Wallingford Garden Club Donates Christmas Tree To The Festival Of Trees





Pictured Above: WGC members of Public Celebrations Committee. **Right:** The Many Bills of Christmas (Birding Theme), and Finished tree with WGC President Karen Ciosek.

Wallingford: The Wallingford Garden Club Public Celebrations Committee submitted a donated decorated holiday tree to the Festival of Trees to the Coalition for a Better Wallingford. The theme is 'The Many Bills of Christmas'. The tree can be seen at the Wallingford Stroll on Dec 6th from 4-9 pm.

Wallingford Garden Club is a member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, New England Garden Clubs, Inc and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Photos by Betty Wilson

Local Women Spread Holiday Cheer Through Volunteer Efforts



In an inspiring display of generosity and community spirit, a dedicated group of women from Village on State, known as "The Villagers," have come together again this year to spread joy during this upcoming holiday season. Over the past 5 years, they have signed more than 2000 holiday cards destined for veterans, local nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, and churches.

The initiative, which aims to brighten the spirits of those who may feel isolated during the holidays, has seen immense participation from members of this complex. "It's heartwarming to know that our small efforts can make a big difference in someone's day," said group member Donna LaFrance-Chappell. "Each card is a reminder that they are remembered and appreciated."

But their contributions do not end there. The Villagers also focus on collecting and donating essential items for the local food bank and women's shelters. Members have participated in donation drives to gather non-perishable food items, toiletries, and clothing, helping to support families and individuals in need during this challenging season.

The women meet weekly to plan their activities and coordinate efforts, fostering not only a sense of purpose but also strong friendships among members.

As the holiday season approaches, The Villagers continue to encourage others in their complex to join their cause, reminding everyone that even small acts of kindness can have a profound impact on those around us.

Town of No. Branford Office of Social Service

DECEMBER HOLIDAY BASKET SHARE

Over the years many community members, religious and civic organizations as well as businesses, large and small have been integral members of the community through their time, donations, and generosity. Some participate just one year or through one program. Others participate each year. Every effort is appreciated.

If you are interested in assisting an individual, family, or a child in the North Branford/Northford Community, we encourage you to do so through a variety of programs. The extent of your participation is entirely yours; no involvement is too small.

The December Holiday Basket Share Program will take place on Thursday, December 19, 2024.

For those wishing to donate a basket, you only need to call the Office of Social Service at (203) 484-6006 and express your desire to donate a Holiday Dinner Basket with or without toys. You may choose the family size you would like to adopt. You may choose to do this alone, or as a group, with neighbors or co-workers. For those donors that wish to include children's gifts, this Office will provide you with the children's wish list.

Although names are not disclosed, a number will be given to both the recipient and the donor. This is used to identify which family is the recipient. All commitments by the donor and the recipients will receive written confirmation. The Program Schedule is as follows:

Donor Drop Off: Thursday, December 19, 9:30-11am.

Recipient Pick-up: Thursday, December 19, 11:30am-1pm.

PRAYER INFORMATION

All prayers cost $12 per prayer, per week. The deadline is Wednesday for the following Tuesday's Issue. Please mail to The Advisor, P.O Box 460, North Haven, CT 06473-0460 or bring in to our office, 87 State Street (Kings Acres), North Haven, with payment, correct initials and code number found in lower left corner of prayer.

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Hope Christian Church Blue Christmas

North Haven: Christmas can be a difficult season for many people. The Holiday's may not be a happy time. Sometimes we don't feel like celebrating Christmas because we have suffered the loss of a loved one, a recent divorce, illness, seasonal depression, the loss of a job or family problems causing us to feel sad, guilty, or lonely.



Blue Christmas is a quiet ceremony where you can honor someone you have lost, and connect with your own feelings, the reality of loss and the heaviness often carried during this season. An opportunity make space to feel the pain, struggle, hardship, and tears and the healing grace of God that renews, restores and heals.

An invitation to put all of your emotional weights down at the ceremony and to embrace the beauty the joy and the hope, the new story that begins in every season of life.

Please be our guest on Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 4 P.M. for this Ceremony of Hope for the holidays, followed by a time of community as we share a light supper together provided by Hope Church.

Our prayer is that hope will saturate your Christmas with joy, peace, friendship and blessing!

REALPEOPLE…REALHOPE….REALLIFE. Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave North Haven CT 06473, 203-234-7328, office@hopeag.com

North Haven Garden Club Poetry Contest

The North Haven Garden Club in conjunction with Federated Garden Club's of Connecticut and National Garden Club's is announcing the theme for the 2024-2025 poetry contest: ."My Garden Has Vegetables to Spare That I can Share - Helping Fight Hunger by Sharing Vegetables From Our Garden." The contest is open to all North Haven students from kindergarten through 9th grade.

If you wish to enter the contest please contact Cindy Golia at nhgccindy@yahoo.com for forms to be completed along with your students entry.

FIVE grand prizes and a certificate will be awarded to the winners from the North Haven Garden Club along with a certificate from The Federated Garden Clubs of CT. This is the breakdown- Kindergarten & 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th, 6th & 7th and 8th & 9th.

Date for Submission: All entries are due to Youth Chair Cindy Golia **on or before January 5th, 2025.** Please mail all entries to The North Haven Garden Club, Attn. Cindy Golia, 12 Stanton Road, North Haven, CT 06473.

***Please follow directions, poems will not be able to be submitted if information is incorrect and not on back of poem. Please include parents email address and phone number on separate piece of paper.

Only regional winners are considered in the judging for national winners. Contest winners will not be allowed to win two consecutive years. All of the winning entries will be compiled into a booklet, which will be made available to the winners.

Eligibility:

- Special Education: Kindergarten through 9th Grade.
- English as a second language: Kindergarten through 9th Grade.
- General Education: Kindergarten through 9th Grade.

Guidelines:

- All entries must be typed and titled.
- Include name, address, age, grade, and school of participant on the back of entry.
- Sponsoring garden club and state garden club name must also be identified.
- Sponsoring garden club may be that of a grandparent.
- All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Poems do not have to rhyme.
- Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems, limerick, or Haiku.
- The theme should not be used as the title to any poetry. When judging, the title is worth 10 points.

Don't forget to check out The North Haven Garden Club on Facebook.

For membership information please email Italia at italia_a@comcast.net.

Article by Cindy Golia

Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

The Connecticut Federation of Women's Clubs has announced two scholarships that are available to Connecticut women pursuing advanced courses of study at Institutions of higher learning. Awards are granted on the basis of future promise, scholastic ability and financial need.

The Dorothy E. Schoelzel memorial scholarship has a maximum award of $2,000. Candidates must have completed three or more years of undergraduate work in an accredited institution with a 3.0 average or higher in the field of Education.

The Phipps scholarship has a maximum award of $1,000. Candidates must have completed two or more years on undergraduate work in an accredited institution with a 3.0 average or higher toward a bachelor's or post graduate degree.

Completed applications, including general and personal information, a financial statement, instructor/employer references, official transcript of at least the most recent two years of undergraduate or graduate work ***must be received by Feb. 10, 2025.***

The application may be obtained by visiting the Northford-North Branford Women's Club website at www.northfordnbwomensclubgfwc.org.

For further information, contact Rose Lynch at (203) 483-8395.

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