# Groups Gather To Plant Seedlings



**North Haven:** Three town organizations joined efforts to contribute a gift of nature at the Clintonville Nature Trail in North Haven in the fall of 2023. The property is owned by the North Haven Land Trust (NHLT) and offers a half mile of easy to walk nature trails. The land is wooded with a large variety of trees and there are some open areas as well. Wildlife such as birds, deer, rabbits, and turkeys may be seen as they enjoy the property as well!

The Daytime Gardeners of North Haven and Girl Scout Troop #60421, led by Jennifer and Lisa, collaborated with the NHLT to plant 13 seedlings of different varieties, including Sweet Gum, Swamp White Oak, Dawn Redwood, and Black Tupelo. This project is an environmental education program.

A year has past and The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. has awarded the Environmental Concerns and Conservation Arboreal Award for a Small Club to the Daytime Gardeners for this project. The Girl Scouts, Daytime Gardeners and Land Trust members returned to check on the award winning trees.

Four teams were organized, and each team planted 3 seedlings. The materials were set out at each location where the seedlings were to be planted. Shovels, a tray for dirt, four stakes, landscape fabric, mulch, chicken wire, and water were ready at each location. Adults helped with digging the holes and the scouts did planting, laying out the landscape fabric, and mulching. Chicken wire was placed around each seedling to protect from grazing deer and nibbling rabbits. The scouts really enjoyed using the stake pounder to drive the stakes into the ground.

Members of these organizations will monitor the seedlings through the year to assure they receive sufficient rain and to maintain the protective fences until the seedlings are mature enough to manage on their own. We hope the public will enjoy watching these seedlings grow into beautiful trees, each with their own unique characteristics. We are sure the scouts will enjoy visiting to watch "their trees" grow into mature trees as the years go by.

Photos by Sally Brockett, Mary Ellen Proto, Linda Brown

## NARFE Meeting

**North Haven:** The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) monthly meeting will be held Mon., Nov. 4, 1pm at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.

The guest speaker will be Debbie Herget, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Federal Health Benefits Account Executive, who will discuss the 2025 Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan and the Postal Service Health Benefit Plan; brochures will be available.

NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: http://www.narfe.org

**WANTED: Collector buying any Connecticut Brewery items for Wehle, Hulls, Wiebel, Largay or any other CT Breweries, signs, cans, bottles, etc.; call (203) 915-7662 •**

**FOR SALE: Metal 2-shelf heavy cabinet, 23"Wx30"Tx 13"D, great for garage or workshop $15; (203) 239-8060 •**

# Hamden Woman's Club's International Lunch Bunch "Visits" Italy



**Pictured (L-R) Clockwise:** Sharon Nolan, Marjorie Giunti, Ellie Gaetano, Annette LaValle, Carmela Stora, Carolyn DellaPietra, Donna Cifaldi, Louise DeNard & Linda Bishop.

**Handen:** On Oct. 15, the Hamden Woman's Club International Lunch Bunch dined at Favio Trattoria in Wallingford to experience 'the feel and taste' of Italy via its cuisine. Nine members attended and they enjoyed several exquisite Italian dishes. Everyone agreed that the food was delicious, service was excellent , and everyone would like to return.

The HWC Lunch Bunch meets on the third Tuesday of every month. In November, we will gather together on the 19th at Pho & Spice - a Vietnamese & Thai Restaurant in Cheshire at 12:30.

We wish to thank Donna Cifaldi, Chairwoman of the International Affairs Committee, for her hard work in organizing such a wonderful luncheon. Well Done!

The Hamden Woman's Club, Inc., GFWC, is a civic, educational and social organization that was organized in 1950 and joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs(GFWC) in Jan., 1951. Our Motto is "A Group that Cares and Shares" - which we demonstrate by our many charitable activities. It is part of the largest volunteer organization in the world, and we continually develop new projects to improve the quality of life within our community.

The HWC also provides many fun social benefits to our members. We have a "revised" monthly Book Club that meets monthly at a local restaurant in addition to this "International Lunch Bunch". We also have a choral group, holiday parties & annual banquets, short trips, Military Whists, Bingo Nite, and many other fun activities.

The HWC is open to any woman over the age of 18 who would like to volunteer in the community, develop new friendships, and have fun at the same time! You do NOT have to live in Hamden to join - many members are from area towns. We are so pleased that our membership has grown exponentially recently so PLEASE JOIN US! Our next meeting is on WEDNESDAY, November 6, at 6:30pm. in the Hamden Senior Center, located in the rear entrance to the Miller Memorial Library. The agenda will include a "Delicious Cake Contest"! NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to attend meetings & we encourage anyone interested in learning more about HWC please contact Sharon Nolan @ Snolan06514@yahoo.com. Also, please look at our Facebook page - Hamden Woman's Club, GFWC, Inc. for more articles, projects, and lots of fun photos of our friendly club!



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## Cheshire Garden Club's 41st Holiday Luncheon

The Cheshire Garden Club announces its 41st Holiday Luncheon on Wed., Dec. 4, 9am, at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville.

Designs, Boutique and Raffle. Floral Designs by Carol King Platt. "Decorations from Nature's Bounty." Shop our vendors at the best indoor holiday "Farmer's Market."

Choices of entrees: Pan-seared Salmon, Chicken Kathryn, Vegetarian Eggplant or New York Strip Steak.

Send $55 to Ophelia Empleo-Frazier, 175 Scenic Court, Cheshire, CT 06410; (203) 272-2171. Reservations will be held at the door.

## Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge #2805

### Fall Fashion Show

**North Haven:** Fall, what a beautiful time of year. Look all around you and see the amazing colors. Those colors you see will be reflected in the wonderful outfits from Carol's Creations of North Haven at our 12th Annual Fashion Show.

Once again, the North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy #2805 will be hosting our fashion show at Woodwinds, 29 Schoolground Rd., Branford, on Sun., November 3, from 11am-3pm. A delicious and plentiful brunch buffet will be served.

The cost is $50 per person. A credit card only bar is also available.

And, what would our fashion show be without those raffle prizes. It's always exciting to win a prize, so come join us for an afternoon of fashion, food and fun!

Please contact Regina at (203) 376-8524 or Georgianna at (203) 988-8006 or nhsdilodge2805@outlook.com for tickets. Reservations are required.