



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

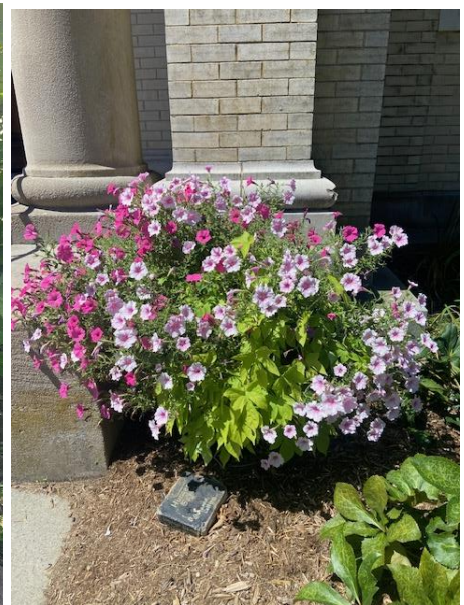
Join Us - Colchester Garden Club

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

Town Planters planted and maintained by Colchester Garden Club members



Photos by Theresa Fox

Upcoming Events and Activities

The Colchester Garden Club will be holding its 3rd Annual ***“Plants and More Sale”*** fundraiser on Sunday, September 21, 2025 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. We will be at 35 Hayward Avenue, next to Oz n’ Bones. We will be selling houseplants, perennials, flower pots, gardening tools/accessories, and more!!



**Calling all
kid
writers!**

**Announcing the National
Garden Club Poetry
Contest 2025**



- **Grades: K-12th**
- **Theme: “Plant America for the Next 100 Years”**
- **Stop by Cragin Memorial Library for forms and more info starting August 25th**
- **Email melissajdeacon@gmail.com for questions**

Colchester Garden Club will meet on Monday, September 22, 2025 at the Cragin Memorial Library - Norton Room A. Set up and social time begins at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. The program speaker will be Trish Manfredi who is an Accredited National Garden Clubs Master Flower Show Judge, long time designer, and popular floral design speaker. Her program titled “A Glass Act: Unique Floral Designs in Glass” will demonstrate how to make floral arrangements using clear glass vessels.

Need Assistance? Check out these Gardening Resources

Have gardening questions or problems?

- Refer to UConn Home and Garden Fact Sheets <https://homegarden.cahnر.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 on Sunday September 7, 2025.

September Gardening Tips from UConn Home and Garden Center includes:

<https://homegarden.cahnر.uconn.edu/monthly-gardening-tips-for-connecticut/gardening-tips-september/>

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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 September:

Article: September Checklist for Connecticut Gardeners, September 21, 2021

Written by Colleen Amster and Arianna Ege, UConn Extension Master Gardener Volunteers
“September is a good time for Connecticut gardeners to begin the fall cleanup and assessment process. It is also a good time to shop for trees, shrubs, and bulbs, and prepare for next year’s growing season. Here is a helpful list to get you started”

<https://publications.extension.uconn.edu/2021/09/21/september-checklist-for-connecticut-gardeners/>

Article: Best Perennials for Late Summer and Fall in New England

The article includes descriptions of twelve popular perennials as well as the benefits of adding these later blooming plants to your gardens <https://www.gardenia.net/guide/best-perennials-for-late-summer-and-fall-in-new-england>

We Welcome You to Visit

Our Xeriscape Garden

is located on the corner of Linwood Avenue and Main Street.

Xeriscaping is a landscape design approach for full-sun, hot, dry locations where drought-tolerant plants are chosen and grouped based on similar needs, and supplemental watering is generally not required. It is important to mulch the plants to conserve water and moderate the soil temperature, as well as, pull weeds often to avoid their competition for soil nutrients and water resources with the desired plants.



Photo by Mary Spalter

Common plants for xeriscape gardens at this time of year include: Coneflowers (Echinacea spp.), Black-eyed Susans (Rudbeckia), Sedum (Stonecrop), Yucca, Golden Rod (Solidago). For more xeriscape plants, see the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut listing at https://ctgardenclubs.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/President-Project-XERISCAPE-PLANTS_PART-SUN.pdf

This garden was inspired by The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut 2017-2019 President's Theme and Project "*Plant Connecticut – Be A Conservation Champion – Conserve Water – Xeriscape*". Funding was provided by a Connecticut Master Gardener Association grant and Colchester Garden Club Downtown Beautification Fund.

In Gratitude

Special thanks to Carrie Barthel and her daughters, Emma and Abbie, for making ABC rocks for the Children's Garden at the StoryWalk at Cohen Woodlands

Photo by Carrie Barthel



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Grant Approved . . .

The Colchester Garden Club plans to improve the soil and add shade-tolerant native plants into a partially-shaded 9'x12' foundation planting area to extend pollinator food sources to the front of the Cragin Memorial Library.



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