



# Come Grow with the Colchester Garden Club

**Spring is Here....**  
*Watch for CGC Spring Planters  
downtown and Town Hall*



## **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. 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](mailto:colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com)

## **Ideas for Your Spring Landscape, Gardens or Containers**

### **Grow Garden Pansy Flowers for Early Bloom**

<https://www.birdsandblooms.com/gardening/flower-gardening/garden-pansies/>

### **Gardening Ideas and Inspiration from Proven Winners**

<https://www.provenwinners.com/gardening-ideas>

### **Native Lawns - Todd Bittner Cornell Cooperative Extension (Video 1:06:03)**

Traditional turfgrass lawns provide little benefit to native biodiversity, are significant sources of air and water pollution, and require huge investments of time to maintain. Consider adopting a new lawn paradigm that champions native biodiversity in your own backyard.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhdwbcA5bGc>

## *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 on the town green will start in June 2025. Master Gardener members of the Colchester Garden Club will return 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](mailto: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 upstairs in the Adult Department at Cragin Memorial Library. The Seed Library will offer vegetable, herb, flowers, and native seeds free of charge.

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

Information on CT Native Trees

<https://plantnative.org/connecticut-native-plants-for-landscaping-with-pictures.htm>

Information on CT Invasive Plant Species [https://cipwg.uconn.edu/invasive\\_plant\\_list/](https://cipwg.uconn.edu/invasive_plant_list/)

Invasive Plant Management Calendar for 10 species <https://cipwg.media.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/244/2020/12/CIPWG-2018-Invasive-Plant-Management-Calendar.pdf>

### *Gardening Tips from UConn Home and Garden Center includes:*

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

Annuals & Perennials  
Houseplants  
Vegetable Gardening  
Fruit  
Insects  
Lawns  
Trees & Shrubs  
Wildlife  
Resources

### *Learn more about*

Organic Gardening  
Garden Design  
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*

- Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – 10:30 am – Senior Center Program – Fairy Gardens. See Senior Center Newsletter for more information. Senior Center Members only.
- Friday, April 25, 2025 Arbor Day. Individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees.
- Saturday, April 26, 2025 – 8:00 a.m. to noon. Colchester Spring Clean-Up Day Register online at [www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department](http://www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department). Join members of Colchester Garden Club at the Cragin Memorial Library to spruce up the library's gardens and landscape.
- CGC Monthly Meeting Monday, April 28, 2025, 5:30 p.m.  
Field Trip to Ballek's Garden Center, 90 Maple Avenue, East Haddam  
6:00 p.m. Speaker: Nancy Ballek McKinnon - Topic "Shine in the Shade"  
If you would like to attend, please email [colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com)
- Connecticut's Spring Blossom Finder to locate cherry blossoms, tulips, daffodils and dogwoods in bloom and spring festivals <https://ctvisit.com/articles/bloom-finder>



## **THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS**

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

- Cragin Memorial Library
- 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



*Spring Blossoms in Colchester Garden Club's tended gardens (2024)*