 232, Rev. Patrick T. Rabun of Little Chapel on the Boardwalk and Larry Snider as musician.

#### Project expenses and means of funding:

The funding was provided by HIGC for the purchase of the Styra tree.

#### Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance:

It is our hope to have this tree grow in remembrance of Earth Day and those who cherish the on-going efforts of conservation.

#### Attach or insert photos, digital photos:

See the following pages for additional information from the program and photos from the event.



Harbor Island Garden Club Earth Day Committee – Jeanne Thome, DeLaine Ferrell, Lucy Gee with pictures on table of our past members – Anne Tucker and Nancy Hearne.

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Welcome (DeLaine Ferrell)  
Earth Day History and Summary (DeLaine)  
Ten Earth Day Activities and Ideas (Jeanne Thome & Lucy Gee)  
Planting of Tree / Poem (DeLaine / Boy Scout Troup 232)  
Remembrance - Anne Tucker (Wylene McDonald)  
Remembrance - Nancy Hearne (Kim Watters)  
Prayer Rev Patrick Rabun  
Music (Larry Snider)  
Closing (DeLaine)

Teach Your Children  
By Kelly Roper

Teach your children to appreciate the planet.  
Bring home a seedling and help them plant it.

Teach your children to conserve the trees.  
Going paperless these days is a breeze.

Teach your children to respect the earth.  
Recycle throw always into something of worth.

Teach your children to care for God's creatures.  
Set up a birdbath, a feeder, and other features.

Teach your children we're in this together.  
We must try to help our planet last forever.

Memories Build a Special Bridge  
Our memories build a special bridge  
when loved ones have to part  
to help us feel we're with them still  
and sooth a grieving heart.  
Our memories span the years we  
shared, preserving ties that bind,  
They build a special bridge of love and  
bring us peace of mind.  
Emily Matthews

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