

## 2024/2026 Conservation/NAL Committee Report

My three main goals for the 2024/25 year were to:

#1 Highlight “100 Years of Conservation” for the *Conservation Corner* of our newsletter with a decade by decade brief history of GCA Conservation and NAL principles and Practices. Throughout the year I did just that and completed history summaries through the 1980’s. (Planning on continuing into the next calendar year) It was a fascinating journey for me and I encourage anyone interested in digging in deeper to check out the 2019 GCA publication “*A History of Conservation and National Affairs & Legislation*” found under *Publications* on the GCA website.

#2 Stay up to date on Conservation and NAL actions thru our Zone and National representatives and report to the board and members at large when appropriate.

The highlight of the year was the Proclamation of April as “Native Plant Month” in Minnesota thanks to the efforts of Co-Chair Ellen Phelps and members of The SPGC. Communication of the accomplishment was shared with both the board and members.

#3 Attend and stay involved in GCA Conservation and NAL activities, conferences and meetings on both a local and National level.

I was able to attend the NAL conference in Washington DC in March of this year. A full report was submitted and reported by club president, Bobbie Dressen. It was a very informative and productive 3 days and I'm grateful to have been able to attend.

Lastly our club held a "Conservation" meeting in April of 2025 with 2 women from "Common Ground Minnesota"; (a group of 29 women farmers from Minnesota). Common Ground volunteers Barb Liebenstein and Rachel Grey gave a fascinating talk on their farming practices supporting Agricultural Conservation and Sustainability. The meeting was well attended and well received!

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