

Activities

The Pomperaug Valley Garden Club is an active group, sponsoring informative monthly meetings on a variety of topics from horticulture to floral design to environmental issues. In addition, the club hosts horticultural field trips and various events. The club's annual Plant and White Elephant sale began in 2010, and in a few short years, has grown to include a wide array of plants and collectibles, all donated by members and area gardeners. Held each May, it has become an eagerly anticipated event!



Field trips provide members with the opportunity to experience firsthand the many different facets of horticulture. Whether a trip to Wild Flower Island or to a local nursery for a hands-on demonstration, each trip offers a new adventure, an invaluable learning experience — and a lot of fun!



Monthly meetings offer education and entertainment. Whether it is a local radio or TV personality, a well known author, or one of our own local experts, the monthly programs help members stay abreast of the latest research and current trends.

Civic Development

Take a drive through town and chances are you will see the handiwork of dedicated garden club members!

George Washington Park, located at the southernmost end of town at the junction of Routes 64 and 6, is one of the many sites designed and maintained by club members.

Other projects include plantings at the North and Cannon Greens, the Post Office Memorial Green, the entrance to Orenaug Park and Hotchkissville Green.



Civic Outreach

During the holiday season, the membership gathers to create the wreaths and swags that adorn the town buildings, as well as floral tray decorations for local nursing homes. Club members also design and create the decorations for one of the historic rooms at the Osborne Homestead Museum in Derby.

Club members maintain planters outside the Senior/Community Center, and offer special flower arranging workshops for both seniors and young people. The club supports horticultural and environmental education through college scholarships to high school seniors.



Botany Trail

One of the club's most enduring projects has been the development and maintenance of the Botany Trail, located at Flanders Nature Center and



Land Trust in Woodbury. Established in 1965 by club members, the mile-long Botany Trail winds through 45 acres of mixed woodlands, including a 1/4 acre pond and several small streams. More than 250 different wildflowers, many of them rescued from construction sites, exist along the trail. Over the years, the club has won many state and national awards for its work on the project. Club members host weekly guided walks along the trail each spring. There is even a natural viewing platform for visitors to get “up close and personal” with life in the trail's pond.



In 2011, in collaboration with Flanders Nature Center and Land Trust, PVGC members established another project immediately adjacent to the

trail: a “Monarch Waystation.” Designed to provide critical habitat and resources, both larval and nectar, for butterflies — and particularly migratory monarchs — the site is officially registered with the University of Kansas-based MonarchWatch.org.

Our History

The Pomperaug Valley Garden Club, located in Woodbury, Connecticut, began when 16 local women gathered at the Jabez Bacon House on Hollow Road on May 11, 1927, to discuss forming a garden club. The consensus of the meeting was to issue an invitation through the local newspaper inviting any interested persons to attend the next meeting.

On May 24, 1927, 20 women living in the Woodbury and Southbury Townships met and voted to formally establish the Pomperaug Valley Garden Club (PVGC). The club's first flower show was held in August of 1927 — just a few short months after its founding!

The club was one of the first garden clubs to be established in the state of Connecticut and is a charter member of both the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

During the past 85 years, the club has won many state and national awards. Today, we continue to sponsor many local beautification projects, including the installation and maintenance of plantings at many of the town's parks and greens. Club members also maintain the award-winning Botany Trail at Flanders Nature Center and Land Trust.



Our Mission Statement

The objectives of the Pomperaug Valley Garden Club (PVGC) are

- *to promote* an interest in gardens, horticulture, floral and landscape design
- *to cooperate* in the protection of native flora and fauna
- *to encourage* public plantings, beautification and conservation.

Membership

PVGC welcomes new members! Membership is open to any individual who is interested in participating in the implementation of the club's objectives. Prospective members are encouraged to attend several club meetings or events before joining. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month with the exception of January and August. Most meetings are open to the public for a nominal guest fee.

For more information, contact us at membership@pomperaugvalleygc.org

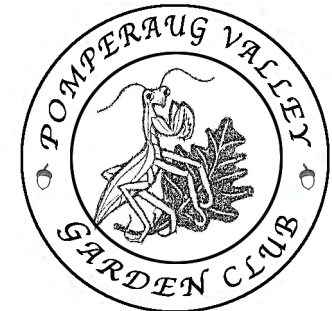
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