



Come Grow with the Colchester Garden Club



Join NGC clubs across the country and in our community to celebrate **National Garden Week, June 1–7, 2025.**

This week is an opportunity to encourage pride in our community, interest new members in the Colchester Garden Club, and work with other local groups to be part of those efforts.

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.

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

June is also recognized as Perennial Gardening Month by the Perennial Plant Association (PPA)

It is a great time to plant and enjoy **perennials**, which are plants that live for more than two years and often bloom repeatedly. For some June perennial suggestions from the PPA, <https://perennialplant.org/page/PerennialGardenMonth>

Learn About Perennials

“Perennial plants live more than two years and are grouped into two categories: herbaceous perennials and woody perennials. Herbaceous perennials have soft, nonwoody stems that generally die back to the ground each winter. New stems grow from the plant's crown each spring. Trees and shrubs, on the other hand, have woody stems that withstand cold winter temperatures. They are referred to as woody perennials.” Oregon State University Extension Service <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/techniques/know-life-cycles-plants-annuals-biennials-perennials>

“Perennial plants require a balanced diet of essential nutrients, primarily nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K), for optimal growth and health. Nitrogen promotes lush foliage, phosphorus supports root and flower development, and potassium strengthens overall plant resilience. A general-purpose fertilizer with an N-P-K ratio of 10-10-10 is often suitable for most perennials, but specific needs may vary depending on the plant species.

Key Nutrients and Their Roles:

- Nitrogen (N): Essential for leaf and stem growth, giving plants their green color.
- Phosphorus (P): Crucial for root development, flowering, and seed production.
- Potassium (K): Important for overall plant health, disease resistance, and cold hardiness.
- Other Important Nutrients: Calcium (Ca), magnesium (Mg), and sulfur (S) are also vital for plant growth and development.

Fertilizing Perennials:

- Timing: Fertilize in the spring, just before or at the time of new growth, and possibly again in late summer if the plant has been cut back.
- Method: Use a well-balanced fertilizer, either granular or liquid, and follow the product instructions carefully.
- Organic Fertilizers: Organic fertilizers like compost, manure, and worm castings are also a good option and can be applied as a top dressing.
- Soil Testing: Consider having your soil tested to determine any specific nutrient deficiencies or imbalances.

Signs of Nutrient Deficiencies:

- Nitrogen Deficiency: Yellowing of older leaves, stunted growth.
- Phosphorus Deficiency: Stunted growth, reddish-purple tint in leaves.
- Potassium Deficiency: Browning of leaf edges, starting with older leaves.”

Source: Internet search – AI Overview

More Suggestions of Perennials for Your Landscape and Gardens

AMERICAN BEAUTIES NATIVE PLANTS® is a wholesale company providing native perennials to retailers. See their 248 perennial offerings and learn more about each at <https://abnativeplants.com/collections/native-perennials> or use their filter function to the left of the screen to focus on the 149 perennials that are native in Connecticut.

June blooming perennials

From sources across the web



Coneflower



Shasta daisy



Coreopsis



Salvia



Coneflowers



Daylilies



Lavender



Peonies



Balloon flower



Butterfly weed



Geranium



Iris



Milkweed



Allium



Anise hyssop



Golden-rayed lily



Wild indigo



Bellflower



Delphinium



Garden phlox



Sneezeweeds



Hibiscus



Pincushion Flower



Sea holly

Many of these perennials have cultivated varieties resulting in different colors, heights and other features.

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 start on Sunday, June 15, 2025 on the town green. Colchester Garden Club master gardeners and members will return on selected dates to answer questions or talk gardening at the CGC booth. In the meanwhile, if you want to contact, send an email to colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com



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 the Cragin Memorial Library Adult Department offering vegetable, herb, flowers, and native seeds free of charge.

Recently restocked. Up to 5 seed packets may be taken from the Seed Library to grow at home.

Accepting seed donations, contact colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com for details.

June Gardening Tips from UConn Home and Garden Center includes:

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

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Pollinators
Bulbs
Edibles
Perennials and Shrubs
House Plants
Lawn Care
Pests

through the free handouts from Natureworks Garden Center
518 Forest Rd, Northford

<https://natureworksgardencenter.com/pages/handouts-index>

Upcoming Events



CBA Tag Sale on
the Green

Sunday, June 8, 2025
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

We will be selling
various houseplants,
perennials, and annuals,
some garden items.
Garden Club
membership
information will be
available.

- CGC presents Container Gardening Workshop to Colchester Senior Center members on Tuesday, June 10 at 10:30 a.m. (\$10.00, registration with Colchester Senior Center). Workshop will share the how and whys of container gardening, including what plants work the best, how to care for them, and plant a container of your own.
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- CGC Monthly Meeting Monday, June 23, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Avenue, Colchester, Norton Room A. 6:00 p.m.

In Gratitude

Thank you to Treefort Natural Soap Company of Colchester for organizing a fundraiser in celebration of Earth Day, April 22, 2025 and all those who participated, resulting in proceeds of \$176.00 being donated to the Colchester Garden Club.



THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS

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

- Cragin Memorial Library
- Former Colchester Senior Center (front/side)
- 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
- CGC Youth Activities

