



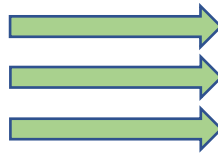
The Stonington Garden Club

Do you want to learn more about gardening, conservation, floral design, photography, garden history & design, and/or visit beautiful gardens in New England and beyond? Then please consider joining our Club!

What is the SGC's Purpose?

To educate and encourage interest in the environment, conservation, and community projects and to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening. We welcome New Members who share an interest in our purpose.

Benefits of Stonington Garden Club Membership



Make Friends

Learn

Support the Community

How can I join?

We encourage you to learn more about the Club by speaking with one of our members, visiting our website, www.stoningtongardenclub.org, and following us on social media at Instagram and Facebook. You may also arrange to attend a membership meeting, help with a community project, or attend one of our field trips. Please email our Membership Committee Chair for more information at Admissionstoningtongardenclub@gmail.com

The Membership Committee's goal, to be accomplished with the help of a New Member's "Proposer" and "Secunder," is to ensure a New Member is aware of our purpose, has experience working on our community projects, participates in Club activities, and feels as if he/she is a welcomed and valued member of our Club.



The Process for New Membership is outlined below:

1. First, meet with a Club member to learn more about membership. Our Membership Committee Chair can arrange this.
2. Attend a membership meeting, help with a community project, or go on a field trip.
3. Meet with the Membership Committee Chair or committee members to identify a Proposer and a Secunder.
4. Complete the Stonington Garden Club Application Form and send it to your Proposer with a check for the application fee (\$50, payable to “Stonington Garden Club”).
5. Your Proposer will submit your application and fee payment to the Membership Committee Chair. The application deadline is November 1st or April 1st.

New Member Requirements

1. New Members are expected to attend our monthly membership meetings. Meetings are (usually) scheduled on Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 pm at the La Grua Center in Stonington Borough. Monthly meeting dates are posted on our calendar on www.stoningtongardenclub.org in the Members secure pages. Members will receive an “Evite” prior to the meeting with details about time, location, etc. An RSVP is required.
2. New Members will participate in a one-year orientation program coordinated by the Membership Committee. Upon successful completion of the New Member program, he/she should have joined a committee, selected a community project to work on, is enjoying our Membership meetings, and has begun to build positive relationships with fellow members.
3. New Members participate in committee activities in order to choose a primary committee of interest.
4. New Members assist with our various Community Projects and Fundraisers, including our “Gardens by the Sea Tour,” typically held every three years. All members are expected to purchase one ticket in advance of the tour.
5. After completing the Program, New Members are invited to Active status by the Board. If circumstances prevent a New Member from completing the Program, they will be invited to extend their New Member status for up to 24 months. New Members may not vote until they become Active.
6. New Members pay dues upon receipt of the billing statement (annual payment due March 31st).



STONINGTON GARDEN CLUB APPLICATION

Please complete the application form and return it to your Proposer

Name (please print): _____
Date: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____
Proposer Name/Phone/Email: _____
Seconder Name/Phone/Email: _____

Describe any previous SGC experience or with another civic organization related to SGC's purpose:

Which SGC committees (or functions) would you be interested in joining? Place an "X" next to all that apply

Please discuss with your Proposer or check out our website descriptions if you are not familiar with our committees

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| Conservation | Floral Design | Garden History & Design |
| Photography | Horticulture | Visiting Gardens |
| Programs | Archives | Communications |
| Finance | Grants | Public Relations |
| Hospitality | Newsletter | Marketing |



Which current SGC community projects interest you? Circle all that apply

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| Post Office Garden | COMO Children's Learning Garden | Lighthouse Museum Garden | Wayland's Wharf Rain Garden |
| COMO Village Fair | Deck the Walls | Triennial Gardens by the Sea Tour | Holiday Greens Workshop |

Please share other information pertinent to your SGC application:

Please write a brief "Statement of Interest" identifying why you would like to become a member and what committee(s) you are considering joining (if known):

Please return the completed application and application fee payment to your Proposer no later than November 1st or April 1st. Your Proposer will gather the entire package, including Proposer and Seconder letters of recommendation, and submit the completed package to the Membership Committee Chair on your behalf.

Application Package:

1. Completed Application
2. Application fee payment (\$50 check payable to "Stonington Garden Club")
3. Proposer Letter of Recommendation
4. Seconder Letter of Recommendation