



Come Grow with Us as a new member of the Colchester Garden Club in 2023

The 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. A personalized welcome package is provided to each new member with information related to their gardening interests. Monthly meetings (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 more 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



What will you do?

Some suggestions to consider:

- Check out gardening/plant books from the Cragin Memorial Library to learn and be inspired
- Purchase/plant clump-forming Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) or Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) to support the full life cycle of Monarch butterflies.
- Visit the Colchester Seed Library at the Cragin Memorial Library
- Plant annual seeds to provide flowers for pollinators and to cut for bouquets
- Purchase flowers or vegetables for container gardening <https://www.seedsavers.org/container-gardens>
- Learn more about Gardening for Wildlife <https://www.nwf.org/home/garden-for-wildlife>
- View videos on UConn Home and Garden YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmyKjtvDmKJWugw-ex4YvYA/videos>

June Gardening Tips From UConn Home and Garden

Click on highlighted links for additional information

- [Annuals and Perennials](#)
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- [In the Vegetable Garden](#)
- [Insects](#)
- [Landscapes and Lawns](#)
- [Wildlife](#)
- [Yard Accessories and Miscellanea](#)

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/>
- Watch for notice of our Colchester Garden Club booth at the 2023 Colchester Farmers' Markets which will have members who are certified Master Gardeners to answer gardening questions and identify plants.



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THANKS OUR MEMBERS who participated in a recent hands-on pruning workshop at the Cragin Memorial Library to improve the appearance and health of the shrubs. Demonstrations were given on each shrub by Nancy DuBrule-Clemente, former owner of Natureworks Garden Center (organic nursery in Northford CT) then members took over with Nancy providing additional guidance and feedback.

Pruning Resources:

Pruning: An Introduction to Why, How, and When PP078 (8/01) by Dr. Sharon M. Douglas
Department of Plant Pathology and Ecology, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
<https://portal.ct.gov/CAES/Fact-Sheets/Plant-Pathology/Pruning-An-Introduction-to-Why-How-and-When>

Handout on different kinds of Hydrangeas, care and pruning by Nancy DuBrule-Clemente:
<https://natureworksgardencenter.com/pages/hydrangeas>

How and When to Prune Rhododendrens
The American Rhododendren Society
<https://www.rhododendron.org/v34n3p125.htm>

Rose Pruning and Care:
University of California Yolo County Master Gardener
<https://ucanr.edu/sites/YCMG/files/366446.pdf>

MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER AND HONOR

The Colchester Garden Club

THANKS to OUR TOWN PLANTER STEWARD MEMBERS who recently replanted fourteen town planters for Memorial Day and the summer season on Linwood Avenue, Lebanon Avenue, Town Hall entrance and Cragin Memorial Library

