



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



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/>
- The Colchester Farmers' Market will include CGC booth with members and member Master Gardeners. See page 4 for dates.

August Gardening Tips from UConn Home and Garden Center includes:

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

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

The Seed Library is now restocked at Cragin Memorial Library

Visit the Seed Library in Adult Department offering vegetable, herb, flowers, and native seeds free of charge. Take up to 5 seed packets from the Seed Library to grow at home. Accepting seed donations, contact colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com for details.

Useful Resources associated with Gardening in August:

- Identifying and Managing Weeds in the Garden Dr. Todd L. Mervosh, PDF, 39 pages.
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/caes/documents/plant_science_day/plant_science_day_spring/2009/mervoshcaesspringopenhouse2009gardenweeds.pdf?rev=ab97500b14014056b3ff3b904cacd3d0&hash=72C561A29E9C57AC4136289201AF64F3
- Fact Sheets on Insects and Mites UMass Extension Vegetable Program
https://www.umass.edu/agriculture-food-environment/vegetable/fact-sheets?field_agriculture_topics_target_id=237&title=
- All Fact Sheets provided by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
<https://portal.ct.gov/CAES/Publications/Publications/Listing-of-all-Available-Insect-Pest-Plant-and-Miscellaneous-Fact-Sheets>

Recent Activities



Photos by Theresa Fox

Craft created by CGC members delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients to celebrate the 4th of July



Photo by Melissa Deacon



Kids' Day at
Colchester Farmers' Market

CGC table offered
making seed balls

How to Make DIY Wildflower Seed Balls

Step by Step instructions

Source: <https://gardening.org/diy-wildflower-seed-balls/>



Upcoming Events

- Colchester Garden Club members will be hosting a workshop at the Colchester Senior Center on August 12, 2025, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The group will be painting Kindness Rocks to promote and motivate Patience, Peace, and Kindness through sharing the Kindness Rocks that will remain at the Senior Center. The workshop will also offer the participants to “Make and Take” a *Butterfly Puddler* to bring home. Registration is required through the Senior Center; price is \$5.00 per participant.



- CT Agriculture Experiment Station 115th Plant Science Day
Lockwood Farm, 890 Evergreen Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518
Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Rain or Shine. Free, open to public.
[Plant Science Day 2025 Color Flyer](#)
- Colchester Garden Club meetings are not held during the summer months and will resume in September 2025.



Have a question about gardening, a specific plant or anything in between?

Stop by the Colchester Garden Club's booth at the Colchester Farmers' Market on one of the following dates to learn more about the Club and get your questions answered by one of our UCONN master gardeners!

June 29 July 6 July 13 July 20 July 27

Aug 17 Aug 17 Sept 7 Sept 14



We Welcome You to Visit

Our Children's Garden at the start of the Colchester StoryWalk located at Ruby and Elizabeth Cohen Woodlands, 96 McArthur Road, Colchester



Photo by Melissa Deacon

Our Pollinator Garden at Ruby and Elizabeth Cohen Woodlands, 96 McArthur Road, Colchester near the parking lot and gazebo.



Photo by Melissa Deacon

In Gratitude

Thank you to the individual who generously donated an abundance of seed packets to the Colchester Garden Club booth at the Farmers Markets to be used in the Colchester Seed library. (Recent sorting of new donations)



Photo by Deb Fiducia



Thank you *Colchester Cares:*
A giving group that supports causes in Colchester, CT

<https://www.colchestercares.org/>

7/16/2025: \$1,600 to the Colchester Garden Club
The donation will support the Garden Club's volunteer efforts to beautify our community and plant/upkeep seven main gardens in town

Source: <https://www.colchestercares.org/recipients>



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.
- Colchester Seed Library
- CGC Meals on Wheels florals and crafts
- Colchester Senior Center activities
- CGC Youth Activities
- CGC Fundraiser



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