

## Redding Garden Club---Member Information Form 2016-2017

For the purpose of preparing the club yearbook, please provide the following information as you would like to see it printed. The Redding Garden Club and Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut will use this information for business purposes only.

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

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

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

### MEMBER COMMITMENT TO THE REDDING GARDEN CLUB

The Redding Garden Club is an active part of the Redding community, offering support and knowledge to the town and to our members in areas of conservation, horticulture and civic beautification, among others. In order to fulfill our membership responsibilities to our club and to support our many activities, we look to member participation in these ways:

- Participate in at least one of our committees in a planning and organizing role
- At least once during the year display a horticultural or floral arrangement at a club meeting, event or community site
- Contribute to the light luncheon at our monthly meetings
- Donate a minimum of six plants (or a financial contribution) to our annual plant sale
- Offer skills or a donation to our fall Boutique

We would like to know your preferences. Please indicate below (in numerical order) the top three committees in which you are interested in continuing or in joining. A description of each committee's activities is on the attached appendix.

_____ Audubon & Wildlife	_____ Garden therapy/Senior Activities
_____ Boutiques and Crafting	_____ Hospitality
_____ Budget	_____ Membership
_____ Pre-select Shrub/Bulb Sale	_____ Newsletter
_____ Civic Beautification	_____ Plant Sale
_____ Club History	_____ Programs
_____ Conservation	_____ Publicity
_____ Exhibits	_____ Scholarship
_____ Fall and Spring Luncheons	_____ Workshops
_____ Field Trips	_____ Youth Activities

**MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

**Each year the leadership of the garden club welcomes information about members' garden-related interests so programs and activities can be developed to reflect that information. Thank you for your valued input.**

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**Are you open to accepting a RGC leadership position in the future? \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM TO YOUR DUES PAYMENT OF \$35.00 AND RETURN TO THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON:**

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***CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: The Redding Garden Club***

**NOTE: Membership dues are to be paid annually by June 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are in arrears, your name will not be included in the club yearbook and you must contact the membership chairperson to reactivate your membership.**

## **REDDING GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS**

**Audubon & Wildlife** – Local bird identification, photography and proper feeding are a few of Audubon's activities. Work on new ideas and programs as part of our mission to “aid in the protection of native trees, birds and wildflowers.”

**Boutique & Crafting** – Participate in craft workshops and/or make items on your own for the boutique sales.

**Budget** - This five-member committee meets once a year in the spring to review budget requests and to propose the following year’s budget to the board.

**Pre-select Shrub/Bulb Sale** – Pre-Select Shrub/Bulb Sale - Be part of the committee that selects shrubs, creates sales brochure and coordinates orders. A great way to expand your knowledge/exposure to the wonderful world of shrubs and bulbs! Proceeds from these sales contribute to our annual scholarship fund.

**Civic Beautification** – One of our most active committees, CB maintains twenty public garden sites and containers. Because our teams are a mix of new and more experienced gardeners, this is an excellent way for beginners to learn as they grow and for experienced gardeners to share their knowledge.

**Club History and Records** – The RGC has a treasure trove of scrapbooks and pictures. Help keep records updated.

**Conservation** - Develop ways to educate members and the community about invasive plants, their native alternatives and other conservation measures that improve our local environment.

**Exhibits** – Arrange for members to exhibit floral arrangements or horticulture displays for club meetings, luncheons and community locations and/or events including the seniors’ holiday luncheon.

**Fall and Spring Luncheons** – Help coordinate our luncheons, including site choice, menus, publicity and guest speakers.

**Field trips** – Are there places you want to visit? Let’s go! Choose great destinations and coordinate visits, sign-ups and transportation for club outings.

**Garden Therapy/Senior Activities** –This committee has two major functions---to create tussie mussie arrangements for area hospice patients and to oversee the seniors’ vegetable garden at the Heritage Center.

**Hospitality** – Assist the Hospitality Chair to coordinate and set up for monthly luncheons or special events.

**Membership** – The RGC's “welcome wagon.” Be at the membership table greeting members and guests or behind the scenes coordinating membership and dues.

**Newsletter** - Learn how the Garden Club Newsletter is created. Be mentored by Diana Abshire, the current Newsletter editor. Improve your technology skills and apply them to your home projects and/or be in training as a future newsletter editor.

**Plant Sale** – One of our major fundraisers, and we need lots of help. Work on publicity, signage, wholesale purchasing, sales, set-up, cashiering or breakdown (Feb. – May).

**Programs** – Assist the program chair in arranging for program speakers for our club meetings. This may include gathering background information, writing publicity, and facilitating speakers’ presentations at the meetings.

**Publicity** – We’re always making news! Write and/or assist with writing club news articles, take photos of club activities and arrange for their release to local media. We’re also on the web, Pinterest and Facebook and can use assistance in those areas, especially pinning photos and posting to our website.

**Scholarship** – Distribute notices of our club scholarship, review applications and help present the award to recipient(s). Write articles for *Redding Pilot* about the availability of the scholarship and the award (Jan.– June).

**Workshops** – This committee is in charge of our December greens workshop and other special “hands-on” programs outside of meetings. Help plan, publicize and manage these events.

**Youth Activities** – Our work with young people is growing! Participate in horticulture, nature and gardening-related activities and other programs for school-aged children within the schools and the community.

**May 6, 2016**