

The following are the awards recipients for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Better Hometown Program and Historic Preservation Month Celebration- Flowery Branch. Presented by *The Flowery Branch Better Hometown Board & The Flowery Branch Historic Preservation Commission*

**Outstanding Service Award - This Organization has sponsored the Spring and Fall Festivals for many years on Main Street with Becky Bowen and Stacy Hall chairing the events. Their Members always participate in Clean Up Days, A Flowery Branch Christmas, and the Keep Flowery Branch Beautiful (KFBB) program earning a sign, which displays their name. They continually offer to help and are the Volunteering Future of Flowery Branch.**

They are Boy Scout Troop #228

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**Outstanding Preservation Leadership – As Historic Preservation Commission Past Chairman, this person held the Commission together during a time when Historic Preservation was being misunderstood. If she hadn't carried on the thankless job, we would not be able to celebrate tonight the community's successful Historic District. Outstanding Preservation Leadership Award goes to Pam Landreth.**

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**Partners in Preservation – The recipients of this award have given Flowery Branch a new hope. Their planned project “Old Town” has brought about many things. Their appreciation of Historic Preservation and efforts to blend their Old Town and other projects in the district with the Commercial Historic Districts original design, yet distinguishing the old from the new, has shown great sensitivity and understanding of the importance of Preservation in Flowery Branch. They are Hortman & Dobbs–Marty Hortman & Kellin Dobbs.**

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**Endurance Award – Staying the Course - This Organization has been established for over 85 years. Their endurance in maintaining an active membership that has served the Community in many ways is to be commended. Their Old Fashioned Cake Sales are a tradition and the recipes are in their own published cookbook. Proceeds from their many projects have gone to many things including The Flowery Branch Depot, Coats for Kids, Flowery Branch “Shop with a Cop”, and they also donated a display case for the Depot Museum.**

**The Flowery Branch Homemakers’ Club**

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**BHT Volunteer of the Year — This person is always in the background helping make things happen. She Chairs/Co Chairs the Tree Lighting and A Flowery Branch Christmas. She was MC at the Streetscape Ribbon Cutting and Ice Cream Social. She is a longtime member of the community and you can always count on her being a major part of the workforce.**

**The 2009 Better Hometown Volunteer of the Year is Janice Bryans.**

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**BHT Spirit Award –**

**This person has given many hours of his time to share his talent and decorate the Depot for the past 3 years. His committee spent many hours choosing the necessary decorations, stringing endless lights on the railing and 2 trees. Although Rudy is not from our Community, he still has that Better Hometown Spirit that cannot go unnoticed.**

**This Better Hometown Spirit Award goes to Rudy Corn.**

**Better Hometown Spirit Award – This person has been a Volunteer in this Community since before the Better HomeTown designation. As a “Friend of the Depot”, she helped in the effort to save the Depot and is always eager to help the Better Hometown Program in any way asked through the years. Her energy and enthusiasm are ever present when it comes to her community.**

**This Better Hometown Spirit Award goes to Iris Sutt.**

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**Better Hometown Spirit Award -They have never turned us down. They have stepped up to the plate and represented the Church Community in numerous endeavors when no others did. Their presence and performances at the Tree Lighting has made Thanksgiving night a tradition and very special gathering for the community.**

**This Better Hometown Spirit Award goes to Mt. Zion Baptist Church.**

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**Better Hometown Spirit Award– As Chairman of the Coats for Kids Project, this person has worked with the school counselors to gather names of children who are in need of coats for the winter months. Through donations from our Community, each year she is able to purchase new coats and warm clothing and deliver them to the schools for children in our community who are in need. Because of her dedication, 31 children were warmed up during the last winter season.**

**This Better Hometown Spirit Award goes to Jean Rowe Luciani**

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**Director's Choice** – As a Friend of the Depot, she had a vital part in saving the depot. She was a Better Hometown Volunteer from day one and later became Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission. She knew the importance of these two programs, and when she was elected to the F.B. City Council, she led the force to approve the re-activation both programs in 2006. She has worked with dedication and determination for the betterment of Flowery Branch and without her loyalty, we would not be here tonight.  
**The Director's Choice Award goes to Mary Jones.**

**Better HomeTown Heroes** – Our Better Hometown Heroes are always being asked to do something, and they always say yes. In fact, they were “The Program” for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Better Hometown Celebration. Appeared at many Special Events to sign autographs. Phil always fired the “starting shot” at the first 5 Boo! Fun Run/Walks, he judged the first Chili Cook off in 2003. They have volunteered on Saturdays at the Depot, hosted a “garage sale” and raised \$10,000 for the K9 program of the FB Police Depot. They also hosted Phil Niekro day for fans for the Police Dept. and recently Phil was instrumental in the new Field of Dreams baseball complex. They have both always had time for their community and we are fortunate that they live in Flowery Branch.  
**The Better Hometown Heroes are Nancy & Phil Niekro.**

**To: United States Congressman Nathan Deal.**

Ten years ago the Georgia Department of Community Affairs designated Flowery Branch as a “Better Hometown Community”. Your letter of support, dated 10-29-1998, was included in our application and was very influential in our receiving this designation. As a Better Hometown Community, Flowery Branch has accomplished many things. We thank you for believing in us and for being her tonight as our Guest Speaker of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Better Hometown Community designation & recognizing Historic Preservation Month.

**To Mike Evans in Appreciation:**

**For your support in helping Flowery Branch receive Transportation Enhancement Funding for our Streetscape Project Phase I, and our up coming Streetscape Project Phase II.**

**To Representative James Mills in Appreciation:**

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