



*Come Grow with Us*

**Start the new year with  
becoming a member  
of the**



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 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.

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)

**A look back at some of the activities of the Colchester Garden Club in 2022**

Partnered with Colchester Elementary School to create new Butterfly Garden Grade 2 playground



Partnered with Bacon Academy students of National Honor Society, Interact Club and Student Council to renovate sign garden at auditorium entrance and support seasonal garden maintenance sessions in courtyard and other sites on campus.



Tend and enhance Colchester Senior Center Gardens



Pumpkin Decorating activity at Senior Center



Maintain and enhance Xeriscape Garden at Main Street and Linwood Avenue (brochure in town hall)



Seasonal floral/crafts created for Meals on Wheels recipients (shown Spring and July 4<sup>th</sup>)



Holiday floral design speaker program at club meeting



CGC Educational Booth at Colchester Farmers' Market



Partner with the Cragin Memorial Library to implement Colchester Seed Library for free seeds



The Seed Library is a partnership between the Colchester Garden Club and the Cragin Memorial Library.

Other 2022 CGC meeting speaker programs:

- *Reimagining the Perennial Garden*
- *About Pollinator Pathways*
- *Regenerative Gardening*
- *Ticks – It's More than just Lyme Disease*
- *Putting Your Garden to Bed*
- *Holiday Floral Design*

2022 Member Workshops and hands-on learning:

- *Amaryllis Planting*
- *How to Grow Sprouts in Mason Jars*
- *How to Divide Perennials*
- *How to Edge a Garden*
- *How to Prune Shrubs*

Community Service Initiatives

- Cragin Memorial Library Gardens
- Cohen Woodlands Butterfly Pollinator Garden
- Cohen Woodlands Children's StoryWalk Garden
- Colchester Senior Center front/side gardens
- Linwood Avenue Red Twig Dogwood Gardens
- Airline Trail Spur Garden (2022 renovation)
- Welcome Sign Garden at rte 85/Lake Hayward Rd
- 14 town planters changed seasonally
- Conservation Project - Cohen Woodlands Invasive Japanese Knotweed Removal
- CGC Booth at Colchester Farmers' Market with CGC member UConn-certified Master Gardeners to provide educational information and answer questions
  
- Partner organization of Colchester StoryWalk
- Partner organization of Community Wildlife Habitat of Colchester (town certified in 2010 and each year since through the National Wildlife Federation; 1<sup>st</sup> town in Connecticut to earn this certification)
- Seed Library partnership with Cragin Memorial Library

***Come Grow with Us as a new member of the Colchester Garden Club and see what we can accomplish together in 2023***

