

Membership Requirements

Wilton Garden Club

Membership in the Wilton Garden Club focuses on education and participation. The club's purposes are:

- to stimulate interest in and knowledge of horticulture, conservation, and floral design;
- to assist in civic planning and to be a community asset;
- to aid in the protection of native plants and wildlife;
- to raise awareness of environmental concerns;
- to participate in the preservation and natural beauty and resources of the Town of Wilton.

Each provisional and active club member is required to:

- 1.) Demonstrate an interest in horticulture-related subjects and a commitment to participate in the Club's work.
- 2.) Participate in the Annual Plant Sale by both working on the event and donating or caring for plant material suitable for sale.
- 3.) Participate in a Flower Show (not held annually) by working on some aspect such as the set-up, administration, hospitality, floral designs, donating horticulture specimens, or preparing and educational exhibit.
- 4.) Assist the Hospitality Committee with a luncheon at one general meeting each year.
- 5.) Attend at least three of the nine general meetings a year.
- 6.) Pay Annual Dues
- 7.) Participate in at least one of the following committees:

CIVICS: This committee maintains gardens around town. In addition to the gardens, civics conducts events such as the annual holiday wreath making workshop to decorate buildings around town.

CONSERVATION: The Conservation committee dedicates its efforts to educating the public regarding conservation issues, native plants, and enhancing the natural environment.

FLORAL DESIGN: This committee holds workshops to train and develop members in all aspects of floral design.

GARDEN THERAPY: This committee hosts a monthly luncheon and craft/horticulture workshop for senior citizens at Comstock Community Center.

HORTICULTURE/GREENHOUSE: This committee manages and operates the Club's greenhouse at Comstock Community Center. Members learn basic and specialized growing techniques for the propagation of plants through participation in the hands-on daily care of plants in the greenhouse. This committee also holds a variety of educational workshops throughout the year open to all members of WGC.

NEWSLETTER: The WGC Monthly newsletter, *Garden Variety*, includes a calendar of events, description of each month's program and highlights of committee activities. It is automatically emailed to each member.

OLD TOWN HALL: WGC is the steward of OTH. The building committee oversees rentals and supervises the maintenance of Old Town Hall. The Garden Committee maintains the health and beauty of the gardens surrounding the building.

PUBLICITY: This committee creates public awareness and shares information on club activities and accomplishments with local media. They also maintain a Facebook page to engage and educate our members and the community in the hopes of developing a love of plants, gardening, nature and gaining prospective members.

WEBSITE: The club's official website is www.wiltongardenclub.org and it contains general information for the public about our club's history, events, membership and activities in the community.

YOUTH GARDENING: This committee oversees the planning, planting and maintaining of the Youth Gardening Program located at the Trackside Teen Center. They work with Ambler Farm, Wilton High School and Trackside to bring the love of gardening to middle school aged children by holding weekly workshops on designing and planting garden beds, weeding, watering and harvesting, learning how to cook the produce grown in the gardens and hand delivering produce to the Wilton Food Pantry.

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Dear Prospective WGC Member,

We are pleased with your interest in the Wilton Garden Club. To give you an idea of the breadth and depth of the club's activities, we suggest that you review the attached summary of our Committees, Projects and Concerns.

The Wilton Garden Club is a diverse and active group involved in many rewarding endeavors. Overall we seek to educate ourselves and the public on the value and beauty of Horticulture, Conservation and Floral Design. The opportunity to participate is available to interested persons who reside within the town of Wilton and neighboring communities.

Monthly meetings (normally the 2nd Monday of the month) begin at 11 am from September through June, when an Awards Luncheon brings the year to a close. Members arrive between 10:30 and 10:45 to check-in and enjoy coffee and tea before a stimulating and educational program, which typically runs one hour. We conduct the business meeting, present committee reports and announce upcoming events. Lunch is served by the Hospitality Committee as members socialize. No meetings are held in July and August.

Starting in September, new members are enrolled as Provisional members. The first year is designed to allow a Provisional to determine if he/she enjoys the club and is able to fulfill its requirements. Throughout the year we organize several fun social events to introduce Provisionals to committee chairpersons and other members who share their specific interests.

If you would like to attend an upcoming meeting or if you have any questions, please contact us via phone or the email provided below.

Yours sincerely,

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Membership Chairs



Provisional Membership Form

I have read the "Membership Requirements" and hereby apply for Wilton Garden Club Provisional Membership. I acknowledge the obligations of membership and agree to fulfill these requirements. I understand that Provisional Dues are payable upon applying for membership.

Please complete this form and mail to: Sharon Frost, 227 Thunder Lake Rd., Wilton, CT 06897

Enclosed is my check payable to the Wilton Garden Club for: Provisional Membership - \$40

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone (home): _____ (cell): _____

Email: _____

WGC Sponsor's Name or Request for Sponsor: _____

PLEASE SELECT COMMITTEE INTERESTS

To successfully continue the Wilton Garden Club's operations and meet new goals, we need participation from all members and provisional members on our committees. Active members are required to participate in the activities of at least one committee. Please make your choice and sign up or you will be assigned to a committee.

I am interested in working with these Committees (you can choose more than one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Civics | <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Arranging | <input type="checkbox"/> Old Town Hall Monitor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Old Town Hall Building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Investment | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse/Horticulture | <input type="checkbox"/> Old Town Hall Grounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philanthropy | <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth & Family Gardening |

Additionally, all members and provisional members are required to assist the hospitality committee at one general meeting annually (provisional luncheon is usually held in April) and to help/work on a committee for our annual plant sale.

If you have any questions, please contact our Membership chairperson's:

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