



## **Urban Gardening at its Best**

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**Petie Reed (below) and her Perennial Harmony Garden Shop in Waterford won top honors at the annual Connecticut Flower and Garden Show in Hartford in February.**



Following the show's "Spice of Life" theme, Reed used spearmint, creeping thyme, salad burnet, and other herbs and edible plants, which thrive without synthetic chemicals and fertilizers, in vertical and raised beds. The display was awarded Best Urban Garden, Best Demonstration of Environmental Sensitivity, and Best Educational Display designations.

Reed, a NOFA Accredited Organic Land Care Professional and board member of Save the River-Save the Hills, Inc., has run Perennial Harmony as a synthetic chemical-free operation for eight years. The award-winning garden will be on display at the garden center at 368 Boston Post Road in April.