



Come Grow with the Colchester Garden Club

Spring is Here....

Enjoy CGC's Spring plantings at the library and 14 planters around 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 (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

Ideas for Your Spring Landscape and Gardens

Rocky Start for Rhododendrons this Spring – UConn Home and Garden Educational Center <https://homegarden.cahnر.uconn.edu/2025/04/12/rhododendrons/>

Spring Pruning of Summer Blooming Shrubs

<https://natureworksgardencentر.com/blogs/news/spring-pruning-of-summer-blooming-shrubs>

Waking up the Garden in Spring

https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0534/0119/0583/files/Waking_up_the_Garden_nwletterhead_2024_revision.pdf?v=1720458050

Spring Lawn Care Tips, UConn Home and Garden Educational Center

<https://homegarden.cahnر.uconn.edu/factsheets/spring-lawn-care-tips/>

Lawn Care, UConn Home and Garden Fact Sheets – select LAWN

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

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 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.

Information on CT Invasive Plant Species 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>

UConn Extension Releases Native Plant and Sustainable Landscaping Guide by Victoria Wallace and Alyssa Siegel-Miles Free Downloadable PDF. Read more and download from here: https://www.ecolandscaping.org/07/resources/book-reviews/connecticut-native-plant-and-sustainable-landscaping-guide/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJj5mJleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHm-bitK0Tj4V99FFI7Z5kVq29BmZOY_oIaIEBaAiQwkzZJAiZAIp6B8nKH0L_aem_Hf8NMpwZ7IWEJp_DJOxXmQ

Gardening Tips from UConn Home and Garden Center includes:

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

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

- Mother's Day StoryWalk Activity at the Colchester StoryWalk on Saturday, May 10th at 9:30 am. See flyer below and RSVP required.



Mother's Day StoryWalk Activity

Saturday, May 10, 2025 - 9:30 AM

Join the Colchester Garden Club for a fun flower planting activity for kids of all ages!

Ruby & Elizabeth Cohen Woodlands
96 McDonald Rd Colchester

Story Walk is located to the right of the parking lot

Please RSVP to
Melissa Deacon, CGC Youth Coordinator by
May 6, 2025 at melissajdeacon@gmail.com
To ensure we have enough materials.



- CGC Monthly Meeting Monday, May 19, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Avenue, Colchester, Norton Room A. 6:00 p.m. Speaker Kathy Connelly, Three Ways to Fight Invasive Plants: Explore ways to reclaim backyards, neighborhoods, and parks from the bad effects of nonnative invasive plants. This talk emphasizes prevention, identification, community cooperation, and low- impact removal techniques. Will discuss state and national information resources and the role of municipalities in invasive plant prevention and management. An extensive handout is included.
- Save the Date: CBA Business Expo/Tag Sale on the Town Green Sunday, June 8, 2025 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Colchester Garden Club will have a booth to sell various houseplants, perennials, annuals, and garden items. Colchester Garden Club membership information will be available.

Recent Activities

CGC members made felt button flower arrangements to have delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients



CGC members delivered a workshop making fairy house gardens with Colchester Senior Center participants



CGC members perform maintenance at the former Colchester Senior Center gardens on Norwich Avenue



IN GRADITUDE:

Thank You to Gray House Farms for the donation of over 220 vegetable and flower seed packages to the Colchester Seed Library



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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

