

Redding Garden Club---Member Information Form

For the purpose of preparing the club yearbook, please provide the following information as you would like to see it printed. The Redding Garden Club and Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut will use this information for business purposes only.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address: _____

MEMBER COMMITMENT TO THE REDDING GARDEN CLUB

The Redding Garden Club is an active part of the Redding community, offering support and knowledge to the town and to our members in areas of conservation, horticulture and civic beautification, among others. In order to fulfill our membership responsibilities to our club and to support our many activities, we look to member participation in these ways:

- Participate in at least one of our committees in a planning and organizing role
- At least once during the year display a horticultural or floral arrangement at a club meeting, event, or community site
- Contribute when asked to the light luncheon at our monthly meetings
- Donate a minimum of six plants (or a financial equivalent) to our annual plant sale
- Offer skills or a donation to our fall Boutique

We would like to know your preferences. Please indicate below (in numerical order) the top three committees in which you like to participate. A description of each committee's activities is on the attached appendix.

_____ Audubon & Wildlife

_____ Garden Therapy/Tussie Mussies

_____ Boutiques and Crafting

_____ Hospitality

_____ Budget

_____ Membership

_____ Field Trips

_____ Newsletter

_____ Civic Beautification

_____ Plant Sale

_____ Club History

_____ Programs

_____ Conservation

_____ Publicity

_____ Exhibits /Displays

_____ Scholarship

_____ Fall and Spring Luncheons

_____ Workshops

_____ Youth Activities

MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Each year the leadership of the Garden Club welcomes information about members' garden-related interests so programs and activities can be developed to reflect that information. Thank you for your valued input.

Are you open to accepting an RGC leadership position in the future? _____

PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM TO YOUR DUES PAYMENT OF \$35.00 AND RETURN TO THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON:

Margaret Saggiomo
8 Charlie Hill Road
Redding, CT 06896

Questions? Contact Margaret: ReddingGardenClubCT@gmail.com

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: Redding Garden Club

NOTE: Membership dues are to be paid annually by June 15th. If you are in arrears, your name will not be included in the club yearbook and you must contact the membership chairperson to reactivate your membership.

REDDING GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

Audubon & Wildlife – Local bird identification, photography and proper feeding are a few of Audubon's activities. Work on new ideas and programs as part of our mission to “aid in the protection of native trees, birds and wildflowers.”

Boutique & Crafting – Participate in craft workshops and/or make items on your own for the boutique sales.

Budget - This five-member committee meets to review budget requests and to propose the following year’s budget to the Board.

Civic Beautification – One of our most active committees, CB maintains twenty public garden and container sites. Because our teams are a mix of new and more experienced gardeners, this is an excellent way for beginners to learn as they volunteer and for experienced gardeners to share their knowledge.

Club History and Records – The RGC has a treasure trove of scrapbooks and pictures. Help keep records updated.

Conservation - Develop ways to educate members and the community about invasive plants, their native alternatives and other conservation measures that improve our local environment.

Exhibits/Displays – Arrange for members to exhibit floral and/or horticulture displays for club meetings, luncheons and specified community events.

Fall and Spring Luncheons – Help coordinate our luncheons, including site choice, menus, publicity and guest speakers.

Field trips – Offer suggestions for trip destinations, coordinate visits, sign-ups and transportation for club outings.

Garden Therapy/Tussie Mussies –This committee has two major functions---to create tussie mussie arrangements for area hospice patients and to provide garden therapy related activities to seniors.

Hospitality – Assist the Hospitality Chair to coordinate and set up for monthly luncheons or special events.

Membership –Manage and coordinate the membership of the club, including greeting members and guests at meetings, as well as collecting dues and guest fees. Participate in the orientation of new members and address their questions.

Newsletter - Learn how the Garden Club Newsletter is created, while being mentored by the current Newsletter editor. Apply a variety of publication skills such as editing, proofreading and graphics.

Plant Sale – One of our major fundraisers, and we need lots of help. Work on publicity, signage, wholesale purchasing, sales, set-up, cashiering or breakdown (Feb. – May).

Programs – Assist the Program Chair in arranging for program speakers for our club meetings. This may include gathering background information, writing publicity, and facilitating speakers’ presentations at the meetings.

Publicity – Write and/or assist with writing club news articles, take photos of club activities and arrange for their release to local media, including our club website, Facebook and Pinterest.

Scholarship – Distribute notices of our club scholarship, review applications and help present the award to recipient(s). Write articles about the availability of the scholarship and the award (Jan.– June).

Workshops – Help to plan, publicize and manage our December Greens Workshop and other “hands-on” creative programs throughout the year.

Youth Activities – Help develop horticultural, nature and gardening-related activities throughout the year, both in the school setting and beyond.