



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, 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



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 participate in a committee event. You can email our Membership Chair for more information at Admissionstoningtongardenclub@gmail.com

The Membership Chair's goal, to be accomplished with the help of their "Proposer" and "Seconder," is to ensure New Members are aware of our purpose, has experience volunteering on our community projects, participates in Club activities, and feels as if they are a welcomed and valued member of our Club.



New Membership Application Process

1. Meet with a Club member and/or Membership Chair to learn more about Club membership and the New Member Orientation Program.
2. Attend a monthly membership meeting, help with a community project, and/or go on a field trip.
3. Identify a “Proposer” and a “Secunder” who will recommend to the Membership Chair that you join the club.
4. Complete the Stonington Garden Club Application Form and send to your Proposer with a check for the application fee (\$75, payable to Stonington Garden Club). Your Proposer will submit your application, the Proposer and Secunder recommendation letters, and fee payment to the Membership Chair. Deadline for application is November 1st or April 1st.
5. Once the application process is completed the Membership Chair will ask the club’s Active Members to approve the applicant’s “New Member” status in the Club.
6. Upon approval the New Member will start the one-year New Member Orientation Program and pay annual dues (\$175).

New Member Orientation Program Overview

The New Member Orientation Program (Program) is designed to help New Members understand the purpose of our Club, learn how the Club operates, and meet fellow members. If, at the end of the one-year Program, the New Member is still interested in joining the club and they have fulfilled the Program requirements they will be ‘voted’ into the club as a “Active” Member.

Below are some of the expectations of New Members:

1. Keep track of their participation in the Club’s activities via a New Member Program Checklist (to be provided once voted into the New Member Program).
2. Attend as many of the Club’s monthly membership meetings as possible. Meetings are (usually) scheduled on the second Wednesday of the month, 10am-12pm, at the La Grua Center in Stonington Borough, September – June.
3. Participate in the Club’s scheduled committee events, community projects, and volunteering in the Club’s community gardens (i.e., Borough Post Office Garden, Wayland’s Wharf Rain Garden, Lighthouse Museum Garden, COMO Children’s Learning Garden).
4. Volunteer during our major fundraiser “Gardens by the Sea Tour.” The next garden tour is June 12-13, 2026. All members are expected to purchase one ticket to the tour.

After completing the Program, the Membership Chair will ask the Board to approve the New Member to become “Active.” 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. Once a New Member becomes an “Active” they are expected to take on a leadership role (e.g., Board Officer, Committee Chair, Project Lead, Administrative Role) to foster member relationships and support the Club’s purpose.



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

Please discuss with your Proposer or check out our website for more information

Borough Post Office
Garden

COMO Children's
Learning Garden

Lighthouse Museum
Garden

Wayland's Wharf
Rain Garden

COMO Village Fair
Floral Booth

Deck the Walls
Wreath Workshop

Gardens by the
Sea Tour

Holiday Greens
Workshop

Please share other information important to your SGC application:

Please write a brief "Statement of Interest" identifying why you would like to become a member:

Please return the completed application and application fee payment to your Proposer. Your proposer will gather the entire package, including Proposer and Seconder letters of recommendation, and submit the completed package to the Membership Chair on your behalf.

Application Package:

1. Completed Application
2. Application fee payment (\$75 check payable to Stonington Garden Club)
3. Proposer Letter of Recommendation
4. Seconder Letter of Recommendation