

Garden Club Poetry Contest Theme "Plant America for the Next 100 Years"

The North Haven Garden Club in conjunction with Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut and National Garden Clubs, 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, three winning poems were created by students in the North Haven school system and were published in The National Garden Club's Poetry Booklet. Four students won The New England Region contest and five in all won The Federated Garden Club and North Haven Garden Club level.

If you wish to enter the con-

test, please contact Cindy Golia at nhgcccindy@yahoo.com for forms to be completed along with your student's 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.

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 Rd., 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 parent's 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 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 prop-

erty 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.

****LEGAL NOTICE****

JANUARY 2026 MUNICIPAL TAXES DUE TO THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN FOR THE 2024 GRAND LIST (Pursuant to C.G.S. § 12-145)

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES for the Town of North Haven are due JANUARY 1, 2026 (SECOND INSTALLMENT). Further, SUPPLEMENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES, if applicable to you, are due JANUARY 1, 2026 (IN-FULL). Supplemental bills are issued pursuant to C.G.S. § 12-7. **NOTE: FAILURE TO RECEIVE A BILL DOES NOT INVALIDATE THE TAX (C.G.S. § 12-130). BILLING STUBS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF BOTH REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE IN JANUARY WERE INCLUDED IN THE JULY BILLING PACKET; WE DO NOT PROCESS A SECOND BILL.**

If taxes are not paid by end of the grace period, February 2, 2026, the taxes will become delinquent as of February 3, 2026: Interest will accrue at the rate of 1½ % per month or fraction thereof (18% per annum) on all unpaid taxes on the 2024 Grand List, computed from the original due date of January 1, 2026. Each addition of interest (minimum amount of \$2.00, per CT State law) shall become due and collectable and shall be figured on the original amount of tax. **INTEREST CANNOT BE WAIVED (C.G.S. §§ 12-145 & 146).**

If BACK TAXES are due, payments will be applied to the oldest outstanding bill first; fees, interest, and liens will be paid before principal (if applicable). (C.G.S. § 12-144b). All delinquent motor vehicle taxes requiring a release for motor vehicle registration should be paid by cash, bank check or money order. Payments made with a check and/or online require a ten (10) business day hold for clearance, which will delay your ability to register with DMV. **IF YOU ARE NOT SURE OF THE PROPER PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A DMV RELEASE, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE BEFORE YOU COME IN TO PAY.**

The Tax Collector's office accepts the following forms of payment: Cash, Personal Check, Money Order, Bank Check and Certified Bank Check. **We do NOT accept debit or credit cards in the office.** Please be mindful of the fact that while we accept cash, we do reserve the right to accept cash in the limited amount of \$1,000.00 per transaction. Please make all checks payable to: Tax Collector, Town of North Haven.

PAYING BY MAIL: PLEASE INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATE PORTION OF THE BILL, AND WRITE THE LIST/BILL NUMBER [Example: 2024-MS-XXXXXXX] ON YOUR CHECK. **NO STAPLES PLEASE.** IF YOU PAY WITHIN THE GRACE PERIOD (**TIMELY PAYMENT**): FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AN ENVELOPE HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN WHICH TO MAIL YOUR PAYMENT (**ADDRESSED TO: TAX COLLECTOR, TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN, P.O. BOX 900, HARTFORD, CT 06143-0900**). IF YOU PAY AFTER THE GRACE PERIOD (**LATE PAYMENT**): PLEASE MAIL YOUR PAYMENT TO THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE DIRECTLY, LOCATED AT MEMORIAL TOWN HALL, 18 CHURCH STREET, NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473. REQUESTS FOR RECEIPTS SHOULD INCLUDE A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

PAYING ONLINE: If you would like to pay your tax bill(s) online, please visit: www.northhaven-ct.gov in the section for ONLINE SERVICES: you will click on "VIEW AND PAY TAX BILLS ONLINE". Fees for the use of the online payment system will depend upon the payment instrument utilized: *checking & savings accounts, .50 fee per transaction; debit card, \$3.95 fee per transaction; and credit card, 3% fee per transaction.* Payments made after 8 p.m. weekdays will be considered processed no sooner than the next business day. Check your payment confirmation to be sure.

PAYING IN PERSON: The Tax Collector's office is open daily from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., except for weekends and legal holidays.

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January 13th

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