

## Spartanburg Garden Council earns awards



**Crowder**

Spartanburg Garden Club Council presented the Awards Luncheon at The Piedmont Club May 7, and celebrated Woman of the Year, received by Denie Davis Crowder. A Clemson graduate, Crowder taught kindergarten in private and public settings. Later she taught at Dorman High School and also worked as an adjunct professor at Newberry College and Spartanburg Community College.

In addition to her teaching positions, she has volunteered in church work at all levels. She has been a member of the alto section of the sanctuary choir at First Baptist Spartanburg for many years, a faithful member of her Life Group, has worked with various children's groups and activities and she sings in the Yesterday's Teen Choir who minister to prison inmates and their prison staff members. She spends time volunteering at The Bridge, formally Green Street Baptist Church, and now it is used as an outreach helping ministry through First Baptist Spartanburg. She is active in the Upsy Daisy Garden Club and the Fannie Louise Garden Club and has served as the treasurer of the Spartanburg Garden Club Council and later as President. She was a founding member of the Lady Gainsborough Debutante Club and served as a past president.

Spartanburg Garden Club Council celebrated 84 Years of volunteering in the Spartanburg areas in Beautification and Restoration Projects.

Spartanburg Garden Club Council is a member of East Piedmont District Garden Club of South Carolina, South Atlantic Region of Garden Clubs which includes 5 States and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Installation of Officers was given by GCSC President Trish Bender from Charleston.

The 2019 Club of the Year was named to the Upsy Daisy Garden Club for the Spartanburg Garden Club Council. The Garden Club Council won 7 other awards for Spartanburg Garden Club Council which includes: Yearbook, Horticulture Plantings, Small Standard Petite Flower Show, Arbor Day, Public Relations, 100% Certified Wildlife Habitat and Individual Landscape Award given to Elaine Wade.

Other awards also won by Upsy Daisy Garden Club were: The South Atlantic Region of Garden Clubs Directors Award for The Nesbitt Shoals Nature Park Conservation and Educational Project of a Public Park, 8 East Piedmont District Awards, GCSC Publication Award for Photo Guide Study for Public Park - "Nesbitt Shoals Nature Park" located off 1-26 on Walnut Grove Road an Ongoing Project by Upsy Daisy Garden Club. Upsy Daisy is a member Garden Club of SC, East Piedmont District, South Atlantic Region of Garden Clubs and National Garden Club Inc.