all about kids

Sunny Side Up
Early Care Learning Center
Visit our website at www.sunnysideupearlycare.com
76 Maple Ave., North Haven (203)239-7395
Select Openings for 3 & 4 Year olds Available



Learning about animals that live in the ice and snow, at Sunny Side Up we build new knowledge on what we already know!
PreK openings. Call for a tour!

Derek's Annual Holiday Toy Drive

North Haven: Derek's Annual Holiday Toy Drive for The Children's Community Programs of CT and Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital, will be accepting donations **now thru December 15th.**

If you are a business interested in helping, we can place a donation box at your location. The donation boxes will be collected by 12/15/25.

You can drop off donations from 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday at our location: ANSIR & NOW Security Systems, INC., 380 Washington Avenue, Ste. 6 & 7.

Any questions or more information, please contact Derek at (203) 281-9044.

Buying Gold, Silver, Fashion & Costume Jewelry



Call Jude (203) 868-1816

WANTED TO BUY:
Antiques & Collectibles, furniture, jewelry, silver, toys, advertising items, old signs, doorstops, garden items, fishing, military, clocks, Hummels & Lladró, linen, pottery, glass, etc.
Clean Out Services
(203) 641-0307 Northford

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GRASSY HILL AUCTIONS, an Estate Sale, Liquidation, Attic & Basement Cleanout Company is Always Buying and providing services all over Connecticut. These are just a FEW of the things we are looking for: Antiques, Collectibles, Old/ Vintage Toys, Musical Instruments (Saxophones, Trumpets, Violins, Flutes, Clarinets, Trombone & SO MUCH MORE) Advertising Items, Wristwatches (Broken or Not), Pocket Watches, Tools (Machinist, Woodworking, & MORE) Doorstops, Clocks, Oil Paintings, Old Signs, Old Photographs, Old Postcards, Brewery Items, Hunting & Fishing, PEZ Dispensers, Costume Jewelry, Broken Jewelry, Gold & Silver Jewelry, Gold & Silver Coins, Military Items, Swords & Bayonets, Helmets & Patches, Medals & Uniforms, Pocket Knives, Lighters & Pipes, Fountain Pens, Mechanical Pencils, Fraternal Order Items, Religious Items, Industrial Items, Winchester Items, Sikorsky Items, Pratt & Whitney Items, Colt Items, Native American Items, Vintage Electronics, Slot Cars, Toy Trucks, Matchbox & Hotwheels, Barbie's, Folk Art, Statues, Bronzes, Trains, Cameras, Mid Century Modern Furniture, Straight Razors, Shaving Items, Political Items, Comic Books, Sports Cards & Autographs…& THE LIST GOES ON! So please give us a call at your earliest convince. **Grassy Hill Auctions (203) 868-1816; GrassyHill Auctions.com**

Area Craft Fairs, Bazaars, Festivals, Auctions, Rummage, Flea Markets & Tag Sales

Craft/Festivals/Vendor Fairs

EAST HAVEN/BRANFORD

BRANFORD COMPASSION CLUB'S FELINE RESCUE & ADOPTION CENTER will hold a **Holiday Cookie Sale & Gift Fair** on **Sat., Dec. 13th,** from 11am-2pm at the American Legion Hall, 243 North Main Street, Branford. Homemade cookies - make your own dozen, other baked goods, crafts, gifts, merchandise for sale. Raffle. Spin the roulette wheel to win a prize. Proceeds to benefit the Branford Compassion Club. https://branfordcompassionclub.org

Holiday Cookie Walks

HAMDEN/CHESHIRE

NO TIME TO BAKE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON? *Looking for festive treats for your Christmas gatherings without all the work?* **The Saint Paul VI Columbiettes** will host a **Christmas Cookie Walk** on **Sat., Dec. 20th,** 11am-2pm or until sold out in the Saint Rita Parish Hall, 1620 Whitney Ave., Hamden. Come choose a variety of freshly baked, homemade Christmas cookies to share with family and friends. Cost is $12 per pound. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Saint Paul VI Parish Food Pantry.

Recyclable Sculpture Contest

North Haven: Theme - Encouraging Youth To Keep Our Planet Green. Deadline - January 5, 2026. Youth in grades 4-8 are eligible to enter and compete by grade level. Sculpture must consist of recycled, reused, and/or reduced materials. Size limited to fit on 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper. Height should be proportionate. Entry form must list materials used along with description. Entry form must include two 4" x 6" photos of 'sculpture' pasted on back of entry form.



To receive an entry form please contact nhgccindy@yahoo.com and one will be emailed to you. There will be a winner from every grade and they will receive a certificate of participation and a small gift from the North Haven Garden Club.

Don't forget to check out The North Haven Garden Club on Facebook for lots of useful and entertaining information and pictures of all our club does in our great town of North Haven! For membership information please email Italia at italia_a@comcast.net.

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Article and photo by Cindy Golia

Worth Tasting Culinary Tour 2025

New Haven: "Worth Tasting" - a series of downtown culinary walking tours in New Haven will hold their final tour of the year on **Sat., December 13 (holiday tour).** Spend an afternoon on a food tasting adventure with Stephen Fries and Chris Bartlett. Stephen is a food columnist, Professor Emeritus of Hospitality Management and board member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals (IACP). Chris is a serial entrepreneur and Board member of IACP.

The four-hour tour includes stops at 6-8 different restaurants and eateries in the Elm City. New Haven is a city with an incredible culinary reputation and Worth Tasting, now in its' 18th year, provides visitors and locals with a chance to experience it firsthand. Tours begin at 10:30am from the Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale.

Tickets for the December tour are $85 each. Tickets are limited and reservations are required. https://worth tasting.co/newhaven/ (203) 415-3519.

North Haven Garden Poetry Contest For 2025-2026 "Plant America For The Next 100 Years"



Pictured: 2025 winners of the poetry contest Savanna Alleyne, Sean Alleyne, Samantha Alleyne, James Kim and Regina Kim with Youth Chair Cindy Golia.

North Haven: 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 2025-2026 poetry contest: "PLANT AMERICA FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS". The contest is open to all North Haven students from kindergarten through 9th grade. Last year 3 winning poems created by students in North Haven school system who won and we're published in The National Garden Club's Poetry Booklet, 4 students won The New England Region contest and 5 in all won The Federated Garden Club and North Haven Garden Club level. 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. So try your hand at poetry, you'll never know if you have a hidden talent if you don't try! We had winners in the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and the NGC winners who were published received a booklet of all the winning poems.

Dates for Submission: All entries are due to Youth Chair Cindy Golia on or before JANUARY 5th, 2026. 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.

2025-2026 CONTEST- Excite and encourage our Youth to express and explore their creative thoughts through different types of poetry. NGC's Poetry Contest enables our Youth to embrace their creativity through the art of writing. Be imaginative and join the winners to see your poetry in a booklet.

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 Ninth Grade.
- English as a second language: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.
- General Education: Kindergarten through Ninth 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.

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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: Studio French easel by Jullian, 34" high, hand finished, Elmwood, new $50 firm; call (203) 287-9280