

## MAY/JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

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#### Garden Club News

##### May Market:

This year's May Market was the Club's most successful ever! Thanks to Deb Carreau and Mara Johnson, May Market Co-Chairs!

Projected Gross Income: **\$38,678.61**

Projected Net Income: **\$28,153.34**

**[A spectacular May Market from beginning to end - from The Digs to the Post May Market Party \(in pictures\)](#)**

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##### Scholarship Information:

The Club has provided \$20,000 of scholarships to the six students with awards at the \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 level. \$10,085 was also provided to Essex Elementary for 39 students to attend camp this summer. Here is a **[link to the press release](#)** which gives details about the recipients.

Thanks to Deb Carreau and her Scholarship Committee - Leslie Barlow, Kathy Bolanowski, Pam Carroll, Merry Coleman, Anne Elich, Midge Kayfez, Suzanne Kitchings, Wendy Pollard, Sarah Richardson, and Janice Strait.

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##### Town Beautification:

142 plants from Prides Corner Wholesale Nursery, including red, white and coral Knock-Out Roses, Russian Sage and Prima Angelina Sedum. The funding came from our annual flower budget and a generous donation from Thea Ackerman's estate. The roses that we will be planting downtown on May 24 in the park and the Foot of Main are in memory of Thea.

75 plants were given to The Ancient Order of Essex Weeders and were planted on May 18 by the Weeders in the islands along Route 154 at the intersection of Route 153. They have been maintaining these islands for years

and will continue to mulch and water the new plants. Richard Levene has purchased a 32 gallon water container he placed in his car to make the process of watering easier.

The other locations which have been or will be planted are:

Foot of Main

Various locations in the Town Park

South Main Street by Rt 154 Island

Centerbrook Island

Centerbrook PO

Comstock Rd, Ivoryton Island

Essex Ambulance

Essex Fire Dept

Annuals this year:

Silent Policeman

Front of Town Hall planters

Town Park pots

Transfer Station

If you haven't signed up for Wednesday's planting activities, please do so now via [VSP](#). This is a **REQUIRED** activity for all Active Members. All volunteers will be meeting at the Gazebo at 10:00 am on Wednesday, May 24. Please join us!

ps: Remember the beautiful daffodils in Essex this Spring? Joan Paul from the Griswold Inn generously donated all the daffodil bulbs that were in their early spring window boxes. We now have more than 10 large pots of daffodils that we will be adding to the Park at Wednesday's planting activity for next year's Spring Bloom. So we definitely need all the help we can get!!

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**New Honorary Members:**

Three new Honorary Members were announced at the Post May Market Party:

**Dee Faris**

**Wilk Miller**

**Tom Muhlfelder**

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**New Garden Club Member: Laura Loew**





## Garden Club Events

For your Calendar:

**Garden Club Final Business Meeting: Monday, June 5, Town Park, 1:00 pm. Please bring your lunch (if you wish), and a blanket or chair.**

**Summer Weeding: Thursday, June 22; 9:00 am. All Active Members sign up via [VSP](#)**

**Summer Weeding Rain Date: Friday, June 23**



## All Things Gardening

**New Gardening Publications at the Essex Library:**

**The Northeast Native Plant Primer: 235 Plants for an Earth-Friendly Garden - Uli Lorimer, National Plant Trust**

**The Gardener's Palette: Creating Colour Harmony in the Garden - Jo Thompson**

**American Roots: Lessons and Inspiration from the Designers Reimagining Our Home Gardens - Allison and Nick McCullough**

**Gardens Under Big Skies: Reimagining Outdoor Space The Dutch Way - Noel Kingsbury and Mike de Ridder**

**Becoming a Gardener: What Reading and Digging Taught Me about Living - Catie Marrone**



**Do You Have A Gardening Question?**

Consider visiting the UConn Extension Master Gardener **"Ask Us A Question" Website**. On it, you can submit a question about any gardening topic (flowers, veggies, shrubs, trees, pests, disease). In addition to your getting an answer from an expert (typically along with references), you also help a student in the Master Gardener program earn their degree.



**Gardening Tip of the Month from Sandy French:**

**Make your own Cut Flower Preservative:**

**1 tsp sugar**

**1 tsp bleach**

**2 tsp lemon or lime juice**

**1 qt lukewarm water**

If you have a tip, please send it to [lynda.salway@gmail.com](mailto:lynda.salway@gmail.com)



**Photographs from some Club Members' Gardens:**

Please send pictures from your garden to [lynda.salway@gmail.com](mailto:lynda.salway@gmail.com) for the next newsletter.



**Fundraising:**

If you are planning on ordering fall planting bulbs or dahlias, remember **Brent and Becky's** has a fundraising program for nonprofits which donates a portion of your purchase to the Garden Club.

**Local Garden Club Plant Sales:**

**22nd Annual Friends of Hammonasset Plant Sale: Now thru June 4**

**Mystic Garden Club Plant Sale: June 3**



**Places to Visit:**

**Rhododendron Festival; Heritage Museum and Gardens, Sandwich, MA: Now thru May 29**

**New York Botanical Garden: Chilton Azalea Garden**

**Japanese Garden at Cedar Hill, Roxbury, CT: Sunday, June 4**

**Connecticut Garden Conservancy Open Days: May - September**

**Elizabeth Park Conservancy: What's Blooming When**

**Connecticut Historic Gardens Open Day: Sunday, June 25**

**The Secret Garden Tour, Newport, RI: July 7 - 9**

**Cape Cod Hydrangea Festival, Cape Cod, RI: July 7 - 16**



**Other Gardening Related News and Articles:**

**Connecticut Gardens: A Celebration of the State's Historic, Private and Public Gardens: The Garden Conservancy Pop Up Webinar with Caryn B. Davis**

**Newsletter from Untermyer Garden**

**Growing Tomatoes in New England**

**How to Prevent Blight in Tomatoes**

**How to Grow Iris in New England**

**A Little Gardening Humor**



**The Horticultural Field Trip to the Lee Memorial Garden and Waverly Park in New Canaan was canceled but Lynda Salway stopped by the gardens on her way to the City and took the following pictures. Perhaps a trip can be arranged for next year.**



**Lee Memorial Garden**

**Waverly Park**

