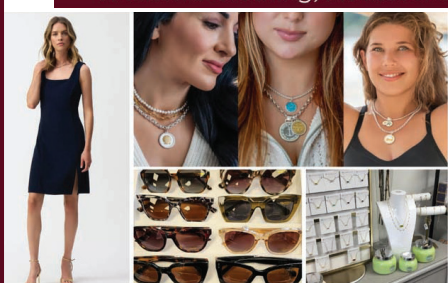


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Reunion Gathering BSA Troop 811 Celebrating 30 Yrs.!

North Haven: Were you a Scout or a Leader of Boy Scout Troop 811? Do you remember those fabulous campouts, trips, and the summer week at Camp Sequassen?

Plans are well along for this event. You do not want to miss this, so save the date: **Saturday, May 31** from 2-5pm to gather and re-live some of those memories with friends from the Troop. Location TBD.

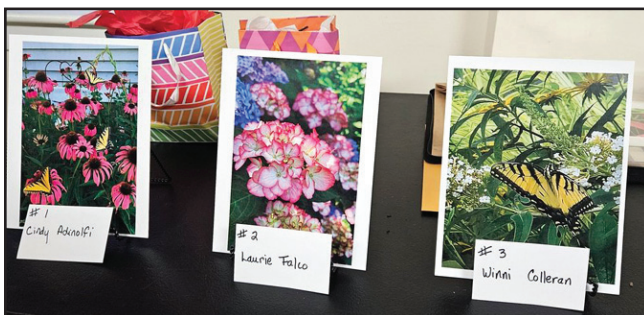
To RSVP and for more details, please contact: Casey Marinuzzi at caseymarinuzzi@gmail.com or at (203) 257-0708.

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North Haven Garden Club Holds In Club Photo Contest



Pictured Above: Winning photos, **Right:** Cake with winning photo.

North Haven: The North Haven Garden Club held a photo contest for only their members using photos taken of their gardens or other outdoor images. The club uses photos from members gardens to create beautiful original cards and we sell them at all our fundraisers and meetings. The cards will be on display at our May Market Fundraiser at a cost of 1 for \$3.00, 2 at \$5.00 and a 5 for \$10.00. These cards are suitable for any occasion from celebrations, birthdays, anniversaries, or sympathy cards. So stop by our card table and check them out.

In all 12 members submitted photos for the contest, the North Haven Garden Club membership voted on each card at the March meeting and the winners were announced at the April meeting. During the meeting our guest speaker Mark Battista critiqued each photo entered. His comments gave us a new way to look at our composition, colors and lines in our photos.

First place winner was Cindy Adinolfi, 2nd place went to Laurie Falco and 3rd place went to Wini Colleran. Each were presented a small prize. A cake with the winning photo was served at our refreshment table.

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_a@comcast.net.

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

Article and photos by Cindy Golia



North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy to Honor Three

On Wednesday, May 21, the North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge #2805 will be recognizing State Representative Vincent Candelora, Nathan Vestal and Raymond Ciarleglio for their outstanding community service.

The dinner will take place at Woodwinds in Branford and tickets are \$55 per person which includes appetizers, a full buffet meal and a cash bar. Appetizers and cocktails will begin at 5:30 with dinner starting promptly at 6:15.

For tickets or more information, call Frank Mentone at (203) 410-4254 or email Fmentonejr@comcast.net. **The ticket deadline is May 15th.**

NARFE Meeting

North Haven: The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Association Chapter 257 monthly meeting will be held Mon., May 5, 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 ShopRite Registered Dietitian Marisa McCoy who will present: Foods That Boost Your Mood.

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

WANTED: Old tools, musical instruments, military, Winchester, Colts, antique guns & old hunting & fishing. We buy gold & silver coins and jewelry. Anything related to vintage jewelry. Call Joe, (203) 488-7271

The Nest Schools Officially Opens in Hamden



Pictured (L-R): Assistant Director Keisha Chandler and Director Roseann Wilder.

Now welcoming children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old. The Nest Schools, a leading provider of early childhood education, is excited to announce the official opening of its newest Connecticut location in Hamden. The school began welcoming families on April 14 and serves children from 6 weeks to 12 years old, offering a vibrant, play-based learning environment where children grow in every way-building confidence, curiosity, and important life skills along the way.

Located at 1315 Dixwell Avenue, the Hamden school joins a growing presence of The Nest Schools in Connecticut-alongside Wallingford, which opened last month, and Simsbury, set to open this summer. The site, formerly Creative Kids Early Learning Center, has been fully transformed into a bright, modern space aligned with The Nest's signature approach to early education.

"We are thrilled to open our doors and welcome Hamden families to The Nest," said Roseann Wilder, director of The Nest Schools in Hamden. "This school has been designed with love, purpose, and the community in mind, and we're so excited to watch our children grow, explore, and thrive here."

The Nest's innovative curriculum is grounded in

the latest research on how young children grow - socially, emotionally, intellectually, and physically. Every part of the day is thoughtfully designed to build school readiness and real-world skills through hands-on exploration, meaningful connections, and purposeful play. Children also take part in three signature enrichment programs-Paints and Planos, Fit Buddies, and The Art of Living-each led by a specially trained educator and designed to spark creativity, promote wellness, and nurture essential life skills in fun, age-appropriate ways. The Hamden location features advanced safety measures, including keyless entry, panic buttons, observance cameras, and classroom air purifiers powered by Certified Space Technology™-helping to reduce airborne viruses by 99.96%.

Founded in 2021, The Nest Schools now operates over 50 schools across nine states. The company is led by Jane Porterfield and Gerry Pastor, whose decades of experience in Connecticut early education-as former founders of Educational Playcare-continue to shape The Nest's mission: to provide the highest quality programs for children, families, and teachers. Families are encouraged to schedule a tour and experience firsthand what makes The Nest a special place for children to learn and grow. Visit www.TheNestSchool.com/Hamden to learn more.

FOR SALE: Picnic table with new umbrella, includes cement base \$125; (203) 887-7377

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