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GARDENS BY THE SEA TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Stonington Garden Club's Popular Garden Tour to be held June 12-13, 2026

STONINGTON, CT (February 2, 2026) -- Stonington Garden Club announced today that tickets are now available for its “Gardens by the Sea” walking tour of rarely seen private gardens in the Borough of Stonington to be held on June 12 and June 13, 2026. This popular event, last held in 2022, is expected to attract over 2,000 visitors from across New England. Ticket purchase link and detailed information about the tour can be found at www.stoningtongardenclub.org/garden-tour.



“Gardens by the Sea” invites attendees to explore waterfront vistas, formal terraced rooms, and enchanted pocket gardens designed in styles ranging from formal to eclectic. The tour will showcase 9-10 gardens, as well as several ribbon gardens. Stonington Garden Club tours are distinctive for botanical plant labels, and this year, many gardens will feature an on-site educator, such as a Master Gardener, horticulturist, or landscape designer, who will share insights and answer questions. “Plein Air” artists will be painting in selected gardens. All gardens are within walking distance, and free parking will be available.

To celebrate our centennial, the club invested in our public community gardens and transformed them with native plantings. These gardens, along with the Stonington Community Center (COMO) Children’s Learning Garden, may be enjoyed as part of the tour.

“We are thrilled to welcome everyone to our 15th ‘Gardens by the Sea’ garden tour in Stonington Borough,” said Jill Corr and Pamela Wright, co-presidents of the Stonington Garden Club. “The funds raised by the tour enable us to give back to our community by supporting our projects, community grant program, and educational scholarships. We are enormously grateful to all who support this critically important event.”

“We are so thankful for our garden hosts, the tour committee, club and community volunteers, the Town and Borough of Stonington, and generous sponsors for all they are doing to make this a successful event,” said Laura Metzger, Gardens by the Sea project leader. “We are excited to welcome visitors once again to experience the stunning beauty of Stonington

Borough's gardens."

Marketplace in Wadawanuck Square

In addition to the gardens on the tour, "Gardens by the Sea" will include a tented Marketplace on Wadawanuck Square featuring a wide variety of vendors offering garden-inspired items, clothing, jewelry, and home decor. In addition, several Community Partners will be on hand to answer questions about regenerative gardening techniques, conservation, plant health, composting, and volunteer opportunities.

Ticket Information

"Gardens by the Sea" will be held Friday, June 12, and Saturday, June 13, from 10 to 4 pm both days, rain or shine. Tickets are \$50 online (until June 7) or \$65 if purchased on site the days of the tour. Tour tickets are valid for both days. The Marketplace is free and open to the public. All tickets are non-refundable. To order tickets, visit www.stoningtongardenclub.org/garden-tour.

Sponsorships Available

Sponsorships for the event are still available at levels from \$5,000 to \$100. If interested in having your company name in front of over 2,000 attendees and included in all online marketing, please contact sgctourinfo@gmail.com for a sponsorship package.

About the Stonington Garden Club

Established in 1926, the Stonington Garden Club is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization whose purpose is to educate and encourage interest in the environment and conservation, support community projects, and stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening. The club has partnered with community leaders for 100 years to positively impact the town and residents with lasting contributions through education, beautification, and environmental programs and projects. For more information or to inquire about membership, please visit www.stoningtongardenclub.org.

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