

# THE WATERTOWN GARDEN CLUB

Encourage the Interest and Love of Gardening

> Promote Better Horticultural Practices

Aid in the Protection of Wild Flowers, Trees and Birds

Encourage Planting and Beautification of Properties

THESE ARE THE GOALS OF THE WATERTOWN GARDEN CLUB AND YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS AID US IN ATTAINING THEM.

#### **CIVIC DEVELOPMENT**

#### **OAKVILLE POST OFFICE**

- ♦ Planted summer of 2014
- ♦ 94 Plants
- Annual mulching, occasional watering
- Maintenance and replacement of plants as needed
- ◆ Coming Soon—Design and planting of north-lawn area—see description on back: Oakville Post Office Garden Extension Project

#### TOWN PLANTERS

7 Four-Season Planters located at:

- ♦ Watertown Town Hall (2)
- ♦ Watertown Post Office (2)
- Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge in Oakville (2)
- ♦ Oakville Bus Stop (1)

#### POLLINATOR GARDEN

- Planted summer of 2012
- Annual mulching, occasional watering
- Maintenance and replacement of plants as needed

**TOWN FLOWER**—Woodland Phlox Planted in Veteran's Park beginning 2017

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS**—Nine Christmas wreaths designed annually for municipal buildings

#### **GARDEN THERAPY**

## WATERTOWN CONVALARIUM AND

#### APPLE REHABILITATION

Members design projects for elderly residents that provide sensory stimulation and a sense of accomplishment.

Past and future events include:

- ⇒ Pussy willow painting and flower arranging with daffodils and tulips
- ⇒ Planting a small, indoor fairy garden
- ⇒ Building bird nesting material holders from grape vines and filling with alpaca wool
- ⇒ With colored sand, creating a design in a glass planter to hold a succulent
- ⇒ Arranging flowers collected from members' gardens in vases, baskets, or pumpkins, depending on season or upcoming holiday
- ⇒ Singing, talking, hugging and generally spending time with a group of wonderful, entertaining people to brighten their day

Expenses associated with providing Watertown Convalarium participants these activities are paid by Watertown Garden

## **Swift Junior Gardening**

Students meet after school to maintain Swift Middle School gardens and to participate in garden related crafts.

Costs of material and supplies are absorbed by the Watertown Garden Club's general fund, collected from dues and donations.



Swift Junior Garden Club

# ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded each year to a high school student, residing in Watertown, entering a 2-4 year degree program in horticulture, environmental science or a related field.

#### 2018 PROGRAMS

All of the programs sponsored by The Watertown Garden Club are free and open to the public. Each is a source of valuable information related to gardening, horticulture, environmental issues, wildlife and general beautification of properties.

The Program Committee utilizes the vast knowledge offered through CAES and DEEP, as well as local specialists and nationally acclaimed speakers.

**March 8**, 1:30 p.m.: Dr. Robert E. Marra, CAES, "Fungi as Friends and Foes of the Forest," Union Congregational Church

March 14 (Co-Hosted by Watertown Land Trust), 7:30 p.m.: Bill and Shelley Hedberg, Watertown residents, "Young Forest and Wildlife," Watertown Library

**April 12**, 1:30 p.m.: Robert Herman, NVCC, "The Best Shrubs for Your Landscape," Union Congregational Church

**May 10**, 7:00 p.m.: Matthew Sanford, Watertown resident, "Made in the Shade," Union Congregational Church

May 26, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.: Annual Plant Sale, Adams Parking Lot, 1167 Main St., Wtn. CT

**September 13**, 1:30 p.m.: Pomperaug Garden Club, "The Incredible Journey of Butterflies," followed by Monarch Butterfly releases. United Congregational Church

**October 13**, 7:00 p.m.: Wine and Beer Fest Fundraising Event, Venue TBD

**November 8**, 1:30 p.m.: Paul Colburn, Master Wildlife Consultant, "Bobcat: CT's Secretive Wild Cat," Union Congregational Church

# OAKVILLE POST OFFICE GARDEN EXTENSION PROJECT

This project, with an estimated cost of \$1,700, will extend the garden at the Oakville Post Office to encompass the remaining frontage on RT 73 and alongside Hillside Avenue. The town committed labor and equipment, but the Club cannot complete this project without donated funds. The current garden has elicited many compliments. With the Sealy Building removed, this extended garden will be well received and appreciated.



Donations specifically earmarked for this project are requested. The Club has applied for grants that require itemization of any donations from other organizations and individuals.

## THE WATERTOWN GARDEN CLUB

### Donation Form—2018

Thank you for supporting The Watertown Garden Club. Please enter the amount of your donation below. Note that you can specify either a non-specific donation that the club allocates to projects as needed or a donation for one or more specific categories in which you want your money to be used. Please provide a short description of "in kind" donations for use at WGC Fundraisers. The Watertown Garden Club is a tax-exempt organization under IRS Sec. 501(c) 3. Please contact me for additional information regarding the Club or its programs.

☐ General Donation	\$	☐ Junior Gardening	\$
☐ Civic Development	\$	☐ Scholarship	\$
☐ Garden Therapy	\$	☐ Programs	\$
Oakville Post Office Extension Project \$			
☐ In Kind Donation of Auction Item: ☐ In Kind Donation of Raffle Item			affle Item:
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