THE GARDEN CLUB OF HARWICH
Helping to Keep Our Community Beautiful



# Application for Membership in The Garden Club of Harwich

**Please fill out all sections and include a letter stating why you want to become a member.**
Return to the Membership Co-Chairperson listed below.

Name_____Date_____

Address_____ Zip Code_____

Phone _____Email_____

To join the Garden Club of Harwich is to join a working club with many areas requiring the help and support of all its members, so please consider this as you apply.

Upon joining, you will be paired with a mentor who will help you acclimate to the club's organization, members and expectations.

We actively manage 15 town gardens and 52 planters. As a member you are encouraged to work in a garden and/or planter. Parks and Gardens will reach out to you to assign you to one.

Please check any skills or interests that you can share with the Club:

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| Artist/Crafter | |
| Finance | |
| Flower Design/Arrangements | |
| Graphic Design/Media | |

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| Landscaping/Garden Design/Arrangements | |
| Photography | |
| Publicity/Marketing/Social Media | |
| Technology (Web Design/Computer Skills) | |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE GARDEN CLUB OF HARWICH. PLEASE DETACH AND KEEP THE FOLLOWING CLUB NFORMATION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

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New members are expected to become actively involved in workshops and programs of the club, join committees and participate in fundraisers. As a new member, please keep the following club expectations in mind:

1. Attend at least 4 general meetings a year.
2. Pay yearly dues - due by May 31 each year.
3. Volunteer or agree to serve on a committee when asked.
4. If assigned to a team, work on one of the 15 town gardens and/or one of the 52 planters we maintain.
5. Support club fundraisers: Holiday Boutique, Harwich Gold, Plant Sale, etc.

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**GARDEN CLUB OF HARWICH**
**COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS**

**BLOOMING BOUQUETS** - Members meet once a month to create small arrangements for members of the community. Recipients can include senior living facilities, Meals on Wheels, and area nursing homes. Volunteers bring greens from their gardens and clippers.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** - Members act as liaisons and attend Chamber of Commerce meetings to keep the club informed of any community activities that may involve the club.

**CONSERVATION** - Do you want to learn more about the environment? Join this committee to learn about and promote environmentally safe practices. Past projects include Pollinator Pathways and food scrap recycling.

**DESIGN** - Design workshops are held periodically throughout the year.

**HARWICH GOLD** - Fundraiser selling organic compost. Held in early April, the team works to take orders from the community, works with the farmer to obtain compost, and manage the pick-up by buyers. AmeriCorps volunteers help load vehicles picking up compost.

**HISTORIAN** - One or more members who enjoy photography will take photos of club events, share the photos to the newsletter and preserve them for the future. In addition, the historian will be aware of and keep safe, the club's records, adding any noteworthy club accomplishments to the timeline.

**HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE** - Held the first Saturday in December, this fundraising event includes the sale of arrangements and wreaths made by the club. It also includes crafts made and sold by club members and a bake sale.

**HOSPITALITY** - This group sets up a table at each general meeting to welcome attendees with light refreshments.

**HORTICULTURE** - Throughout the year, members are invited to present specific specimens from their gardens. The horticultural team determines the theme and explains rules for displaying the specimens. The focus is on learning about different plant species and admiring the displays presented by our members.

**MEMBERSHIP** - The membership co-chairs maintain records of attendance and dues, which are collected in the spring. In addition, they receive applications and work with interested community members who wish to join the club. A group of members welcomes others each month to the General Meeting and takes attendance. Membership also provides mentors to new members.

**PARKS AND GARDENS** - Members work on a team to care for the 15 gardens throughout Harwich. Each team helps to weed, water, and plant the gardens to keep them looking beautiful year-round.

**PLANT SALE** - The annual sale takes place on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Members are required to provide plants and baked goods for the sale. There are many volunteer opportunities around the Sale: set up,  pricing, bake table, etc.

**PROJECT G–LITTER** - A team of dedicated members meet monthly to walk a section of our town and gather litter. Even if we are not the cause of the problem, we can be part of the solution!

**PROPERTIES** - This team stores and catalogs items owned by the club in the Harwich Community Center basement. The team also surveys needs of participants to provide anything needed by them for the general meeting.

**PUBLICITY** - Members keep the community informed of any events through flyers, signage and newspaper advertisements. Works closely with fundraisers to publicize the event.

**SCHOLARSHIP** - Scholarships and tool ships are rewarded annually based on academic ability to local students wishing to continue their education in fields related to horticulture, conservation, landscaping, marine studies, etc. Teams work with the high schools to provide applications and review the submissions to select the recipients and present the award.

**STREETSCAPES** - Members help plant, water, and maintain the more than 50 beautiful containers throughout the town. They are a source of pride for the community, garnering rave reviews from visitors and locals alike. Planters are decorated seasonally. Committee is also responsible for selecting civic beautification winners annually.

**TOWN POLE WREATHS** - Works to maintain and update our wreaths to adorn town polls at Christmas. Works with DPW to have them hung in designated areas.

**WAYS AND MEANS** - Overseeing the money-making aspect of the club is the focus of this team.  Ways and Means supports each fundraising team as needed and at times runs the fundraiser.