

Mary Moody, Woman of the Year 1996



Mary Moody is director of Volunteer Services at St. Francis Hospital. She received her B.A. from Newcomb College, Tulane University. She taught third grade in Virginia and Vermont before moving to our area where she substitute taught for 18 years in the Arlington school district.

She and her husband have two grown children. They felt that to rear children to become involved members of the community, the best way was to be involved themselves. Mary remained active in many organizations for extended periods of time.

Among her many volunteer activities:

- Girl Scout Council for 3 terms, served as president and in many other capacities
- League of Women Voters since 1968, served as moderator and unit leader
- Dutchess Community College Human Services Advisory Board for many years
- Dutchess County American Cancer Society Board
- Dutchess County Child Development Council
- Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill, Chairman of the Board
- United Way Community Resources Advisory Committee
- Dutchess Interfaith Council, board member
- Town of Beekman Bicentennial Committee, Chairman
- Crop Walk, a consistent top money raiser
- Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church
- Active in many professional organizations

In addition, Mary is well known for writing clever poems and songs for special occasions.