Spring Glen Garden Club April Meeting Features Floral Design



Pictured: Gini Mita at a recent meeting of The Spring Glen Garden Club. Gini gave a very informative presentation of seed starting. Not only was the presentation informative but she gave many cost-saving tips. Starting with seeds is a wonderful way to grow your favorite heirloom plants.

Hamden: The Spring Glen Garden Club next meeting will be on Monday April 13, 2026, at Lockwood Cottage, 890 Evergreen Ave. Meeting will begin at 11:30 am with a light luncheon, bring a sandwich, dessert and beverage will be served. After a short business meeting the program will begin a 1 pm. April's speaker will be Cathy Ritch and her topic will be "cute, clever, classic: a floral design for every lifestyle" designs will be raffled. Donation $5.

The Club has been a fixture in the Hamden community since 1925, a chartered member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc., since 1929.

The Garden Club ongoing projects include gardens and planters in Spring Glen, Poppy's Garden on the Farmington Canal Trail and the Historical Herb Garden at The Jonathan Dickerman House.

The Club donated 10 American Elm hybrid trees to the Hamden Center Park as a result of its successful Wreaths for Trees program.

Other projects of the Club are a Rhododendron Garden at the entry to Lockwood Cottage and the Red Oak tree (Quercus rubra) affectionately known as "Annie Oakley" planted in the Eli Whitney Park.

The Spring Glen Garden Club is looking for new members, who are not only interested in horticultural pursuits but civic beautification and preservation of our natural resources. There are no residency requirements to belong, our members are as local as Hamden, North Haven, Branford, or as far flung as Goshen. For further membership information, please call Dorothy at 203.934.5975.

Benefits of Membership

Fellowship with other garden and flower enthusiasts Educational opportunities through the CT Federation of Garden Clubs

- Flower Show School
- Environmental Studies School
- Landscape Design Study School
- Gardening Study School

Monthly meetings featuring Professional Speakers on a wide range of topics Contribute to your community through civic involvement in the following areas:

- Dickerman House Herb and Shade Gardens
- Town Center lobby planters
- Hamden Earth Day Celebration
- Tending Plants in the Miller Library
- Tending Poppy's Garden at the Lockkeepers House on the Farmington Canal Trail
- Maintaining the Planters in Spring Glen Center
- Tending the gardens at the Spring Glen Municipal Parking lot

Club members also host informational teas, man booths at the annual Brooksvale Park Fair.

Knights Of Columbus April Family Of The Month

Hamden: The Knights of Columbus Saint Paul VI Council 14664 has selected the Leonardo Family as April's Family of the Month.

Elizabeth (Liz) has been a parishioner of Saint Paul VI for over 60 years. Initially from St Ann's parish – the Leonardo family transferred over to Blessed Sacrament when their three children (Rich, Beth and John Paul) were school age. They often worshipped as a family at Blessed Sacrament church.



Elizabeth (Liz) Lenardo

Elizabeth has been involved in many parish related activities over many years. She taught school age children in our Faith Formation classes. She is an active member on the Social Justice committee, with a focus on the annual giving tree at Christmas time – where she interacts with Hamden Schools and Partnerships with Community agencies.

Liz served many terms on parish council. Her smiling face welcomes many parishioners at the registration table at the annual parish picnic. She helps twice a month at our food pantry. But the activity she enjoys most is decorating the alter at Blessed Sacrament for Easter and Christmas. Liz is a member of the hospitality ministry and serves as one of three leads for coffee and sessions held monthly. Wherever and whenever, there is a need – you can find Liz. She freely gives of herself and makes an effort to make all feel welcome.

The SPVI parish community has been blessed for many years to have Elizabeth's dedication and commitment to foster God's love to all.

Hamden Woman's Club to Collect Old Flags at Earth Day - April 25



The Hamden Woman's Club, in conjunction with the Hamden Veteran's Commission, will share a table at this year's Earth Day celebration on April 25, 2026, from 10:00am - 3:00pm, at the Hamden Miller Library/RedBarn area. We will be collecting old, tattered, or torn American flags for PROPER RETIREMENT in a traditional patriotic ceremony on Flag Day, June 14, by the Hamden Elks Club.

For years now, our HWC volunteers have placed flags at the final resting places of our Veterans in town cemeteries on Memorial Day weekend, - to be removed in November for winter storage. We are proud to assist the Veteran's Commission in this important endeavor.

Please plan to stop by and bring us your old American flags on Earth Day!

A message to all women in the Greater New Haven area: The Hamden Woman's Club, Inc., GFWC. is accepting new members! The HWC is open to any woman over eighteen years of age who would like to volunteer in the community, develop new friendships, and have fun at the same time! We are a civic, educational and social organization that was organized in 1950 and then joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC-CT) in 1951. Our Motto is "A Group that Cares and Shares" - which we demonstrate by our many charitable activities to improve the quality of life within our community. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month from September to June at 6:30 pm at the Hamden Senior Center, at the rear entrance of the Miller Library.

The HWC also provides many fun social benefits to our members. We also have many fun monthly activities - a unique Book Club that meets at a local restaurant, our "International Lunch Bunch" and our "Dinner Divas" evening group. Everyone loves our seasonal choral group as well as our annual banquets, day trips, Military Whists, Bingo and Trivia Nights, Arts & Crafts Competitions, and other fun activities. You do NOT have to live in Hamden to join - many of our members live in area towns. On Wednesday, May 6, our annual Installation Banquet will be held at JRoo's Restaurant in North Haven. A new slate of Executive Officers for the upcoming two years will be installed, as HWC's calendar year begins in June, 2026. It will be a special night to thank our excellent outgoing Executive Board and to celebrate our HWC's many accomplishments!

The next general meeting of the Hamden Woman's Club will be on Wednesday, June 3, at 6:30 pm in the Hamden Senior Center. PLEASE JOIN US! NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ATTEND MEETINGS & SOCIAL HOUR! We also would like to invite YOU to attend a meeting, book club or luncheon so that you can get to know what we are all about. Please visit our new website - www.hamdenwomansclub.org. Also, we encourage anyone interested in learning more about our wonderful club, please contact Sharon Nolan @ Snolan_@yahoo.com. or call 203-248-2538.

Garden Club Community Grants

The Suburban Garden Club of Cheshire is accepting applications for the 2026 Community grants initiative. Cheshire individuals and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funds for projects that support our goals to:

- Encourage interest in all phases of gardening
- Promote better environmental practices and conservation of natural resources
- Increase knowledge in the artistic use of plant material in design and landscaping
- Assist in Cheshire community beautification and civic involvement through participation, contributions and charitable activities

If you have a potential project that relates to one or more of these goals, please complete the application. The form can be found at https://www.cheshire-gardeners.org/ The process began on April 1st and ***the deadline is April 30, 2026.*** Grants will be awarded by June 15.

Applications and questions can be sent to grants.sgc.cheshire@gmail.com

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Upcoming Reunions

WILBUR CROSS H.S. CLASS OF 1976

New Haven: Wilbur Cross High School Class of 1976 will hold their 50th Class Reunion on **Sunday, Oct. 4,** from 5-9pm at The Woodwinds.

For more information, please call Calvin at (203) 503-1253; Deb, (203) 619-1445 or Gloria, (203) 668-5018.

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WANTED: Looking for 1967 Lyman Hall High School graduates and also Ernie Canelli and Lee Serafin. Contact: Skip Partyka, 203B Tyson Avenue, PMB 107, Paris, TN 38242; (731) 540-2837 •

FOR SALE: Plank board, 2x12, $10; call (203) 248-2839 •

FOR SALE: Troy-Bilt roto-tiller, 8hp, exc. cond. $725 or best offer; (203) 631-3969 •



HAMDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY CARD DESIGN CONTEST

The Hamden Public Library is excited to announce its first-ever library card design contest!

Hamden residents of all ages are invited to submit a design for one of three different cards: Adult, Teen, and Children. Finalists in each category will be selected by library staff, and the winning designs will be voted on by the public. Designs must be original works created by the participant without the use of generative AI.

Full rules and regulations as well as a template and submission form are available on our website: https://hamdenlibrary.org/library-card-design-contest/

All designs must be submitted by April 16th. No late entries will be considered.

For more information, please call (203) 287-2682.

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WANTED: Collector wants to buy early historic New Haven County related items, maps, books, engravings, paintings, paper items or actual products; (203) 915-7662 •

FOR SALE: Exmark turf tracer, 19hp Kawasaki Hydro, never used commercially, stand up sulky, exc. cond. $4,500 or best offer; (203) 631-3969 •

FOR SALE: Scotts 50 inch mower deck, 3-blade, exc. cond., good spindles, solid $100; (203) 214-5232

FOR SALE: Plank board, 2x10, $10; (203) 248-2839 •

