



Membership Requirements Wilton Garden Club

Membership in the Wilton Garden Club focuses on education and participation. The club's purposes are:

- to stimulate interest in and knowledge of horticulture, conservation, and floral design;
- to assist in civic planning and to be a community asset;
- to aid in the protection of native plants and wildlife;
- to raise awareness of environmental concerns;
- to participate in the preservation and natural beauty and resources of the Town of Wilton.

Each provisional and active club member is required to:

- 1.) Demonstrate an interest in horticulture-related subjects and a commitment to participate in the Club's work.
- 2.) Participate in the Annual Plant Sale by both working on the event and donating or caring for plant material suitable for sale.
- 3.) Participate in a Flower Show (not held annually) by working on some aspect such as the set-up, administration, hospitality, floral designs, donating horticulture specimens, or preparing an educational exhibit.
- 4.) Assist the Hospitality Committee with a luncheon at one general meeting each year.
- 5.) Attend at least three of the nine general meetings a year.
- 6.) Pay Annual Dues
- 7.) Participate in at least one of the following committees:

CIVICS: The Civics Committee maintains numerous gardens around town. In addition, the Civics Committee hosts a holiday workshop during which members decorate wreaths to be hung on buildings around town and create dozens of holiday centerpieces, which are donated to Social Services and distributed to families and community members in need.

CONSERVATION: The Conservation Committee dedicates its efforts to educating the public regarding conservation issues, native plants, and enhancing the natural environment.

FLORAL DESIGN: This committee holds workshops to train and develop members in all aspects of floral design.

GARDEN THERAPY: This committee hosts a monthly luncheon and craft/horticulture workshop for senior citizens at Comstock Community Center.

HORTICULTURE/GREENHOUSE: The club operates a greenhouse at Comstock Community Center where members learn basic and specialized growing techniques for plants. They propagate plants destined for sale at the club's Mother's Day Plant Sale and participate in the daily care of the plants grown in the greenhouse. This committee also holds a variety of educational workshops throughout the year open to all members of the garden club.

NEWSLETTER: The club's monthly newsletter, *The Garden Variety*, includes a monthly letter from the president highlighting the club's current activities, a calendar of events, an overview of the speaker for the upcoming meeting, and photos and highlights of committee activities. It is emailed to each member on the first of the month.

OLD TOWN HALL: The Garden Club is the long-time steward and rental agent for Old Town Hall, located directly across the street from the Wilton Congregational Church. The Old Town Hall Committee oversees rentals and supervises the maintenance of this charming and historic event rental site.

PUBLICITY: This committee generates public awareness of the club by sharing information about the club's activities and accomplishments with local media outlets. The committee also maintains a Facebook page to engage and educate our members and the community.

WEBSITE: The club's official website is www.wiltongardenclub.org and it contains general information for the public about our club's history, events, membership and activities.

YOUTH GARDENING: This committee oversees the planning, planting and maintaining of the Youth Garden located near the Trackside Teen Center. The committee works closely with Ambler Farm, Wilton High School and Trackside to foster a love of gardening among the town's youth by holding workshops on planning, watering, soil, pest control, plant care and harvesting.



Dear Prospective WGC Member,

We are pleased with your interest in the Wilton Garden Club. To give you an idea of the breadth and depth of the club's activities, we suggest that you review the attached summary of our Committees and Projects.

The Wilton Garden Club is a diverse and active group involved in many rewarding endeavors. Overall, we seek to educate ourselves and the public about the value and beauty of Horticulture, Conservation and Floral Design. We are also dedicated to the beautification of Wilton and engage in numerous community outreach programs including garden therapy for seniors, youth gardening for teens, and our annual holiday workshop where we make dozens of centerpieces for community members in need. The opportunity to participate is available to all interested persons who reside within the town of Wilton and neighboring communities.

Monthly meetings (normally the 2nd Monday of the month) begin at 11 a.m. from September through May, and in June we bring the year to a close with an Awards Luncheon at a local country club. Members arrive at our meetings between 10:30 and 10:45 to check-in and enjoy coffee and tea before a stimulating and educational program, which typically runs one hour. At these meetings, we also conduct our business meeting, present committee reports and announce upcoming events. A full lunch is served by the Hospitality Committee as members socialize. No meetings are held in July and August.

Starting in September, new members are enrolled as Provisional members. The first year is designed to allow a Provisional to determine if he/she enjoys the club and is able to fulfill its requirements. Throughout the year we organize several fun social events to introduce Provisionals to committee chairpersons and other members who share their specific interests.

If you would like to attend an upcoming meeting or if you have any questions, please contact either of us by telephone or email.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Frost 203-762-9708 onyx227@aol.com
Membership Chairpersons

**WILTON GARDEN CLUB
PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

APPLICATION FORM

I have read the "Membership Requirements" and hereby apply for Wilton Garden Club Provisional Membership. I acknowledge the obligations of membership and agree to fulfill these requirements. I understand that Provisional Dues are payable upon applying for membership.

Please Print

Date: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

E-mail Address: (for club use only / receiving our monthly newsletter:

Applicant's Signature: _____

Committee Interests, in order of preference (do not include Plant Sale and Hospitality since these are responsibilities of all members):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Please send this completed application and \$40.00 dues check, payable to the Wilton Garden Club to:

Sharon Frost
227 Thunder Lake Road
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Membership Chairpersons: Sharon Frost 203-762-9708 onyx227@aol.com

WGC sponsor/mentor's name : _____ or request for one (check here): _____