

**2019-2020
YEARBOOK**

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**Essex
Garden Club**
Essex, Connecticut

Essexgardenclubct.org

SPOTLIGHT ON HORTICULTURE

As part of our horticulture program, garden club members are encouraged to bring plant material from their gardens and homes to be displayed at the meeting on the first Monday of each month. This is an opportunity for members to share the results of their gardening while other members of the garden club can appreciate and learn from these displays. This is a time to share foliage, flowers, fruits, vegetables or dry plant materials that you have grown and nurtured. In addition, participants earn points toward winning the President's Award.

September

Herbs, Vegetables and Flowers

October

Fall Harvest and Seed Exchange

November

Evergreen and Pine Cone Specimens

February

Arrangements Created with Kitchen Utensils

March

Hardscape Photos

April

Creations with Moss

**ESSEX GARDEN CLUB, INC.
PO BOX 936 * ESSEX, CT. 06426**

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NAME _____

HOSPITALITY ASSIGNMENT _____

LIBRARY FLOWERS ASSIGNMENT _____

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS _____

NOTES _____

FOUNDED IN 1952

LOGO

MISSION

To operate exclusively on a non-profit basis and solely for charitable and educational purposes conducive to the well-being of the community and useful to the public.

To further the knowledge of gardening and the artistic use of plant materials, to stimulate interest in civic beautification, to aid in the conservation of natural resources and to promote educational and charitable projects which emphasize conservation, ecology and civic improvement .

MEMBERSHIP

- 65 Active Members (unlimited)
- 20 Associate Members (25 maximum)
- 26 Sustaining Members (unlimited)
- 9 Associate Past Presidents
- 15 Life Members, Federated Garden Clubs of CT

FLOWER SHOWS 2020

**CT Flower & Garden Show
Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford
February 20-23, 2020**

**Newport Flower Show
June 19-21, 2020**

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**NATIONAL, REGIONAL, STATE & DISTRICT
GARDEN CLUBS 2019-2020**

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

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Theme: Planting the New England Victory Garden

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FGCCT Calendar 2019-2020

Sept. 3-4, 2019 – Gardening School, Course II - CAES, New Haven, CT
Sept. 6, 2019 -10:00am-12:30pm – Beyond Beginning Design Workshop, Designing with Wood -
CAES, New Haven, CT
Sept. 21, 2019 -10:00am-4:00pm – Litchfield Garden Club: “Town Crier to Twitter”
Sept. 26, 2019 - 11:00am-1:30pm – Beyond Beginning Design Workshop, Table Designs – St
Paul Lutheran Church, 56 Great Hammock Road, Old Saybrook CT
Oct. 4, 2019 -10:00am-12:30pm – Beyond Beginning Design Workshop – Advanced European
Design CAES New Haven, CT
Oct 16-18, 2019 – Flower Show School, Course IV – Kellogg Environmental Center, 500
Hawthorne Avenue, Derby, CT
Oct. 30, 2019 – FGCCT Awards Meeting and Luncheon – Aqua Turf Club
October 28-29, 2019 – New England Garden Clubs – 3rd Annual Meeting, Woodstock VT
Oct 30, 2019 – 9:00am – 2:30pm - FGCCT Awards Meeting and Luncheon – Aqua Turf Club
Nov 1, 2019 – Beyond Beginning Design Workshop, Duo Design, - CAES
New Haven, CT
April 21, 2020 – 10:00am – 12:00pm – Judges Council Meeting – CAES, New Haven CT
May 11, 2020 – NGC National Convention – Milwaukee, Wisconsin

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth, and no culture comparable to that of the garden.”

Thomas Jefferson

My focus during the coming year will be on *Hardscapes in the Garden*. Hardscaping is a term that refers to the hard elements, or non-living features of the landscape. This can include anything from decks and walkways to edging and ornamental features. They are an essential part of any great garden.

This focus on *Hardscapes in the Garden* will give us a whole new perspective on what a great garden should have as part of its design.

I will once again work with Horticulture and Program Committees in an effort to reinforce my cornerstone with programs and field trips that will help us better understand the role that hardscapes have, along with our softscapes.

This President's mission is to maintain our good work through growth. Our club is a non-profit organization that is open to everyone and becomes richer with diversity. As part of my mission, I will try to maintain the proper balance of the work that needs to be done within the club, to insure that all members display commitment to our mission statement.

At the beginning of my second term as your president I want you to know how enjoyable it has been working with each and every one of you and I look forward to the year ahead.

Augie Pampel, President

ESSEX GARDEN CLUB BOARD MEMBERS

OFFICERS 2018-2019

<i>President</i>	Augie Pampel
<i>1st Vice President</i>	Pam Peters
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	MyLan Sarner
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Judy Taylor
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Phyllis Graf
<i>Treasurer</i>	Barbara Muhlfelder
<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	Pat Mather

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<i>Camperships & Scholarships</i>	Anne Elich
<i>Civic Improvement</i>	Barbara Powers, Janice Strait
<i>Communications</i>	Lois Thomsen
<i>Conservation</i>	Kirsten Wendell
<i>Garlic Salt</i>	Goody Lelash, Judy Saunders
<i>Horticulture</i>	Liz Fowler, Catharine Wagner
<i>Hospitality</i>	Suzanne Tweed
<i>Junior Activities</i>	Elise Helmecki
<i>Library</i>	Pamela Peters
<i>May Market</i>	Jo Kelly, Dianne Sexton
<i>Membership</i>	Sue Baker, Renate Houchin
<i>Nominating</i>	Sue Baker, Renate Houchin
<i>Parliamentarian</i>	Merry Coleman
<i>Program</i>	MyLan Sarner
<i>Publicity</i>	Kelley Sadosky
<i>Yearbook</i>	Joan Hamway

OTHER

<i>Treasurer Emeritus</i>	Ellie Wetmore
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The Executive Committee consists of the Officers of the Club and the Chairs of Nominating and Membership Committees. Meetings are called when necessary.

The Board of Directors consists of the Officers, the Retiring President and the Chairs of Standing Committees. Board meetings are held on the Monday prior to the club meeting. There are no club meetings in January, July, and August.

STANDING COMMITTEES

CAMPERSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Anne Elich, *chair*,

Leslie Barlow, Merry Coleman, Pamela Carroll, Wendy Pollard, Suzanne Kitchings

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT

Barbara Powers, Janice Strait, *co-chairs*

Sue Baker, Leslie Barlow, Kathy Bolanowski, Helen Burke, Pamela Carroll, Laura Copland, Adriane Costello, Anne Elich, Liz Fowler, Sandy French, Jennifer Gill, Betsy Godsman, Joan Hamway, Lumie Han, Elise Helmecki, Renate Houchin, Mara Johnson, Suzanne Kitchings, Goody LeLash, Sally McDermott, Clara Miller, Dagmar Miller, Barbara Muhlfelder, Pam Peters, Wendy Pollard, Kelly Rock, Kelley Sadosky, Lynda Salway, Bill Sandberg, Jan Scamporino, Doreen Scharfenstein, Jane Siris, Francine Smith,, Mauriane Smith, Tia Smith, Barbara Stillwaggon, Dale Thibeault-Barrett, Lois Thomsen, Suzanne Tweed, Kirsten Wendell, Sally Worm.

Design, Co-chairs DeeDee Charnok, MyLan Sarner

COMMUNICATIONS

Lois Thomsen, *chair*

CONSERVATION

Kirsten Wendell, *chair*

GARLIC SALT

Goody LeLash, Judy Saunders, *co-chairs*

Wendy Pollard, Kelley Sadosky, Kirsten Wendell

HORTICULTURE

Liz Fowler, Catharine Wagner, *co-chairs*

Leslie Barlow, Adriane Costello, Jane Dickinson, Sandy French, Sheila Gleason, Pam Peters, Kelley Rock

HOSPITALITY

Suzanne Tweed, *chair*

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Elise Helmecki, *chair*

LIBRARY

Pam Peters, *chair*

Flowers: Mara Johnson, *chair*

STANDING COMMITTEES (Continued)

MAY MARKET

Jo Kelly, Dianne Sexton, *co-chairs*

Annuals: Sandy French, Linda Newberg

Café: Pam Peters, Catharine Wagner

Conservation: Kirsten Wendell

Fresh Cut Flowers: Sue Baker, Elise Helmecki, MyLan Sarner

Garden Gifts: Kelly Rock, Mauriane Smith

Garlic Salt: Goody LeLash, Judy Saunders

Herbs: Kathy Bolanowski, Mara Johnson

Jewelry: Linda Salway, Tia Smith

Members' Plants:

Cross-lots Set Up/Transporting Plants and Items: Augie Pampel

Digs: Leslie Barlow, Bill Sandberg

Divide & Pot: Adriane Costello, Liz Fowler

Sales: Phyllis Graf, Judy Taylor

Sold & Hold: Cicely Worrall

Tomato Plants: Coral Rawn

Plant Set Up: Barbara Muhlfelder, Sandy French, Lumie Han

Party: Suzanne Tweed

Silent Auction: Dawn Boulanger, Genie Devine, Barbara Hall, Joan Hamway, Marily MacKinnon

Treasures: Liz Fowler, Suzanne Tweed

Treasurers: Pat Mather, Barbara Muhlfelder

MEMBERSHIP

Sue Baker, Renate Houchin, *co-chairs*

Ginny Steller, Barbara Stillwaggon

NOMINATING

Sue Baker, Renate Houchin *co-chairs*

Carol Denham, Dianne Sexton, Lois Thomsen

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Merry Coleman, *chair*

PROGRAM

MyLan Sarner *chair*,

Jane Dickinson, Sandy French, Barbara Muhlfelder, Augie Pampel

PUBLICITY

Kelley Sadosky, *chair*

Webmaster: Lynda Salway

YEARBOOK

Joan Hamway, *chair*

Wendy Mawhinney, Barbara Hall

MEETING AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2019

SEPTEMBER 18: Wednesday, 12:00pm. **Horticulture Trip**, Hollister House Gardens, Washington CT. An “American interpretation of a classic English garden”. Carpool from the Town Hall parking lot.
SEPTEMBER 30: Monday, 10:00am. **Board Meeting**, Town Hall, Room A.

OCTOBER 2019

OCTOBER 7: Monday, 1:00pm. **Business Meeting**, Town Hall.
Program: Jan Johnson, award winning instructor at the New York Botanical Gardens and contributing editor for Garden Design Magazine, will be speaking about her new book “The Spirit of Stone – 101 Practical and Creative Stonescaping Ideas for your Garden”. She will be signing and selling her book. Please bring cash or check.
OCTOBER 16: Wednesday 9:00am. **Horticulture Trip**, Farmers Daughter, Kingston Rhode Island. Visit display gardens, explore uniquely designed landscapes, greenhouse and gift shop. Carpool from the Town Hall parking lot.
OCTOBER 28: Monday, 10:00am. **Board Meeting**, Town Hall, Room A.

NOVEMBER 2019

NOVEMBER 4: Monday, 1:00pm. **Business Meeting**, Centerbrook Meeting House.
Program: Kiana Underwood of “Tulipina”, an internationally renowned floral designer, will be demonstrating the techniques used in her signature floral arrangements. She has been featured in *Country Living*, *The New York Times*, *Town and Country*, *Brides Magazine*, *Elle Décor*, *Marie Claire* and has over 334,000 followers on Instagram. She will be signing and selling her book “Color me Floral”. Please bring cash or check.
NOVEMBER 25: Monday, 10:00am. **Board Meeting**, Town Hall, Room A.

DECEMBER 2019

DECEMBER 3: Tuesday, 5:00-7:00pm. **Holiday Party** at Essex Yacht Club. Spouses and significant others welcome.
DECEMBER 10: Tuesday, 10:00am. **Horticulture Workshop**, Town Hall. Holiday Arrangement Workshop with Sally Worm. Limit of 25 people. Fee.

JANUARY 2020

JANUARY 27: Monday, 10:00am. **Board Meeting**, Town Hall, Room A.

FEBRUARY 2020

FEBRUARY 3: Monday, 1:00pm. **Business Meeting**, Town Hall.
Program: Donna Christensen, owner of Christenson Landscaping, is a landscape designer who holds a certificate in landscape design from the New York Botanical Gardens. She will be speaking about stone structures in the landscape.
FEBRUARY 20: Thursday, 9:00am. **Horticulture Trip**, Hartford Flower Show. Carpool from the Town Hall parking lot.
FEBRUARY 24: Monday, 10:00am. **Board Meeting**, Town Hall, Room A.

MARCH 2020

MARCH 2: Monday, 1:00pm. **Business Meeting**, Town Hall.

Open Program: Co-sponsored with the Essex Land Trust. Our guest will be Nancy DeBruhle Clemente of Organic Natureworks Horticultural Services, located in Northford, Ct., specializing in organic gardening, landscape design, consultation and maintenance. She will be speaking about pollinators as the main topic

MARCH 25: Wednesday, 10:00am. **Horticulture Workshop**, Town Hall. Learn how to create Rhythm Flower Arrangements with Trish Manfredi. Limit of 25 people. Fee.

MARCH 30: Monday, 10:00am. **Board Meeting**, Town Hall, Room A.

APRIL 2020

APRIL 6: Monday, 1:00pm. **Business Meeting**, Town Hall.

Program: Margaret Roach, a much sought after Flower Show speaker will be signing, selling and speaking about her bestselling updated book "A Way to Garden". Bring cash or check.

APRIL 15: Wednesday, 10:00am. **Horticulture Workshop**, Town Hall. Learn how to create Kokedama Moss Balls with Sandy French and Mylan Sarner. Limit of 25 people. Fee.

APRIL 27: Monday, 10:00am. **Board Meeting**, Town Hall, Room A.

MAY 2020

MAY 4: Monday, 1:00pm. **MAY MARKET MEETING**, Town Hall. Don't forget to wear your May Market hat.

May 8: Friday, 2:00pm to 5:00pm. **May Market**

May 9: Saturday, 9:00am to 1pm. **May Market**

MAY 18: Monday, 10:00am. **Board Meeting**, Town Hall, Room A.

JUNE 2020

JUNE 1: Monday, 9:00am.

Program: Beautiful Kentford Farms in Old Mystic, Connecticut hosts our June Meeting, please bring a lunch and enjoy a garden tour around their lovely perennial gardens. **Business Meeting** following luncheon. Carpool from the Town Hall parking lot.

JUNE 10: Wednesday, 9:00am. **Horticulture Trip**, Explore the Bellamy-Ferriday House Garden, Bethlehem CT. Formal gardens feature historic roses, peonies, lilacs and numerous fragrant trees and shrubs. Carpool from the Town Hall parking lot.

SEPTEMBER 2020

SEPTEMBER 8: Tuesday, 12:00 noon. Luncheon at Essex Yacht Club, 1:30pm. **Annual Meeting**, followed by our September **Business Meeting**.

CIVIC CALENDAR 2019-2020

October 17, 2019, Thursday, 9:00am, Main Street Town Park and Dickinson Park, **Fall Clean-up** (All Active Members), no pruning.

October 18, 2019, Friday, 9:00am, **Rain Date** for **Fall Clean-up**.

November 15, 2019, Friday, 9:00am, **Collect Greens** (all Active Members).

November 18, 2019, Monday, 9:00am, **Collect Greens** (all Active Members).

November 19, 2019, Tuesday, 9:00am, **Collect Greens** (all Active Members).

November 16 and 17, 2019, Saturday and Sunday, **Members drop off their greens**.

November 21, 2019, Thursday, 9:00am, **Decorate Merchant Window Boxes** (all Active Members).

April 16, 2020, Thursday, 9:00am, Main Street Town Park and Dickinson Park, **Spring Clean-up** (all Active Members), no pruning.

April 17, 2020, Friday, 9:00am, **Rain Date** for **Spring Clean-up**.

MAY MARKET ACTIVITIES 2020

April 10 – April 24, 2019, **Digs**.

April 22, 2019, Wednesday, 9:30am to 12:00pm, **Divide and Pot**.

April 23, Thursday, 9:30am to 12:00pm, **Divide and Pot**.

April 28, 2019, Tuesday, 9:30am to 12:00pm, **Divide and Pot**.

April 29, Tuesday, 2019, 9:30am to 12:00pm, **Divide and Pot**.

April 30, 2019, Thursday, 9:00am to 12:00pm, **Members drop off their plants**.

May 8, 2019, Friday, 2pm to 5pm, **MAY MARKET**.

May 8, 2019, Friday 5:30pm to 7:00pm, **PARTY @ Essex Place**.

May 9, 2019, Saturday 9AM TO 1:00pm, **MAY MARKET**.

GARLIC SALT PRODUCTION 2020

April 8, Wednesday, 8:30am to 12:00pm, **Garlic Salt Prep Work**, John Winthrop Middle School (Small Group).

April 9, Thursday, 8:30am-1:30pm or finish, **Garlic Salt Production**, John Winthrop Middle School (All Active Members).

LIBRARY FLOWERS

Every Tuesday the garden club supplies the Essex Library with a new floral arrangement. Arrangements may be flowers, plants, or interesting accessories using plant material.

Deliveries and removal of arrangements should be made on Tuesday. If plant material is not hardy, the responsible member should check mid-week and refurbish as necessary. If you are unable to provide flowers on your assigned date, you are responsible for getting a substitute and informing **Mara Johnson at 201-738-9462 or marajohnson@live.com**

2019

Sept 3 Elizabeth Bartlett
Sept 10 Kathy Bolanowski
Sept 17 Barbara Stillwaggon
Sept 24 Sandy French

Oct 1 Sally Worm
Oct 8 Laura Copland
Oct 15 Liz Fowler
Oct 22 Elise Helmecki
Oct 29 Barbara Powers

Nov 5 Adriane Costello
Nov 12 Leslie Barlow
Nov 19 Sue Baker
Nov 26 Kelly Rock

Dec 3 Clara Miller
Dec 10 Pam Carroll
Dec 17 Dagmar Miller
Dec 24 Renate Houchin
Dec 31 Jennifer Gill

2020

Jan 7 Wendy Pollard
Jan 14 Judy Saunders
Jan 21 Francine Smith
Jan 28 Pat Mather

Feb 4 Anne Elich
Feb 11 Phyllis Graf
Feb 18 Suzanne Kitchings
Feb 25 Dorothy Rider

Mar 3 Lois Thomsen
Mar 10 Kathleen Laundry
Mar 17 Kirsten Wendell
Mar 24 Joan Hamway
Mar 31 Ginny Steller

April 7 Doreen Scharfenstein
April 14 Goody LeLash
April 21 Catharine Wagner
April 28 Dianne Sexton

May 5 Wendy Mawhinney
May 12 William Sandberg
May 19 Barbara Muhlfelder
May 26 Kristin Owens

June 2 Kelley Sadosky
June 9 Jo Kelly
June 16 MyLan Sarner
June 23 Pam Peters
June 30 Judy Taylor

July 7 Joan Behrendt
July 14 Betsy Godsman
July 21 Wendy Pollard
July 28 Lumi Han

Aug 4 Lynda Salway
Aug 11 Dale Thibeault-Barrett
Aug 18 Merry Coleman
Aug 25 Mauriane Smith

HOSPITALITY CALENDAR 2019-2020

If you are unable to fulfill your month's obligation, you are responsible for getting a substitute. Please notify that month's chairperson, and inform Suzanne Tweed at 860-581-8286; smtweed@comcast.net

OCTOBER 2019

Liz Fowler *chair*

Janice Atkeson, Anne Elich, Kathleen Laundry, Dorothy Rider, Kelly Rock, Barbara Stillwaggon

NOVEMBER 2019

Mara Johnson *chair*

Sue Baker, Jennifer Gill, Phyllis Graf, Dagmar Miller, Kelly Sadosky, Bill Sandburg

DECEMBER 2019 – HOLIDAY PARTY

Dianne Sexton, Suzanne Tweed, *co-chairs*

FEBRUARY 2020

Joan Hamway, *chair*

Mary Lawrence Bickford, Kathy Bolanowski, Judy Saunders Dale Thibeaut-Barrett, Sally Worm

MARCH 2020

Elise Helmecki, *chair*

Leslie Barlow, Jo Kelly, Goody LeLash, Kristen Owens, Susan Perl, Wendy Pollard, Francine Smith, Tia Smith, Janice Strait

APRIL 2020

Barbara Powers *chair*

Joan Behrendt, Helen Burke, Laura Copland, Sandy French, Dianne Sexton, Jane Siris, Kirsten Wendell

MAY 2020

Lynda Salway, *chair*

Dawn Boulanger, Suzanne Kitchings, Marily MacKinnon, Pat Mather, Sally McDermott, Mylan Sarner

MAY 2020 MAY MARKET PARTY

Suzanne Tweed, *chair*

Elizabeth Bartlett, Pam Carroll, Merry Coleman, Adriane Costello, Renate Houchin, Doreen Scharfenstein, Mauriane Smith, Ginny Steller, Lois Thomsen

SEPTEMBER 2020

Catharine Wagner, *chair*

Lumie Han, Phyllis Greenberg.

Those Associate Members who are not listed will be called as needed

SPECIAL PROJECTS 2018-2019

Civic Improvement:

- Over the past year, the Essex Garden Club Civic Committee accomplished many tasks in an effort to beautify our lovely and bucolic town. While our projects were many and at times challenging, we would not have been successful without the help and commitment of all of our Civic Committee members.
- Communicated throughout the year with Mary Ellen Barnes, Park and Recreation Coordinator in an effort to keep our town parks and islands in pristine condition,
- Scheduled two all-member workdays in the spring and fall at Main Street Town Park and Dickinson Park. The Civic Committee also organized groups to be responsible for the maintenance of the Main Street Town Park, Dickinson Park and the islands at the foot of Main Street and South Main Street on an on-going basis.
- A summer watering and weeding schedule was established for Civic members to maintain the Town Park, the Foot of Main, Town Hall, the Silent Policeman, the containers at the Town Hall, and containers at the entrance to the Town Park throughout the summer months.
- Cut and collected Holiday greens from generous donors in advance of an all-member workday to decorate merchant window boxes, urns and planters along Main Street in Essex and Centerbrook. Pre-lighted garlands were used to decorate the gazebo in the Main Street the Town Park for the holidays.
- A generous donation from an Essex resident enabled the Civic Committee to establish a new bed at the water's edge of the Town Park.
- A Pink Rhododendron was planted in Town Park in honor of longtime garden club member Jeanette Pollard.
- Several beds at the Town Park were enhanced with red and white impatiens, and several hostas and ferns were split and moved to a new location in the park.
- Established a new parking median area at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Centerbrook using more than 100 shrubs and perennial plants.
- Purchased and delivered annuals to many Essex and Centerbrook locations including the Essex Fire Department, Centerbrook Post Office, Ivoryton Village Gardeners, the Essex Ambulance Association and the Ancient Order of Weeders.
- Planted four containers at the West Avenue entrance to Town Hall with Red and White Impatiens and Limelight Sweet Potato Vine for summer color. Adorned the Silent Policeman with four Pink Mandeville and Blue Wave Petunias, and

planted two large pots at the entrance to the Main Street Town Park. All were maintained by the Civic Committee members.

- Maintained Dickinson Park throughout the year.

SPECIAL PROJECTS (continued)

Junior Activities:

- Funded transportation to Meigs Point Nature Center at Hammonasset Beach State Park for the kindergarten classes at Essex Elementary School.
- Funded transportation to the Connecticut Science Center for the second grade classes at Essex Elementary School.
- Provided bales of straw for the “Farm” project at John Winthrop Middle School. Met with the “Farm” school advisors and toured the gardens.
- Repaired the raised garden beds and planted flowers for the Children’s Department at the Essex Library.

ESSEX GARDEN CLUB PARTNERSHIPS

Essex Library Programs:

- Provided funds to the Essex Library Adult programs which helped support numerous presentations and speakers throughout the year. Of particular note was the filming of Piet Oudolf’s “Five Seasons – a masterpiece touring the creative process and outcomes through the seasons”, as well as a presentation by Acer’s Garden Center discussing trees, shrubs and what’s new for 2019.
- Renewed a five year subscription to Fine Gardening and the catalogue of garden books continued to grow including topics such as Hypertufa Containers, Native Plants, Vintage Roses and Garden Design. A sampling of new books follows:
 - “*Hypertufa Containers*” – Lori Chips
 - “*Native Plants for New England Gardens*” – Mark Richardson
 - “*The Less is More Garden*” – Susan Morrison
 - “*The Living Landscape*” – Rick Darke & Doug Tallamy
 - “*Sowing Beauty*” - James Hitchmough
 - “*The New English Garden*” – Tim Richardson
 - “*Seasonal Flower Arranging*” – Ariella Chezar
- Provided support to The Essex Library Youth Services to run some exciting programs and projects including: “Flower Power” – the dissection of flowers and seeds, “Animal Detectives” – tracks, feathers and fur, and “Awesome Amphibians” – life cycles of native frogs and salamanders. The Children’s Reading Garden was also spruced up with fresh soil and some new plants.

Ivoryton Library Programs:

- Funded support for a Terrarium Garden workshop, as well as rejuvenation of the Children's Garden through the purchase of fresh soil and various wildflowers designed to attract and feed caterpillars and butterflies.

Camperships & Scholarships:

- For the year 2018-2019, The Essex Garden Club awarded \$12,235. This included a \$5,000 grant received from the Kitchings Family Foundation for the purpose of helping area youth attend summer camp.
- Bushy Hill Nature Center received \$3,360 to provide 6 camperships at \$560 each. This camp provides elementary and middle school students with 2 weeks of in-depth nature experience. All camp scholarship recipients are need-based and anonymous.
- Essex Parks and Recreation received \$3,875 to provide 31 camperships at \$125 each. These one-week sessions provide elementary students opportunities to explore science and nature topics.
- **Scholarships totaling \$5,000 were awarded to four students from Essex, Ivoryton or Centerbrook Villages.**
- Daniel Hearn of Ivoryton received \$1,500. He is a 2019 graduate of Valley Regional High School, where as a senior, he developed a water purification system which he will implement in Haiti to help provide potable water. He will attend UCLA in the fall to study Chemical Engineering with a focus on renewable energy.
- Annie Brown of Essex received \$1,250. She is a student at the University of Vermont pursuing a degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Environmental Studies. She continues to work each summer at The Bushy Hill Nature Center, where she is now assistant camp director.
- Daniel Taylor of Ivoryton received \$1,250. He attends Vassar College, where he is majoring in Biology, with a focus on climate change and reversing the impact on the environment.
- Logan Bellos of Ivoryton received \$1,000. He is a 2019 graduate of Valley Regional High School. His passion for understanding and protecting marine life has led him to attend Coastal Carolina University, where he will study Marine Biology.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Arbor Day: Plant a tree each year at a location in one of our three villages.

Civic Improvements: Continue to maintain town parks and traffic islands, and decorate the town villages for the holidays.

Community Education Programs: Provide annual education programs open to the public.

Garden Club Website: Continuously enhance and update the information on the garden club website.

Garlic Salt: Produce the garlic salt annually and sell at May Market.

Junior Activities: Provide resources for educational programs for children at the Elementary, Middle and High Schools.

Library: Donate resources to the libraries for garden-related adult and children's programs, and for purchasing books, periodicals and DVDs on garden topics.

Library Flowers: Provide flower arrangements weekly for the Essex Library.

May Market: Implement annual fundraiser in order to provide Scholarships, Camperships and Educational Programs.

Plants: Provide shrubs, perennials and annuals throughout the town in the spring.

Historical Society Garden: Curate and maintain historic Kitchen Garden at the Pratt House, all plantings having culinary, medicinal and/or household usages.

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This trophy, donated by Barbara Ullstein, is presented annually to the Essex Garden Club member who receives the most points for the exhibition of horticulture and/or design: flowers, branches, house plants, vegetables, fruits, and fresh or dried floral arrangements. The name of the winning member and year of presentation are engraved on the trophy.

- One point for each exhibit (horticulture or design), i.e. monthly meeting, library flowers and flower shows
- Four points for a first place Federated or GCA Award
- Three points for a second place Federated or GCA Award
- Two points for a third place Federated or GCA Award
- One point for honorable mention Federated or GCA Award

Awarded in 2017-2018 to Barbara Hall

CONSERVATION

Consume less. Share more. Live simply.

Recycling Information

The Essex Landfill and Recycling Center is located on Route 154 (Exit 4 off Route 9).
The hours are: Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
860-767-1926

Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

- 79 Elm Street, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT 06360 860-424-3000

Gardening Questions

CT Cooperative Extension, Haddam • 860-345-4511

CT College Arboretum, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London
www.conncoll.edu • 860-439-5020

CT Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven • 203-974-8500
Advice, courses, meetings, soil testing (free)

Estuary Region Household Hazardous Waste
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