



# The Stonington Garden Club

## What Do We Do?

We educate and encourage interest in the environment, conservation, community projects and to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening.

## How Can I become a Member?

We are always looking for new members to consider joining the club. We encourage you to let us know you are interested in joining. If you know a current Active Member speak with her or him about the Club. We encourage you to attend some of our Monthly Meetings- this helps to see the club in action and get to meet people. Please be aware, each year the Board of Directors designates the appropriate number of spots for New Members (this is based on attrition)

The process the sequential steps below:

1. Meet with a current Active or Friend Member of the Club and inquire about Membership
2. If you do not know any members, seek out the Chair of the Membership Committee
3. Please try to attend some of our monthly meetings
4. Meet with the Membership Chair or Committee Members
5. If you plan to apply please return this completed Membership Application, your initiation check of \$50, along with your Statement of Interest, to your proposer no later than November 1 or April 1. Your Proposer will gather the entire package, including Proposer and Sponsor letters, and submit the completed package to the Chair of Membership on your behalf by November 1 or April 1. Your application will be considered and you will be informed within one month of the deadline.



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## As a New Member:

Your responsibilities are:

1. To attend the monthly membership meetings (second Wednesday of the month.) between the months of September to June. Monthly meeting dates are published at the beginning of the year. New Members and Actives RSVP via the evite that is sent out at the beginning of the month.
2. To participate in the New Member Introductory Program, which is coordinated by the Membership Committee. Upon successful completion of that program New Members are invited by the President to become Active Members. If circumstances prevent a New Member from completing the Program, New Members will be invited to extend their New Member year until successful completion.
3. To attend a variety of different committee meetings to help ascertain which committee you want to join.
4. To help organize and coordinate, in December, Holiday Greens Workshop. Evergreen clippings are gathered at members' homes and the entire membership helps to create approximately 200 small arrangements that are distributed to the various nursing homes in the Stonington and Mystic area.
5. To participate, in the years the triennial Gardens by the Sea Tour. All New Members and Actives participate in the tour in some capacity. All members are expected to purchase 1 ticket.
6. To host an Annual Tea, traditionally held in February. This is optional in the year when the Stonington Garden Club hosts the Gardens by the Sea Tour.
7. To participate with our Community Projects.
8. It important to note, New Member members may not vote.

After 12 months of New Member status and successful completion of the New Member Program, the President will invite New Members to become Active Members. They attend the monthly meetings from September to June and participate in our projects and programs throughout the summer.



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Phone

Secunder: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Phone

Previous Garden Club Membership (if any):

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What Committee would you be interested in joining? Please discuss with your Proposer if you are not familiar with our committee structure. There is an explanation of the committees on our website.

Conservation \_\_\_\_\_ Flower Show \_\_\_\_\_ Garden History and Design \_\_\_\_\_

History/Archives \_\_\_\_\_ Horticulture \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_

Photography \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_\_\_

Communication \_\_\_\_\_ Visiting Gardens \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter Editor \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your field of expertise and/or interest?

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**Please write and attach a brief “Statement of Interest” identifying why you would like to become a member, what committee (s) you are considering joining. Please visit our website to learn about our committees.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Application
3. Statement of Interest
4. Proposer Letter
5. Seconder Letter