

## Gail Reiber "I Thought I was Too Young for a Hip Replacement"

Gail is an active woman. She has to be in order to care for her 5-acre "show" garden, boat with friends and participate in the weekly farmer's market. Her beautiful gardens were even on the local garden walk this summer.

"Before my surgery, my hips were so bad, it hurt just to bend over to put shoes on. I knew I had to do something if I wanted to stay active.

"Dr. McLaughlin came highly recommended, and once I met him, I knew that I wanted him to do my surgery. If you look at the walls in his office, they're covered with diplomas and certificates from high quality universities. But it was his warmth, intelligence and caring manner that made the difference for me. I knew he was a great surgeon, but it turned out that he was also a very caring man.

"I'd been told that I was too young for a hip replacement. But I wanted to be active now – not 20 years from now.

"After my surgery, I'm back gardening which is my passion. I can do just about anything. I dig holes and carry rocks, I rake and mulch and do most of the heavy work that my garden requires.

"I'm so grateful to Dr. McLaughlin for giving me back my active life."