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STONINGTON GARDEN CLUB TRANSFORMS QUIAMBAUG FIRE STATION GARDEN

STONINGTON, CONN. (June 21, 2021) – A group of new members of the Stonington Garden Club (SGC) recently transformed a planted area in front of the Quiambaug Fire Station on Old Stonington Road into a beautiful pocket garden. The soil was amended, existing flowers were repositioned, new plants and flowers were planted, and finally, mulch was put down to help retain moisture and reduce weed growth.

“In our first project as new members, we really enjoyed working together to design and install plantings to bring the garden to life,” said new member Pam Wright. “The garden should provide color throughout the summer and fall, and we will plant tulip bulbs this fall that will bloom in the spring,” she added.

Fire Captain Theresa Hersh added: “We are so grateful to the Stonington Garden Club for their donation of time, labor, and plantings to beautify the front of our station. We now have an area that will bring cheer to our firefighters and visitors, alike.”

Members participating included Pam Wright (Pawcatuck), Shonah Drakos (Noank), Mary Lynn McRee (Watch Hill), Mary Suter (Mystic), Sandy Murray (Stonington), Judy Alexander (Stonington), and Susan Alston-Millette (Pawcatuck).

About Stonington Garden Club

The Stonington Garden Club is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization whose mission is to educate and encourage interest in the environment and conservation, to support community projects, and to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening. Club members are a diverse mix of dynamic women and men who share an interest in learning more about their gardens and in helping one another. Community projects include the COMO Children’s Garden, the Lighthouse Garden, Borough Post Office flower beds, Wayland’s Wharf rain garden, wreaths for the Stonington Historical Society’s Deck the Walls, floral sales at the COMO’s Stonington Fair, and the popular triennial “Gardens by the Sea” garden tour, which will be held June 10-11, 2022. The club awards annual scholarships to Stonington High School seniors and funds a field trip program for 3rd graders. We also provide grants to more than 20 organizations involved in conservation and the environment. For almost 100 years, the club has had a lasting and positive impact in the community, and its members take great pride in the Stonington community and its environs. For more information, please visit www.stoningtongardenclub.org.



Stonington Garden Club New Members Beautify Garden at Quiambaug Fire Station L to R: Pam Wright, Mary Lynn McRee, Shonah Drakos, Mary Suter, Sandy Murray, Quiambaug Fire Department Lt. Michael Ruffin, and Judy Alexander. Not pictured is Susan Alston-Millette.