



## Come Grow with the Colchester Garden Club

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)

### Join Members of the Colchester Garden Club at the Cragin Memorial Library Gardens

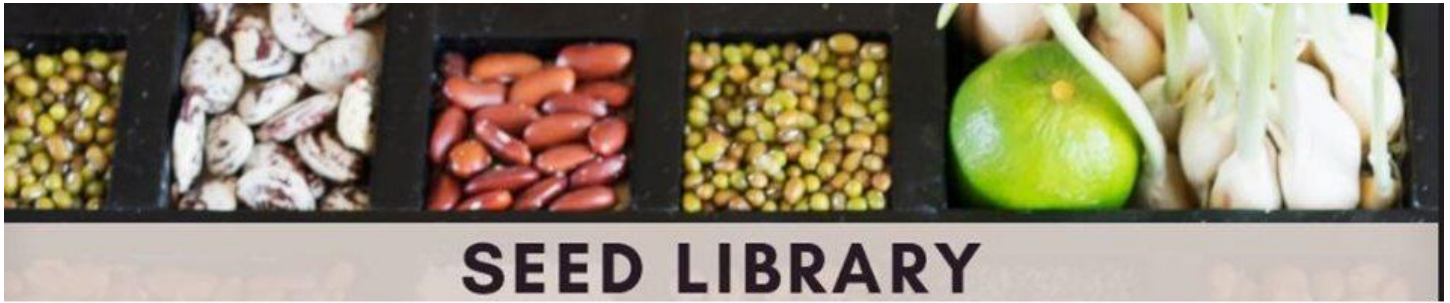
COLCHESTER  
**SPRING CLEAN UP**  
2025

REGISTER ONLINE  
<https://colchesterrec.com/online/community>

Colchester  
PARKS & RECREATION

The first 50 people  
to register will get  
a FREE Spring  
Clean Up T-shirt!

**SAT, APRIL 26TH**  
**8:00AM-12:00PM**



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. Please see below for more information of when different seeds should be planted.*

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### Vegetable Crop Timing-What do I plant when?

#### **Cold Crops to start indoors in late winter and plant out in April**

- Broccoli
- Early cabbage
- Lettuce, Mesclun mixes (can also be direct sown)
- Leeks
- Chard (can also be direct sown)

#### **Cold Crops to direct sow in April**

- Peas
- Lettuce, mesclun mixes
- Radishes
- Collards
- Beets
- Carrots
- Parsley
- Broccoli Raab
- Leeks
- Spinach
- Salad/stir fry Greens
- Arugula

#### **Heat Lovers to direct sow in mid-late May**

- Beans
- Corn
- Cucumbers
- Squash
- Melons
- Pumpkins
- Sunflowers
- Nasturtiums
- Basil

#### **Heat lovers to start indoors late March and plant in mid-late May**

- Tomatoes
- Tomatillos
- Peppers
- Eggplants

#### **Heat and cold tolerant crops to direct sow in mid-late July for a fall crop**

- Beans

#### **Cold Crops to direct sow July/ early August for a fall crop**

- Lettuce
- Radishes (sow every other week- ready in 28 days!)
- Kale
- Beets
- Carrots
- Broccoli Raab
- Spinach
- Salad/stir fry Greens
- Arugula

#### **Cold Crops to start 3-4 weeks ahead in pots or an outdoor seed bed and then plant outdoors in late July/August for a fall crop**

- Cabbage
- Cauliflower
- Brussel Sprouts
- Celery
- Bok Choy
- Pak Choy

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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/>
- Our time at the Colchester Farmers Market for our garden club booth with member Master Gardens is over for the 2024 season. If you want to contact, send an email to [colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com)

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

**Annuals & Perennials**

**Houseplants**

**Vegetable Gardening**

**Fruit**

**Insects**

**Lawns**

**Trees & Shrubs**

**Wildlife**

**Resources**

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

**Fact Sheets**

<https://homegarden.cahnr.uconn.edu/factsheets/>

### **Colchester Garden Club**

Program:

Landscape Design with Native Plants

Speaker: Gail Reynolds

CGC Monthly Meeting

Monday, March 24, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Cragin Memorial Library

Norton Room A, 8 Linwood Avenue

### **Upcoming Activities:**

***Around the World in 80 Gardens***

***Tuesday, March 4, 2025 6:00 p.m.***

***Cragin Memorial Library, Norton Room A***

This program is presented by Dr. Richard W. Benfield. Around the world in 80 gardens is the culmination of his career in tourism to the world's great gardens. He will take attendees through the three acres of gardens in Singapore airport, the arid gardens of Australia, the tropical gardens of the Seychelles (home of the love nut!), the Canary Islands, culminating in the beautiful English country gardens of his home country, finishing with the unique and different gardens in the United States and Canada for a total of 80 gardens on seven continents! Registration is required. To register, stop in at the Adult Circulation Desk or call 860-537-5752.

This program is co-sponsored by the Colchester Garden Club and Friends of Cragin Memorial Library



## 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 Avenue
- Airline Trail Spur Garden on Lebanon Avenue,
- 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

### *Upcoming Events*

- Saturday, March 22, 2025 – 10:30 am – Rock Snake – Rock Painting at Cragin Memorial Library. Help us add to the Rock Snake around the library!
- Monday, March 24, 2025 – CGC Monthly Meeting
- Tuesday, March 31, 2025- 1:00 pm – Meals on Wheels Project – Norton Room A at Cragin Memorial Library (Date is tentative)



- Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – 10:30 am – Senior Center Program – Fairy Gardens. Please see Senior Center Newsletter for more information. Senior Center Members only

**Spring is Coming – March 20, 2025**  
*Watch for CGC Spring Planters downtown and Town Hall*

