



Come Grow with the Colchester Garden Club

Founded in 2003, the Colchester Garden Club is a group of garden enthusiasts committed to sharing the love of gardening and conservation. We provide education in horticulture and assist in beautifying our town through the planting of 14 town planters, and tending and enhancing various gardens on town properties. If you want to contact the Colchester Garden Club email to colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com

Join Us - Colchester Garden Club

is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community organization focused on horticultural education, hands-on learning, beautifying the community and offering our members many other benefits. Monthly meetings (usually the 4th Monday of month at 6 pm) most of the year include educational presentations. Community service projects benefit Colchester and provide an opportunity to learn from experienced gardeners and certified Master Gardener members. Additional activities, garden Learn and Do sessions, garden tours and more are offered.

Individual Membership \$25.00/year
Couples Membership \$40.00/year

To request information about the Colchester Garden Club, membership materials, or gift membership, please email colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com



Meet Violet, Pollinator Protector, the Colchester Garden Club entry for the 2025 Colchester Business Association Scarecrow Contest

Upcoming Events and Activities

Save the Date [insert date and time, place]

Craft Night for upcoming fundraising

Join the Colchester Garden Club and help make crafts to sell at the upcoming Colchester Senior Center Holiday Fair

Save the Date November 22, 2025 Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Senior Center Holiday Fair, 3 Louis Lane

The Colchester Senior Center is hosting a holiday market which will feature holiday shopping, crafts, and potentially food trucks. The Colchester Garden Club will be participating in the fair again this year.

Save the Date November 24, 2025 Monday 5:30 p.m. (set-up– 8:00 p.m.)

Cragin Memorial Library, Norton Room A, 8 Linwood Avenue, Colchester

Potluck Supper/Craft Night Join the Colchester Garden Club for their November monthly meeting with appetizers and desserts, and craft to make and take home.

There is still time for children to enter the Youth Poetry Contest sponsored by National Garden Clubs. Submission deadline is December 15, 2025

POETRY CONTEST

ANNOUNCING THE NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB
POETRY CONTEST 2025

**Theme: “Plant America for the
Next 100 Years”**



Stop by Cragin Memorial
Library's Children's Department
for forms.

For grades K-12th

Entries due 12/15/25

<https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2025-05/contest-guidelines.pdf>

Any questions
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Need Assistance? Check out these Gardening Resources

Have gardening questions or problems?

- Refer to UConn Home and Garden Fact Sheets
<https://homegarden.cahnr.uconn.edu/factsheets/>
- Contact UConn Master Gardener County Extension office for Plant Identification, questions, or problems. For contact information:
<https://mastergardener.uconn.edu/locations/>



Got seeds? Consider donating...

Have seeds to donate? For details, contact:
colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com



The Seed Library is a partnership between the Colchester Garden Club and the Cragin Memorial Library.

November Gardening Tips from UConn Home and Garden Center include:

Annuals & Perennials

Houseplants

Vegetable Gardening

Fruit

Insects

Lawns

Trees and Shrubs

Wildlife

Yard Accessories/Miscellanea
and ,,

Resources:

- Forcing Bulbs for Indoors Beauty
- Create a Garden Journal
- 8 Essentials for Holiday Food Safety

<https://homegarden.cahnr.uconn.edu/monthly-gardening-tips-for-connecticut/gardening-tips-november/>

It's Not Too Late for Fall-planted Bulbs for Spring Blooms

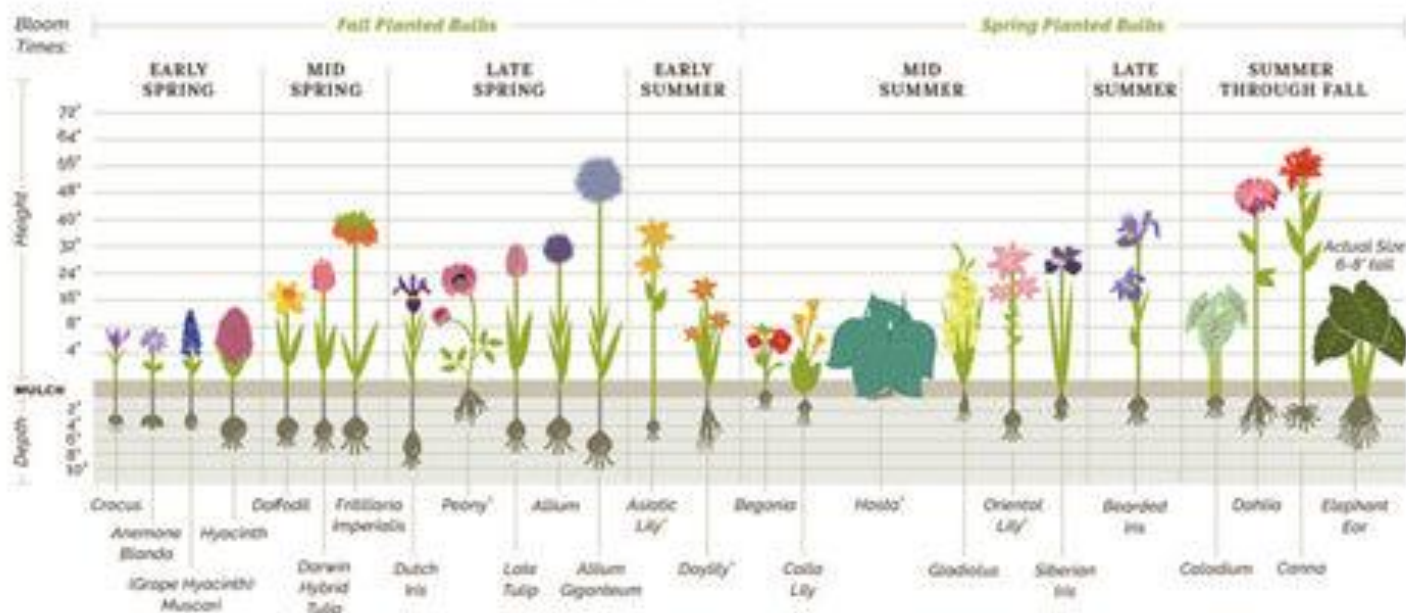
For fall bulb planting in Connecticut (growing zone 5b-6b), plant bulbs between mid-October and mid-November, about 4-6 weeks before the ground freezes solid. This allows roots to establish before winter.



(Daffodils planted by CGC at Cohen Woodlands, photos by Melissa Deacon)

Spring bulbs articles that can guide you:

- 11 Common Bulbs You Should Plant in October for the Most Beautiful Spring Garden, The Spruce <https://www.thespruce.com/bulbs-to-plant-in-october-11815149>
- Plant Bulbs in the Fall for a Spring Celebration, Penn State Extension <https://extension.psu.edu/plant-bulbs-in-the-fall-for-a-spring-celebration>
- How to Plant Fall Bulbs for a Beautiful Spring Garden <https://www.almanac.com/planting-fall-bulbs-spring-flowers>
- Spring Flowering Bulbs, Piedmont Master Gardeners Association (VA) <https://piedmontmastergardeners.org/article/spring-flowering-bulbs/>
- Fall Garden Opportunities: Planting Bulbs for Spring Blooms, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources <https://ucanr.edu/blog/over-fence-alameda-county/article/fall-garden-opportunities-planting-bulbs-spring-blooms>
- Watch for Bulb Diseases, University of Connecticut Home and Garden Education Center <https://homegarden.cahnر.uconn.edu/2024/04/11/watch-for-bulb-diseases/>



Source: <https://www.theflowerbulbfarm.com/pages/how-to-plant-flower-bulbs>

Recent Activities

CGC members recently met and decorated pumpkins to have delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients to celebrate the autumn season



At the Colchester Senior Center, CGC members conducted a Pumpkin Decorating Workshop for Seniors to express their autumn creativity



The Colchester Garden Club and Friends of Cragin Memorial Library recently co-sponsored a speaker program titled, Tulipmania. The program was a journey starting in 1636 the flower had taken from the wilds and high mountain passes of Central Asia, along the silk road to Istanbul, Turkey and into the court of Sulayman the Magnificent, and wound up in the Netherlands through. The program moved through the ages to current day showing how the tulip has been developed as the flower of choice for spring and the countries of the world that, in their own special way, have displayed and adopted the Tulip.

Our autumn town planters decorated by club members

Linwood Avenue



Photos by Theresa Fox



Lebanon Avenue



Photos by Theresa Fox

Photo by Sherri-Ann Martin

Town Hall



Photos by Theresa Fox

In Gratitude

Thank you to all the people who donated seeds to the Colchester Seed Library in 2025.



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A warm thank you to Savitsky Farm for allowing our CGC members to cut bundles of corn stalks for our autumn decorating of town planters on Linwood Avenue, Lebanon Avenue, and the Cragin Memorial Library. (See autumn planters on next pages.)



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THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS

who volunteer with our projects and community service in and around Colchester:

- Cragin Memorial Library gardens and landscape
- Former Colchester Senior Center (front/side) gardens
- Cohen Woodlands Butterfly Pollinator Garden
- Cohen Woodlands Children's Garden at the Colchester StoryWalk
- Red Twig Dogwood Gardens on Linwood Ave.
- Airline Trail Spur Garden on Lebanon Ave.
- 14 downtown town planters on Linwood Avenue, Lebanon Avenue, Town Hall, and Cragin Memorial Library.
- CGC Booth at the Colchester Farmers' Market
- Colchester Seed Library
- CGC Meals on Wheels florals and crafts
- Colchester Senior Center activities
- CGC Youth Activities
- CGC Fundraiser