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PAGE DICKEY NAMED HONORARY MEMBER OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

Rochester, New York (May 19, 2015) – Esteemed gardener, garden designer and author Page Dickey has been named an honorary member of The Garden Club of America, one of its highest accolades. Dickey was recognized during a presentation at the GCA's annual meeting here this morning.

In honoring Dickey, the GCA hailed her "distinguished 30-year career" and acknowledged her "important contributions to the gardening community at large." Honorary members of the GCA are men and women of distinction in the fields of horticultural or conservation who are not, nor have ever been, members of a GCA club. Honorary membership is limited to 85 individuals, and a maximum of four are selected each year. Named along with Dickey were renowned rosarian Stephen Scanniello, natural landscape design authority Larry Weaner and Knock Out® family of roses hybridizer William J. Radler. Rusticus Garden Club of Bedford, New York, member of the GCA, nominated Dickey for honorary membership.

Dickey gardened for 33 years at Duck Hill, her home in North Salem, New York, and now lives and gardens in Falls Village, Connecticut. She is author of seven books on gardening, most recently *Embroidered Ground: Revisiting the Garden* and *Gardens in the Spirit of Place*, as well as numerous articles in publications such as *Elle Décor*, *Fine Gardening, Garden Design, Horticulture, House & Garden and House Beautiful*. Dickey lectures throughout the United States on plants and garden design and teaches at The New York Botanical Garden.



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She is on the board of the Garden Conservancy and was co-founder of its Open Days program, which has welcomed more than a million visitors to some 3,000 gardens since 1995. Dickey is also on the boards of Stonecrop Gardens, Hollister House and the North Salem Open Land Foundation. She was recognized with the American Horticultural Society 1998 Book Award for *Breaking Ground: Portraits of Ten Garden Designers*, and her first book, *Duck Hill Journal: A Year in a Country Garden*, received the Quill and Trowel Award from the Garden Writers Association of America.

Saluting Dickey's "passion for gardening," the GCA observed that "she desires to encourage a love of gardening in others and share her command and mastery of gardening with a broad audience."

The GCA is a nonprofit national organization composed of 201 clubs with some 18,000 members who devote their energy and expertise to projects in their communities and across the United States. Founded in 1913, the GCA is a leader in horticulture, conservation and civic improvement. (www.gcamerica.org)

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