

NORTH STONINGTON GARDEN CLUB 2010

“What is a garden?”



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ON THE COVER – “Plant Sale” by member M.J. Brush.

NORTH STONINGTON GARDEN CLUB 2010

FOUNDED IN 1939

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MEMBER OF

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.

New England Region of National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

Garden Clubs of Southeastern Connecticut

Connecticut College Arboretum

Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, Inc.

Friends of Harkness

Garden Conservancy

Tower Hill Botanic Garden

MEMBERSHIP

6 Honored Members

55 Active Members

32 Supporting Members

OUR OBJECTIVE

The advancement of gardening and allied interests

NATIONAL, REGIONAL, STATE, AND DISTRICT LEADERS

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THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Officers

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<i>Vice President</i>	Karen McGee
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Pat Turner
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<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	Cynthia Strouse

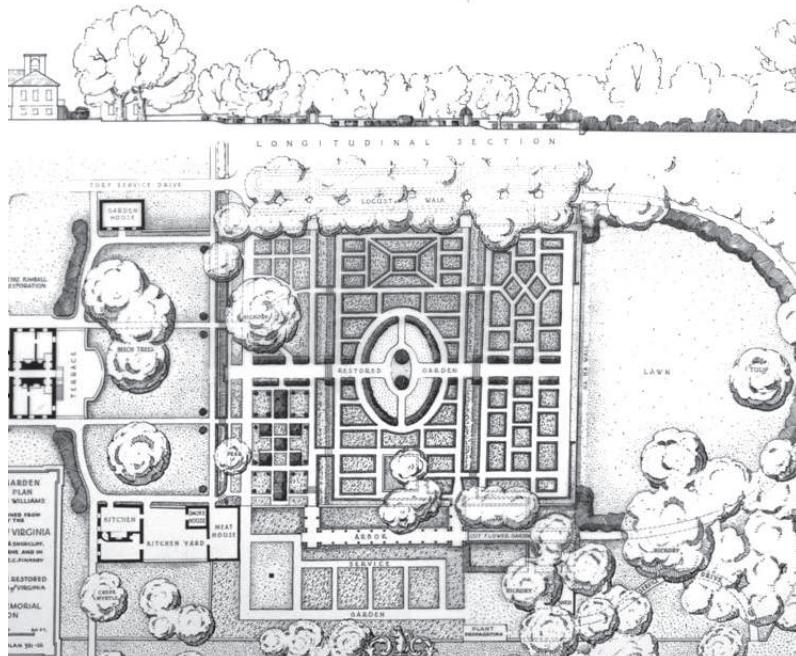
Chairwomen of Standing Committees

<i>Annual Dinner</i>	Linda Sardone
<i>Budget Planning</i>	Janice Parker
<i>Christmas Wreath Making</i>	Fran Robinson, Barbara Wheeler
<i>Civic Planting</i>	MJ Brush Karen McGee
<i>Communications/PR/Telephone/Web</i>	Jean Ridall, Suzanne Stephenson
<i>Conservation/Wildlife</i>	Liesbeth Slosberg
<i>Garden Visiting</i>	Carol Pruitt
<i>Greenhouse</i>	Janet Sundman
<i>Historian</i>	Mary Bishop
<i>Horticulture</i>	Pat Bell Merry Bliss
<i>Hospitality</i>	Lorraine McBride
<i>Membership</i>	Nita Kincaid
<i>Memorial Day Parade</i>	Donna Anderson, Beth Varas
<i>Plant & Seedling Sale</i>	Karen Askins Karen McGee
<i>Programs</i>	Karen McGee
<i>Scholarship</i>	Stella Elbaum
<i>Schools</i>	Barbara Young
<i>Stephen Main Homestead</i>	Mary Bishop
<i>Village Green Enhancements</i>	Karen Askins
<i>Webmaster</i>	Suzanne Stephenson
<i>Members at Large</i>	Susan Bailey Mary Cooper

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You may be wondering why a garden club, composed of committed gardeners, would have to ask the question "What is a garden?" I have come to realize, however, that although by itself the word garden is a rather broad and vague term, each of us has her own personal and specific definition of "garden." This has evolved from our experiences, our interests, and our personal esthetic values. For me, gardening is all about creating a landscape picture using the colors, shapes, and textures of plants. In particular, it is focused on tying my house to the surrounding woods in a way that looks natural. However I know that for our Tomato Captain, Sue Stephenson, it is "all about the food!" So if I were to mention to Sue that I had spent the morning in my garden, she would probably imagine me spending time in a vegetable garden, when in fact I don't even have one (though I have promised myself to create one this year).

In an attempt to answer our theme question, our programs this year will look at some diverse examples of gardens. We will examine what I think of as the extremes of landscaping style as well as more functional types of gardens. I hope you will enjoy this attempt to define "garden."



BOARD MEETINGS

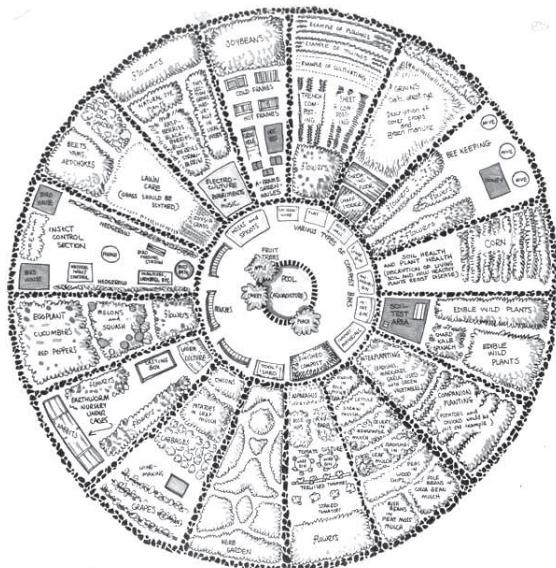
The Executive Board meets on the Tuesday before each general meeting (unless otherwise noted*). These meetings are open to all members who wish to attend. If you have a club-related agenda item for the general meeting, please contact the President or Vice President.

Morning Meetings: Coffee at 10:00 am, meeting at 10:30.

Evening Meetings: Coffee at 7:00 pm, meeting at 7:30.

(To be held at the home of)

January 12, morning	Karen Askins
February 9*, morning	Joan Brown
March 9, evening	Pat Turner
April 13*, morning	Pat Bell
May 4, morning	Nita Kincaid
June 8, evening	Karen McGee
July 13, evening	Carol Pruitt
August 10, morning	Susan Bailey
September 14, evening	Sue Stephenson
October 12, morning	Linda Sardone



COMMITTEES

ANNUAL DINNER Linda Sardone, Chw.

Martha Briggs, D'Ann Fede, Judith Keefe-Friedman, Carol Pruitt

This committee is responsible for organizing the Annual Dinner (choosing the location and menu, contacting attendees to collect payment and entree choice, decorations, and greeting attendees upon arrival).

BUDGET PLANNING Janice Parker, Chw.

Karen Askins, Mary Bishop, Nita Kincaid, Dorothy Lohmann, Karen McGee, Cynthia Strouse

This committee meets one time in August to review club finances and the proposed budget for the next year. All members are welcome to attend the meeting and participate in discussion.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING Fran Robinson, Barbara Wheeler, Chw.

Donna Anderson, Mariah Beaney, Ayo Bryant, Nita Kincaid

Members of this committee organize the annual wreath-decorating workshop to prepare wreaths for the town's churches and public buildings. Committee work also involves gathering needed materials, and delivering finished wreaths.

CIVIC PLANTING MJ Brush, Karen McGee, Chw.

Stephanie Annino, Mary Cooper, Nicole Contino, Janice Parker, Pat Turner, Barbara Wheeler

Each Committee member will be in charge of organizing and leading one Village Green workshop, as well as some of the planting and maintenance of the urns the club tends in the village. One organizational meeting is held in November or December. All club members are required to work at one Village Green workshop.

COMMUNICATIONS/PR/TELEPHONE/WEBSITE Jean Ridall, Sue Stephenson, Chw.; Carla Bass, Miriam Shabunia

The focus of this committee is to communicate news about club events and achievements to club members as well as to the public. This will be done through e-mails and phone calls to members, as well as announcements and stories submitted to the local news media, and updating and maintaining the club's website (www.nsgardenclub.org). Note: more info on the website can be found on page 9.

CONSERVATION/WILDLIFE Liesbeth Slosberg, Chw.

Karel Ellis, Jennifer Scott, Faith Tyldsley

This committee organizes 3 or 4 walks to interesting natural areas and provides members with conservation and wildlife tips. Committee members organize and lead walks.

GARDEN VISITING **Carol Pruitt, Chw.**

Merry Bliss, MJ Brush, Linda Sardone

This committee organizes 3 or 4 visits to gardens of interest, both public and private, including members' gardens. Committee members organize and lead visits.

GREENHOUSE **Janet Sundman, Chw.**

Martha Kowack, Suzanne Stephenson

This committee is responsible for encouraging student usage and maintaining the greenhouse at Wheeler High School.

HORTICULTURE **Pat Bell, Merry Bliss, Chw.**

Jennifer Hibbard, Joan Smith

This committee plans diverse workshops and/or field trips (3 or 4 activities) to enhance our skills and knowledge of gardening practices. Committee members contribute ideas and coordinate scheduling the activity, collect sign-ups, and are present for the activity.

HOSPITALITY **Lorraine McBride, Chw.**

Kristin Comstock, Vera Iiams, Kathy Katamura, Nita Kincaid, Diane Kruger, Marilyn Mackay, Jane Morrone, Nobbie Williams

Each member of this committee will be in charge of organizing the meal for one of the seven general meetings where food is provided. All club members are required to help with the food and cleanup for one meeting.

MEMBERSHIP **Nita Kincaid, Chw.**

D'Ann Fede, Jane Seder, Pat Turner

This committee maintains the list of all members, and tracks attendance by using name tags at each meeting. Members also work with prospective members and ensure that new members are approved and welcomed to the club.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE **Donna Anderson, Beth Varas, Chw.**

NSGC Board Members

This committee organizes the garden club's participation in the town's Memorial Day Parade.

PROGRAMS **Karen McGee, Chw.**

Joan Brown, Martha Kowack, Dorothy Lohmann, Joan Smith

This committee finds speakers for each general meeting, handles all agreements with the speakers, and makes sure everything is prepared for their presentations.

SCHOLARSHIP **Stella Elbaum, Chw.**

Erica Fox, Tracy Malvar, Jane Seder, Cynthia Strouse

This committee is responsible for selecting a recipient of the club's \$1,000 scholarship award. This involves distributing information about the award to local schools and universities, reviewing applications, and choosing a winner.

SCHOOLS **Barbara Young, Chw.**

Stephanie Annino, Ayo Bryant, Nicole Contino, Leslie Driscoll, Erica Fox, Jo Negri, Jean Ridall

This committee is responsible for organizing the club's contributions to the North Stonington Public Schools. This includes both programs for students for which we engage outside speakers, as well as some workshops we do with the students.

STEPHEN MAIN HOMESTEAD **Mary Bishop, Chw.**

Kathy Cote, Ruth Howard, Cathy McNamara, Carol Pruitt, Pat Turner

This committee is responsible for working in cooperation with the Historical Society on the gardens of the Stephen Main Homestead.

VILLAGE GREEN ENHANCEMENTS **Karen Askins, Chw.**

Pat Bell, Nita Kincaid, Karen McGee

This committee is responsible for improvements and enhancements to Village Green landscaping.

PROJECTS FOR THE COMING YEAR

CIVIC PLANTING: The club will maintain the plantings at the Village Green, the front of the Town Hall, the clock garden, and Wheeler Library. Responsibility of the Civic Planting Committee with 100% member participation.

HOLIDAY DECORATING: The club will decorate town buildings and churches for the holidays. Responsibility of the Christmas Wreath Making Committee with 40% of member participation.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: The club will again decorate a float for participation in the North Stonington Memorial Day Parade. Responsibility of the Memorial Day Parade Committee with 25% member participation

SCHOLARSHIP: The club will again award a scholarship of \$1,000 to a North Stonington resident, or a relative of a Garden Club member, who will be or is currently pursuing a higher education degree in horticulture, conservation, environmental studies, plant science, landscape design/architecture or a related field. Responsibility of the Scholarship Committee.

SCHOOLS: The club will offer programs at the North Stonington Elementary, Middle, and High Schools, some of which will be workshops run by garden

club members and some of which will be programs by outside speakers. Responsibility of the Schools Committee with 20% member participation.

STEPHEN MAIN HOMESTEAD: The club will continue to support the Stephen Main Homestead's Dyehouse garden project. Responsibility of the Stephen Main Homestead Committee with 10% member participation.

NEW PROJECTS

OTTO KERR GREENHOUSE: This year's club goals include purchasing a table and upgrading the watering system. Responsibility of the Greenhouse Committee with 10% member participation.

VILLAGE GREEN ENHANCEMENT: The club will be making improvements and enhancements to the Village Green landscaping. Responsibility of the Village Green Enhancement Committee.

WAYS & MEANS PROJECT

PLANT AND SEEDLING SALE: This annual sale, featuring perennial plants from our members' own gardens, plus annuals, shrubs, heirloom tomatoes, and garden-related rummage items, is our main source of revenue. The bulk of this money is used for civic projects within North Stonington and for educational programs. The Plant and Seedling Sale Committee is described on page 17. 100% of active members are required to participate.

WEBSITE

The website for the North Stonington Garden Club can be found at

www.nsgardenclub.org

The home page is the public face of the website. This section includes information on our projects, the plant sale, membership information, a very exhaustive collection of horticultural and educational links, and contact information.

There is also a Members-Only home page. This section includes our calendar of events; information on and directions to our meetings; electronic copies of this yearbook, including updates which were made after we went to press; minutes of both general meetings and board meetings; photo galleries of our various activities; and an archives section, which includes scanned copies of old yearbooks.

To access the Members-Only section, you must enter the login, which is

NSGCmember

and the 2010 password will be sent to everyone in an email.

STANDING RULES

Active member status carries the following requirements each year:

- ❑ Attend a minimum of three meetings
- ❑ Participate on hospitality for at least one meeting
- ❑ Participate in the annual Plant & Seedling Sale
- ❑ Participate in at least one maintenance session at the Village Green
- ❑ Participate in at least one Standing Committee
- ❑ Exhibit in North Stonington Garden Club flower shows

All members must notify the Membership Chairperson if any of the following changes occur:

- ❑ Phone number, address or e-mail address
- ❑ A request to move from one membership category to another or to resign from membership; such requests should be in writing

Sponsors of new members are responsible for the following:

- ❑ Invite new prospective members that will contribute to the club's activities
- ❑ Introduce prospective members to the Executive Board

Prospective members must:

- ❑ Attend three meetings as an invited guest within twelve months
- ❑ Express an interest in active membership through sponsorship
- ❑ Fill out our written application after reading the Standing Rules, Constitution and Bylaws
- ❑ Meet with the membership Chairperson as described in the Bylaws, Section 6

ANNUAL DUES

Honored Members	Complimentary
Active Members	\$15.00
Supporting Members	\$20.00

PROGRAMS FOR 2010

Our general meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the following times (unless otherwise noted):

	<i>Day Meeting</i>	<i>Evening Meeting</i>
<i>Refreshments:</i>	12:00-12:45 PM	6:00-6:45 PM
<i>Meeting:</i>	12:45-1:30 PM	6:45-7:30 PM
<i>Program:</i>	1:30 PM	7:30 PM

The Executive Board requests that there be no smoking at board and general meetings.

We encourage carpooling to all our activities.

FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF CT CALENDAR

February 18-21, 2010

Connecticut Flower and Garden Show, Hartford

March 30-April 1, 2010

Landscape Design School - Course IV

April 14-16, 2010

Flower Show School - Course I

April 28, 2010

FGCCT Annual Meeting

May 11-13, 2010

Environmental Studies School

May 21-28, 2010

SPRING TRIP TO PRAGUE CASTLES AND GARDENS

For more information, see the Federated website (www.ctgardenclubs.org).

FLOWER SHOWS

Feb. 18–21 Connecticut Flower and Garden Show

“The Spice of Life”

Connecticut Convention Center, 100 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT

www.ctflowershow.com

Feb. 18–21 Rhode Island Spring Flower and Garden Show

“Timeless Gardens”

Rhode Island Convention Center, 1 Sabin St., Providence, RI

www.flowershow.com

Feb. 28–March 7 Philadelphia Flower Show

“Passport to the World”

Pennsylvania Convention Center, 12th & Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA

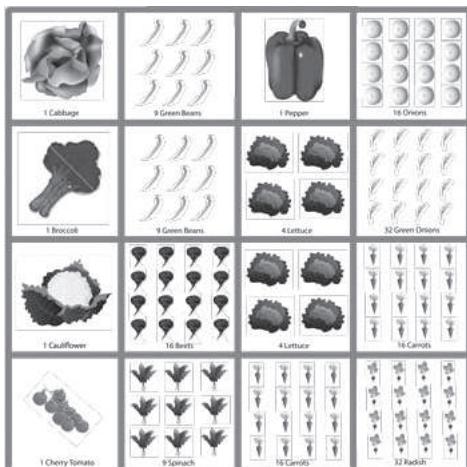
www.theflowershow.com

March 24–28 Boston Flower & Garden Show

“A Feast for the Senses”

Seaport World Trade Center, 1 Seaport Lane, Boston, MA

www.thebostonflowershow.com



FEBRUARY

23  GENERAL MEETING

Daytime Meeting 12:00 Noon

Stephen Main Homestead, 1 Wyassup Road

“Gardens Without Flowers—Traditional Gardens of Japan”

Using the gardens of Kyoto, Karen Askins will introduce us to the development and design principles of a very distinctive and distinctly non-western style of landscaping that encompasses scroll gardens to stroll gardens and gardens of stone to gardens of moss. POT LUCK LUNCH! Bring a table-ready dish to share.

Hospitality: Vera Iiams (CHW), Mary Bishop, Mary Cooper (Flowers)

MARCH

6  Horticulture Workshop

9:30 am (Saturday)

Otto Kerr Greenhouse, Wheeler High School, NS

“Starting Heirloom Tomato Seeds”

It's time to start this year's crop for the Plant Sale. URI Master Gardener Suzanne Stephenson will demonstrate techniques and answer questions to ensure success. Varieties for this year's crop will be determined by poll.

Contact: Suzanne Stephenson



16  **GENERAL MEETING****Evening Meeting 6:00 pm**

Hewitt Hall, Congregational Church, Main St., NS Village

“The Annual Vegetable Miracle—Growing 1200 pounds of vegetables and somehow staying married!”

Sandy Oliver, food historian, writer, editor of “Food History News,” prolific gardener, and former North Stonington resident and Garden Club member, will discuss planting, harvesting and storing as many vegetables as we can eat in a year.

Hospitality: Jane Morrone (CHW), Stephanie Annino, Carla Bass, Leslie Driscoll, D’Ann Fede, Erica Fox, Liesbeth Slosberg (Flowers)

27  **Horticulture Workshop****9:30 am (Saturday)**

Otto Kerr Greenhouse, Wheeler High School, NS

“Transplanting Tomato Seedlings”

The tomato seeds we planted at the beginning of March are now ready for their first transplant. Member Kathy Cote will guide our efforts.

Contact: Kathy Cote

27  **Village Green Workshop****10:00 am (Saturday)**

Spring is finally here! We will remove winter debris, old flower stalks, last year’s overgrowth and leaves from the front and the rear of the Village Green. We will also prune the new *liriope* (lilyturf). Bring gloves, a rake, hand clippers and your favorite leaf carrier.

Coordinator: Janice Parker

30  **Horticulture Workshop****10:00 am (Tuesday)**

Home of Merry Bliss, 145 Wyassup Rd., NS

“Dividing and Propagating Perennials #1”

Join member Merry Bliss in her garden to learn more and refine your skills as we dig and divide various perennials for the plant sale. Dress for outdoor, hands-on learning. You are welcome to bring any of your favorite tools and all of your questions.

Contact: Merry Bliss

APRIL

3 Horticulture Workshop 10:00 am (Saturday)

Home of Merry Bliss, 145 Wyassup Rd., NS

“Tufa Workshop”

Cynthia Douglass will show us how to make a planter perfect for Alpines. Return in August to plant. An instruction sheet and materials list will be found on our website. Maximum class size is 15.

Contact: Merry Bliss

6 Horticulture Workshop 10:00 am (Tuesday)

Home of Nita Kincaid, 51 Babcock Rd., NS

“Dividing and Propagating Perennials #2”

Join member Nita Kincaid in her garden to learn more and refine your skills as we dig and divide various perennials for the plant sale. Dress for outdoor, hands-on learning. You are welcome to bring any of your favorite tools and all of your questions.

Contact: Nita Kincaid

14 Conservation Walk 10:00 am (Wednesday)

North Stonington

Join us for a tranquil, pet-friendly walk. We commence at the end of Anna Farm East, through a lovely wooded path for about two-thirds of a mile. We then turn left on a rustic dirt road passing a lovely pond with an island in the middle. This is an easy hike with a total distance of about two-and-a-quarter miles.

Contact: Karel Ellis

15 Horticulture Workshop 9:30 am (Thursday)

Otto Kerr Greenhouse, Wheeler High School

“The Final Tomato Transplant”

It's time for the tomatoes to move to the BIG POTS for their Plant Sale debut in a couple of weeks. Let's make sure they'll look super.

Contact: Suzanne Stephenson

17  **Horticulture Workshop****10:00 am (Saturday)**

Home of Mary Bishop, 250 New London Turnpike, NS

"Dividing and Propagating Perennials #3"

Join member Mary Bishop in her garden to learn more and refine your skills as we dig and divide various perennials for the plant sale. Dress for outdoor, hands-on learning. You are welcome to bring any of your favorite tools and all of your questions.

Contact: Mary Bishop

20  **GENERAL MEETING****Evening Meeting 6:00 pm**

Hewitt Hall, Congregational Church, Main St., NS Village

"Design Delights"

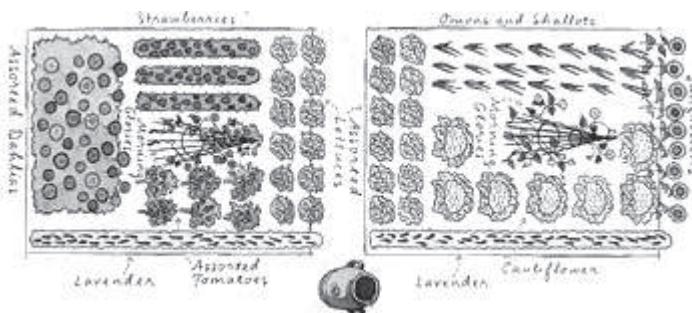
Award winning floral designer and National Garden Club accredited judge Kymrie Zaslow will showcase trends in design, mechanics, and creative handling of plant material. Traditional as well as creative styles will be demonstrated along with many tricks of the trade.

Hospitality: Kathy Katamura (CHW), Mariah Beaney, MJ Brush, Nicole Contino, Karel Ellis. Tracey Malvar, Janice Parker, Suzanne Stephenson (Flowers)

27  **Village Green Workshop****10:00 am (Tuesday)**

We will be planting pansies to give the Green some early color, and pruning late-flowering shrubs, such as *caryopteris* (bluebeard), to keep them compact which will increase blossoms, and we will also be pruning the roses. Bring gloves, clippers, and a rake to finish any clean-up not completed in March.

Coordinator: Mary Cooper



MAY

8 **Plant and Seedling Sale 9:00 am-1:00 pm (Saturday)**

North Stonington Elementary School, 311 Norwich Westerly Rd.

Our annual rain or shine fund-raiser, this year in a new location.

CHAIRWOMEN: Karen Askins, Karen McGee

Sub-Committee Chairs

Annuals

Stephanie Annino
Barbara Wheeler

Perennials

Karen Askins, Pat
Bell, Merry Bliss,
Karen McGee

Herbs

Pat Turner

Tomato Captain

Suzanne Stephenson

Staging

MJ Brush, Joan Smith

Rummage

Lorraine McBride,
Fran Robinson

Members' Orders

Nita Kincaid

Cashiers & Talliers

Janice Parker

Holding Area

Nicole Contino

Publicity

Jean Ridall

Suzanne Stephenson

20 **Garden Visiting Trip 8:30 am (Thursday)**

Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA

This living museum—New England's premier wildflower showcase—has more than 1,000 native plant species, featuring more than 150 rare and endangered native plants. Located 20 miles west of Boston, the garden displays an ever-changing tapestry of flowers and foliage. Snacks and drinks available in the Visitor Center, picnicking is allowed on the patio.

Weston Nurseries, located in Hopkinton, MA, is a possible stop on the way home. Now in their 86th year, they are known throughout the Northeast region for providing exceptional plants including their own introductions of azaleas and rhododendrons.

Contact: MJ Brush

Carpool from the Town Hall parking lot at 8:30 am

26  **Village Green Workshop** **6:00 pm (Wednesday)**

We'll be cutting back (pinching) the chrysanthemums until mid July for bushy plants that will bloom heartily. We will also be pruning the crocus and cutting any dead stems from the hydrangeas. We'll be planting geraniums and other annuals after the last frost. This is our chance to get the Green in shape for the Memorial Day Parade. Please bring a pitchfork to loosen the dirt before planting the geraniums. Bring your gloves, hand clippers, a trowel, and a watering can.

Coordinator: Nicole Contino

31  **Memorial Day Parade** **9:00 am (Monday)**

Town Garage, Wyassup Road

We hope as many members as possible will join us on our annual ride through the village. Please bring flowers, greens, and flowering branches, and help us decorate the hay wagon. We will be chauffeured by Farmer John and his restored John Deere. Parade starts at 10:00, but please come early to help decorate.

Contact: Donna Anderson

JUNE

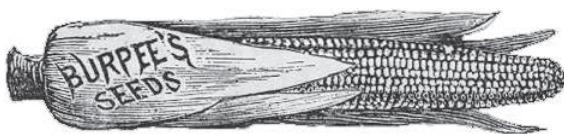
2  **Horticulture Workshop** **9:00 am (Wednesday)**

Hewitt Hall, Congregational Church, NS

“Gardener’s Diary Workshop”

Artist and club member MJ Brush will show us how to observe and draw our garden favorites. Bring a pocketbook-sized spiral notebook and some soft lead pencils or good pens.

Contact: Pat Bell



9  **Garden Visiting Trip****10:00 am (Wednesday)**

Garden of Member Sharon Bridge, 20 Diamond Hill Rd., Ashaway, RI

These late spring gardens feature an iris hedge, lilacs, peonies, daisies, clematis, and columbine in bloom. Walk the Peace Labyrinth of brick set in turf, and follow the woodland trail to the Fairy Garden. In addition to multiple beds around her house, Sharon has transformed a small group of plantings around her mailbox into a second series of gardens across the road! Varieties of hostas line a brick wall, unusual large-leaved plants provide textural interest as they spill down a seasonal waterway and climb into trees as vertical gardens, and specimen trees and shrubs anchor the many individual garden beds that showcase the design skills and whimsical spirit of this RI Master Gardener.

Contact: Sharon Bridge

Carpool will be leaving the Town Hall parking lot at 9:45. Carpoolers please call Linda Sardone, (401) 377-2749.

15  **GENERAL MEETING****Evening Meeting 6:00 pm**

Home of Merry Bliss, 145 Wyassup Road

This will be a special time to get together to congratulate ourselves on another great Plant Sale and to thank everyone for their hard work. There will not be a formal program.

Hospitality: Kristen Comstock (CHW), Donna Anderson, Pat Bell, Martha Briggs, Judith Keefe-Freedman, Carol Pruitt, Cynthia Strouse, Beth Varas, Pat Turner (Flowers)

16  **Conservation Walk****10:00 am (Wednesday)**

Reservoir Drive, Norwich

Join Karen Askins as she leads us on a natural history walk around the reservoir in Norwich. Plan on 2 hours for this 3-mile woodsy walk where trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants, birds, and wildlife will be identified. A fairly steep hill leads up to the reservoir edge at the start, but the path itself is easily navigable. Following the walk, plan on bringing your bag lunch to eat at Faith Tyldsley's nearby home.

Contact: Faith Tyldsley

Carpool from the Town Hall parking lot, 9:30 am.

17  **Village Green Workshop****6:00 pm (Thursday)**

It's time to weed, and prune the inkberry and pinch back the mums as needed. Bring gloves, a trowel, and a watering can.

Coordinator: Pat Turner

26  **Garden Visiting Trip****11:00 am (Saturday)**

Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Drive, Boylston, Ma. 01505

We're scheduled to visit these fantastic botanical gardens with a one-hour tour at 11 AM. Explore the beautiful and diverse gardens and plant material on your own before and after the tour. The garden opens at 10 AM. Bag your lunch or eat in the restaurant on the property. Check the website at www.towerhillbg.org

Contact: Carol Pruitt

Carpool at Town Hall at 8:30 AM.

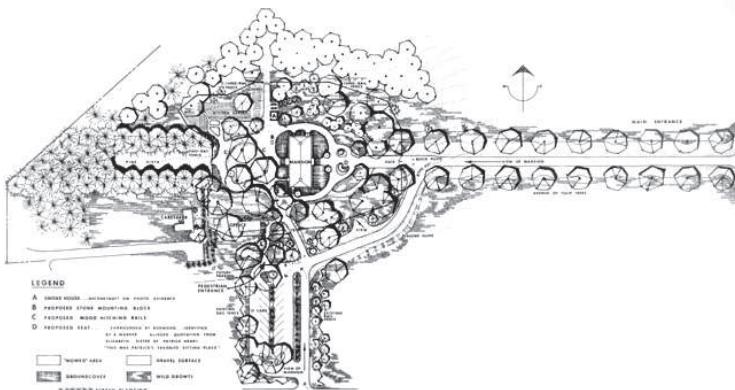
JULY**6**  **Horticulture Workshop****10:00 am (Tuesday)**

Home of Merry Bliss, 145 Wyassup Rd., NS

"Propagating from Cuttings"

Want to increase your cultivar selection and save \$\$\$\$\$? Learn how simple cuttings can grow to be big plants. Bring your favorite boxwood, arborvitae, viburnum, hydrangea, or whatever, and hand clippers. We'll provide Rootone, pots, and starter soil. No limit.

Contact: Merry Bliss



15  **Garden Visiting Trip****10:00, 11:30 am (Thursday)**

Caroline Black Garden, Connecticut College, New London, and Home of Member Cynthia Strouse, 78 Weber Farm Rd., Norwich

This morning we are visiting two different gardens. We hope you will be able to accompany us for both visits, but you may also opt to only do one of them. We will begin in New London by touring Connecticut College's Caroline Black Garden, then make the short trip up I-395 to Norwich and the home of member Cynthia Strouse.

The Caroline Black Garden, located on the east side of the Connecticut College campus, is an exquisite small garden originally conceived and designed by Professor of Botany Caroline Black. Construction of the garden was begun in 1928 and has expanded to include over 230 taxa of plants from around the world, including large collections of rhododendrons and azaleas and viburnums. For more information go to www.conncoll.edu/green/arbo/8587.htm

Contact: Karen Askins

With more than 65 daylily varieties planted among many perennials, member Cynthia Strouse's front gardens should be alive with color as you round the corner and approach the house. The daylilies also flow into the back yard, where you find herbs, tomatoes, and shade gardens. The newest garden, with grasses and roses along the edge of the front lawn, is still in the planting stage. There is also a very impressive group of homegrown boulders!

Contact: Cynthia Strouse

Carpool from the Town Hall parking lot 9:30 am.

20  **GENERAL MEETING****Evening Meeting 6:00 pm**

Hewitt Hall, Congregational Church, Main St., NS Village

"A Celebration of the English Garden"

Garden designer Jo Negri, founder of English Borders, LLC, and garden club member, will explore some of the design elements and plants that typify the English style. From the formal parterre to casual cottage gardens, some beautiful real-life examples will be presented. Whether your inspiration comes from grand public gardens or everyday back yards and even tiny "postage stamp" gardens in the city, see how some "old English" style can be adapted to create lovely New England gardens.

Hospitality: Marilyn Mackay (CHW), Stella Elbaum, Dorothy Lohmann, Karen McGee, Joanna Negri, Linda Sardone, Jennifer Scott, Janet Sundman, Jennifer Hibbard (Flowers)

21  **Horticulture Field Trip** **8:00 am (Wednesday)**

Prides Corner Farm, Lebanon

Member Jennifer Hibbard has once again arranged our visit to the state's foremost supplier of everything good in green. Get some great buys for your fall planting. Let's see those plant-a-holics! Bring lunch, a drink and a hat. Sign-up required.

Contact: Pat Bell

Carpool from Town Hall parking lot at 8:00 am sharp.

27  **Village Green Workshop** **9:30 am (Tuesday)**

We'll be weeding, deadheading, and removing any dead plants. We'll also cut back pansies to encourage a second flowering and pinch back the chrysanthemums for the last time. Bring gloves, clippers, and a watering can to water plants thoroughly, especially if there's been a dry spell.

Coordinator: MJ Brush

AUGUST

5  **Garden Visiting Trip** **10:00 am (Thursday)**

Gardens of member MJ Brush, Kathleen & Dan Page, and Judy Nickerson, all of Mystic

Kathleen Page and her partner Dan have gardens spilling over an acre with paths, stone sheds, a frog pond, and whimsical touches throughout. Dan builds eclectic birdhouses and will have some for sale. Judy Nickerson is a well known garden lecturer, and her own garden is a treasure, designed with an eye to low maintenance, using the right plant for the location. Member MJ Brush's garden is on a very small village plot on the ledge overlooking the Mystic river. It is an ongoing venture into gardening in no more than a foot of soil, and gracefully adapting to xerophytic conditions.

Contact: MJ Brush

Carpool from the Town Hall parking lot, 9:45 am.

17  **GENERAL MEETING****Daytime Meeting 12:00 pm**

Hewitt Hall, Congregational Church, Main St., NS Village

“From Caterpillars to Butterflies”

You love butterflies because they are beautiful; you don't like caterpillars because they eat your plants. If you want butterflies in your garden, should you get rid of all of the caterpillars? Jane O'Donnell, manager of the invertebrate collection at the University of Connecticut, will help us identify some of our local caterpillars and show us what they become. She will also update us on the status of our native butterflies and moths as well as our native pollinators.

Hospitality: Diane Kruger (CHW), Merry Bliss, Joan Brown, Kathy Cote, Jane Seder, Miriam Shabunia, Barbara Wheeler, Jean Ridall (Flowers)

24  **Horticulture Workshop****10:00 am (Tuesday)**

Home of Merry Bliss, 145 Wyassup Rd., NS

“Tufa Planting Session”

Remember those Alpines you bought at Pride's? It's time to plant! We'll provide soil and will have a few plants for sale.

Contact: Merry Bliss

26  **Village Green Workshop****6:00 pm (Thursday)**

We'll be adding some fall color with chrysanthemums, and removing the pansies and any dead geraniums. Please remember to check the new plants and shrubs in the rear of the Green to see if they need to be watered. We will also weed around the roses and remove fallen leaves promptly. Bring gloves, a trowel, a shovel, and a watering can for those thirsty plants.

Coordinator: Barbara Wheeler

31  **Budget Planning Meeting****10:00 am (Tuesday)**

Home of Janice Parker, 87 Wyassup Road

The Budget Planning Committee will meet to review club finances and plan the proposed budget for 2011. All members are welcome to attend.

Contact: Janice Parker

SEPTEMBER

11 Garden Visiting Trip

10:00 am (Saturday)

Inge Rosenthal's garden, 104 Beach St., Westerly, RI

Member Inge Rosenthal started her gardens 15 years ago in Westerly, near the Pawcatuck River. Small pots started a BIG garden. What was once a lawn and open field is now a sunny garden, a shady garden, a rock garden, and a beautiful fall meadow. She has a wonderful evergreen display as well. Enjoy Inge's style.

Contact: Merry Bliss

Carpool from Town Hall parking lot at 9:30 am.

15 Conservation Walk

10:00 am (Wednesday)

Dr. John Chaplin Glacier Park, Westerly, RI

See for yourself how the Westerly Land Trust (www.westerlylandtrust.org) and the Winnepaug Cottages have worked together to preserve the Dr. John Chaplin Glacier Park. We will make a loop through the preserve for an hour. For lunch we can meet at the Cooked Goose, the best deli in town, not far from the preserve.

We will meet at 9:45 AM at the Westerly Post Office on Tom Harvey Road across from the airport.

Contact: Liesbeth Slosberg

Carpool from the Town Hall parking lot 9:30 am.

21 GENERAL MEETING

Daytime Meeting 12:00 Noon

Home of Pat Bell, 60 Krug Rd., Preston

“An Herb Garden for Connecticut”

Barbara Torino of the Connecticut Unit of the Herb Society of America will introduce us to some of her favorite herbs and how to use them. If you love Mediterranean herbs like thyme and oregano but have trouble growing them in our non-Mediterranean climate, she will show us how to do it.

Hospitality: Nobbie Williams (CHW), Ayo Bryant, Martha Kowak, Lorraine McBride, Fran Robinson, Joan Smith, Barbara Young, Mary Cooper (Flowers)

25  **Village Green Workshop****9:30 am (Saturday)**

Fall clean-up is here! If we've had a frost, it's time to put the geraniums/annuals to rest, prune the dead blooms off the oak leaf hydrangeas, cut back the vinca if it's growing on to the pathway and over the gray stones which edge the path, and get rid of any Japanese knot weed (to the left of the bridge). Please do not fall into the stream while attempting to remove the knot weed! Bring a rake, hand clippers, your favorite leaf carrier, and a watering can.

Coordinator: Karen McGee

28  **Horticulture Workshop****10:00 am (Tuesday)**

Hewitt Hall, Congregational Church, Main St., NS Village

You know all those dried flower heads and interesting twigs in your garden? It's time to look at flower arranging in a different light. Bring your dead bounty, some interesting evergreen material, and a vase or intriguing container to plant. We'll provide some floral Styrofoam and spray paint. It's time to loosen up!

Contact: Merry Bliss

OCTOBER**19**  **Floral Workshop****10:00 am (Tuesday)**

Hewitt Hall, Congregational Church, Main St., NS Village

Help make the table decorations for our annual dinner. Bring your collected materials—berries, branches, flowers, and foliage, along with a sharp knife and clippers. Containers, floral foam, and flowers will be provided, along with excellent company and coffee.

Coordinator: Carol Pruitt

19  **Annual Dinner****Evening 6:00 pm (Tuesday)**

Venue to be announced

Please join us for this year's annual dinner. Let's celebrate with a night of delicious food, wonderful friends, and lots of reminiscing. Full dinner, all inclusive, with cash bar available. Details TBA.

Contact: Linda Sardone

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Please plan to pay your dues at the Annual Dinner. Remember, dues must be paid by December 1 or your name will be dropped from the yearbook.

19  Christmas Wreath and Swag Pre-order

Once again we offer a great chance to get fresh greens at wholesale prices. Place your order for wreaths, roping, etc. Pick-up date prior to the club's annual Christmas Wreath Event. **PAYMENT IS DUE AT TIME OF YOUR ORDER.**

Contact: Nita Kincaid

20  Conservation Walk**10:00 am (Wednesday)**

Pafford Woods, Stonington

Meet at 9:45 AM at the commuter parking lot on the corner of North Main Street and Route 1, Stonington. Entrance to Pafford Woods is 1/2 mile north of the lot on the west side of North Main Street. The 45-minute-plus walk is over very varied terrain, between coastal marsh and ledgy woods and a stream. Bring a jacket, sandwich, and a drink, and we can picnic at Stonington Point, a short drive away.

Contact: Jennifer Scott

Carpool from Town Hall parking lot, 9:30 am.

27  Village Green Workshop**10:00 am (Wednesday)**

Let's put the Village Green garden to bed. We'll be weeding and getting the beds ready for winter, and cutting back the hostas. Bring gloves and clippers.

Coordinator: Stephanie Annino

NOVEMBER**23  Horticulture Workshop****10:00 am (Tuesday)**

Barn of Martha Briggs, 26 Krug Rd., Preston, CT

“Make Your Own Holiday Tree”

New location and hot cider will put us in the Holiday “mood.” Come make a boxwood tree. Materials provided. Pre-registration required.

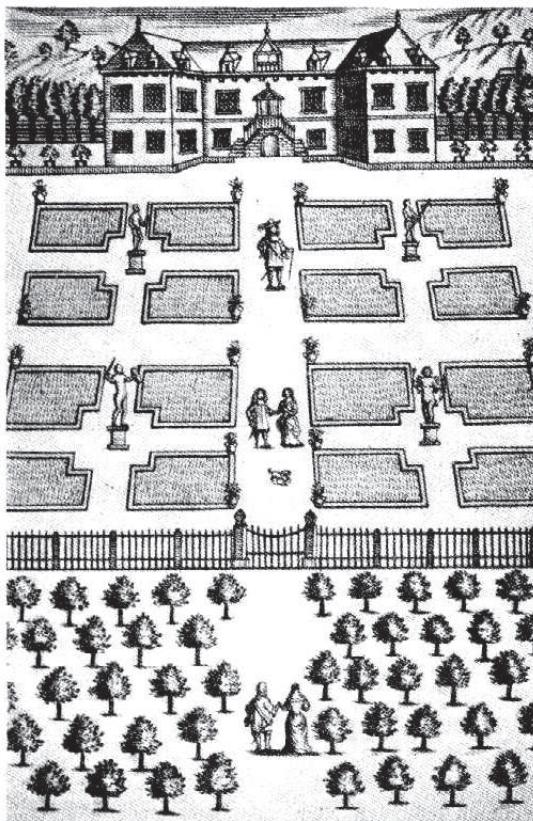
Contact: Pat Bell

Hewitt Hall, Congregational Church, Main St., NS Village

Help decorate wreaths for our town buildings at one of our most popular events. Wreaths are provided, but do bring special greens, dried pods, cones, fresh natural ingredients. Artistic freedom encouraged! Don't forget your clippers.

Contact: Barbara Wheeler or Fran Robinson

Hospitality: Nita Kincaid (CHW), Ruth Howard, Cathy McNamara, Faith Tyldsley



PLAN FOR A GARDEN

From *Systema Horti-Culturae*, by J. Woolridge, 1688.

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2008–2009	Patricia Bell

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
NORTH STONINGTON GARDEN CLUB**

Revised 1956

Amended 1958, 1960, 1968, 1977, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1987, 1989, 2001, 2009

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I-NAME

The name of this organization shall be the North Stonington Garden Club.

ARTICLE II-OBJECT

The object of this club shall be the advancement of gardening and allied interests.

ARTICLE III-OFFICERS

The officers of this club shall be a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV-EXECUTIVE BOARD

The business of the club shall be managed by an Executive Board which shall consist of the officers of the club, the chairpersons of the standing committees and two members at large.

ARTICLE V-FUNDS

The funds of this club shall be derived from the payment of dues and from such other sources as the Board and membership may approve.

ARTICLE VI-MEMBERSHIPS

- A. Active Members-The qualifications for active membership shall be an active interest in gardens and a willingness to take part in club affairs as described in the Standing Rules. Active members shall be limited to 65.
- B. Supporting Members-The qualification for becoming a Supporting Member shall be at least five years of service in the interests of the club. This category is for members who are no longer able to participate actively in club affairs and perform the duties described in the Standing Rules. Supporting members pay dues, are not required to work but may participate as they choose. They have all the privileges of membership except that they may not vote, hold office or propose new members. They may resume active membership at any time provided that there is a

vacancy. Supporting members are not members of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.

C. Honored Members—Honored membership is a reward for devoted long-term service to the club. These members have all the privileges of membership, but are exempt from paying dues and from the obligations of the Standing Rules. This category can only be filled by nomination from the Executive Board and shall be limited to seven.

ARTICLE VII-ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting shall be held each year in October.

ARTICLE VIII-AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present provided notice has been given to each member at least a week in advance.

BYLAWS

SECTION 1-DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Board, and shall be, ex-officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of that officer. The Vice President will act as Chairperson of one major club project or committee.

The Recording Secretary shall take and report minutes at all meetings of the club and shall keep a list of all the members.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence of the club, including cards of sympathy or cheer, and in the absence of the Recording Secretary shall assume the duties.

The Treasurer shall collect, hold and pay out funds of the club as directed by the Executive Board, and shall keep accurate accounts which shall be open to inspection and shall be audited annually. The Treasurer shall also keep a list of all the members and shall send dues and notices of changes in membership to the Treasurer of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut. All expenditures above \$100.00 must be voted by the club.

The Assistant Treasurer shall serve in the absence of the Treasurer.

SECTION 2-EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. Executive Board—Members, with the exception of the officers, shall be chosen by the President. This board shall have charge of programs,

lectures, flower shows, dispensing of funds, the admission of members and other management duties.

B. Standing Rules—From time to time the Executive Board may establish Standing Rules relating to membership obligations, which shall be published in the yearbook.

SECTION 3-COMMITTEES

The committees shall be Christmas Workshop, Civic Planting, Conservation, Flower Show, Historian, Horticulture, Hospitality, Membership, President's Telephone Committee, Program, Publicity, Plant Sale, and Wildlife. Committee Chairperson will be expected to ask members to serve. There shall also be two Members at Large. Committees may be added or discontinued by vote of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 4-ELECTIONS

A. Nominating Committee of three members shall be appointed from the floor at the August meeting to prepare a slate of officers to be presented and voted upon at the annual meeting in October. No one shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive years.

SECTION 5-MEETINGS

Meetings of this club shall be held each month from March through October. Other meetings may be called by the President or at the request of five members. A quorum of the club shall be fifteen members.

The Executive Board shall meet each month before the regular meeting. A quorum of the Executive Board shall be five members.

SECTION 6-MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee shall consist of the Membership Chairperson and a committee selected by the Chairperson. The name of a prospective member shall be submitted to the Chairperson who shall meet with the proposed member. Having met with the proposed member, the Membership Chairperson shall place the name before the Executive Board for approval. The Membership Chairperson shall keep a list of all the members and regularly provide it to the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer.

SECTION 7-DUES

The annual dues for members shall be due and payable in October. Any change in annual dues shall be determined by a vote of the membership upon recommendation from the Executive Board. Anyone accepted for membership after May shall pay one-half of the yearly dues. Dues of Active

and Honored Members include membership dues to the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. and the National Council of State Garden Clubs. Upon payment of dues, each member shall receive a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws. Members whose dues are not paid by December 1 of the calendar year for membership the following year will be notified, in writing, they are in arrears and unless payment is made in thirty days, they will be dropped from the roll.

SECTION 8-AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at a regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice has been given to each member in advance; or they may be amended by a unanimous vote of the members present.

SECTION 9-DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

(From Article V of the Article of Association of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut.)

Pertaining to the disposition of assets in the event of dissolution of the organization, as required by a) The Connecticut State Tax Department and b) The Federal Internal Revenue Services:

- A. "To restrict the activities of the corporation so that it shall not be used or operated for private profit, and no property of the corporation should inure to the private profit of any member or special group except if the corporation shall be dissolved, in which instance the assets will be distributed to a similar nonprofit organization holding a valid tax exemption permit issued by the State Tax Commission."
- B. "Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes."

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