

would like more information.

Please complete and send this form to Colchester Garden Club Membership Chair, 92 Christy Lane, Colchester, CT 06415 OR send your request by email to: colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com

- am interested in learning more about the Colchester Garden Club and possibly becoming a member.
- Please send the information to my home.
- Please send the information to my email.

Name: _____
 Street address/P.O. Box: _____
 City/State/Zip Code: _____
 Email address: _____

I would like to make a tax-deductible donation.

Please send this donation form with check payable to the “ Colchester Garden Club” to Colchester Garden Club President, 178 Bull Hill Road, Colchester CT. All donations will be acknowledged.

Name: _____
 Street address/P.O. Box: _____
 City/State/Zip Code: _____
 Email address: _____
 Amount of Donation: _____
 Check #: _____

During the COVID 19 pandemic
The Colchester Garden Club is now using ZOOM for monthly meetings, and social distancing/masks when members gather to do community service projects.

We welcome you to pick up an educational brochure at town hall, library, or when you visit our

Demonstration Gardens:

Butterfly Pollinator Garden

Ruby and Elizabeth Cohen Woodlands
96 McDonald Road, Colchester CT

Xeriscape Garden

Corner of Linwood Avenue and Main Street
Colchester, CT

Resources

To learn more about gardening for wildlife or to certify your property as a National Wildlife Federation Individual Wildlife Habitat, go to: www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife/Create.aspx

To certify your home garden as a Monarch Waystation, go to: www.monarchwatch.org

To certify your property as part of the Pollinator Pathway initiative, go to: www.pollinator-pathway.org/about

If you would like to:

- Learn more about gardening,
- Become a member of the Colchester Garden Club,
- Make a tax-deductible donation to the club for community beautification, conservation and other projects in Colchester, then

Contact the Colchester Garden Club at colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com



Colchester Garden Club

Established 2003

Come Grow with Us

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The Mission of the Colchester Garden Club is to provide knowledge of horticulture interest with education, volunteer work, resources and networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening through civic, community and environmental responsibility.

During COVID 19 pandemic, CDC guidelines being followed for safety, and meetings being held by ZOOM.



Xeriscape Garden and town planter in center of Colchester for Veterans Day
Photo by Theresa Fox

Benefits of Joining a Garden Club

Joining a local garden club is a great way to expand your gardening interests and skills. It's an opportunity to build new friendships while contributing to improving the community and environment.



Cohen Woodlands Butterfly Pollinator Garden
(Photo by Bopha Smith)

About the Colchester Garden Club

The Colchester Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community organization focused on horticultural education, hands-on learning, beautifying the community, environmental conservation, and offering our members opportunities to socialize with gardeners through activities and events.

Our Colchester Garden Club has a diverse membership of new and experienced gardeners including UConn Extension certified Master Gardeners. Currently our club has members in Colchester and 14 other towns.

Our evening meetings are generally the 4th Monday of each month (Jan-June, Sept-Oct) at the Cragin Memorial Library.

The only participation requirement is to pay annual membership dues; members participate in meetings, community service and other club offerings to the extent of their interest and time. Membership dues are \$25.00 for individuals and \$40.00 for couples. Dues are prorated the first year based on the calendar quarter new members join.



Cragin Memorial Library – CGC donated Korean Lilacs
(Photo by Katherine M. Kosiba)

Colchester Garden Club Community Service Projects

Cragin Memorial Library gardens
Colchester Senior Center gardens
Xeriscape Garden in Colchester Center
Red Twig Dogwood gardens (Linwood Ave.)
Airline Trail Spur sign garden (Lebanon Ave.)
Fourteen town planters
Colchester Welcome sign garden (intersection Rte. 85/Lake Hayward Road) – Under development
Booth at Colchester Farmers' Market (June-Oct)
Ruby and Elizabeth Cohen Woodlands:

- Butterfly-Pollinator and Gazebo gardens
- Informational Kiosk behind Community Wildlife Habitat sign
- Invasive Japanese Knotweed Removal
- Children's Garden at StoryWalk
- Wooden tree bench



Colchester Senior Center gardens enhanced/ maintained by CGC volunteers. (Photo by Katherine M. Kosiba)

Colchester Garden Club Affiliations and Partnerships

Member club of:

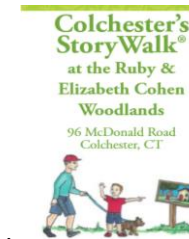
- The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut
- New England Garden Club, Inc.
- National Garden Clubs Inc.
- Connecticut Horticultural Society
- Colchester Community Partnership

Colchester CT is a certified Community Wildlife Habitat (CWH) through the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), becoming the first certified town in CT and 36th CWH in the United States (2010). The Colchester Garden Club is a partner organization in this town initiative.

The Colchester Garden Club is supporting Colchester in the NWF Mayors' Monarch Pledge to create habitats for Monarch Butterflies and educate citizens about how they can make a difference at home and in their community by planting more varieties of Milkweed and other nectar plants for Monarchs.

The Colchester Community Partnership meets to develop partnerships, attract volunteers, improve communications and collaborate on local events.

Our club partners with town departments and community groups on various initiatives and projects, including the Community Wildlife Habitat of Colchester, NWF Mayors' Monarch Pledge, Colchester Spring Clean-up Day, Colchester StoryWalk Committee and more.



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Children's Garden at StoryWalk
(Photo by Katherine M. Kosiba)