



WEST SPRINGFIELD GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The membership year is July 1st to June 30th

IMPORTANT! The WSGC Membership Book is distributed **ONLY** to WSGC members for use in club activities. The information is often used for communication among members. Please mark below what information you prefer to be included in the Membership Book. Photos are often taken of our members as they participate in club activities and are used in publications, news releases, Facebook our website etc. If you don't wish to have your photo taken, make this known to the photographer before the photo shoot.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Include address in the Membership Book: YES NO

HOME PHONE: _____ Include in the Membership Book: YES NO

CELL PHONE: _____ Include in the Membership Book: YES NO

EMAIL: _____ Include in the Membership Book: YES NO

TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF:

The reason(s) I want to join WSGC: _____

I have a special interest in (flowers, ecology, conservation, etc.) _____

I have experience in (organizing projects, sales, painting, teaching, publications, publicity, etc.) _____

I have skills in (computer software, writing for publication, Zoom meetings, soliciting sponsors, etc.) _____

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The WSGC has a variety of committees and activities that need membership involvement. More details are found in the Handbook section of the Membership Book. Which committees might you be interested in joining?

- Civic Beautification** – manage gardening activities in the multiple gardens sponsored by WSGC. Choose color themes and plants for individual gardens. Assist the Barrel and Planter sub-committee.
- Education** – work with the Vice President to choose and schedule program topics and speakers. Gather and update educational information on the club website.
- Field Trips** – work with the President in identifying and booking field trips and tours of interest to our members. Manage the scheduled field trips.
- Greenhouse** – work in the Mittineague Park greenhouse growing and caring for the plants which will be sold at the club's annual Plant Sale. Help choose the plants which will be grown.
- Hospitality** – Plan food and beverages for club picnic, plant sale, holiday party and other special events. Coordinate set-up and clean-up.
- Meeting Set-up** – assist with speaker's equipment and supplies before and after the monthly meetings. Set-up the "meet and greet" check-in table, distribute name tags and handouts.
- Membership** – familiarize the new members to club activities. Assure new members are introduced and welcomed by members. Plan and implement activities to encourage active and engaged membership.
- Publicity** – publicize the club and its activities using various forms of media. Photograph club activities.
- Scholarship** – update application and send out to notices to appropriate groups and locations. Publicize scholarships using area media. Gather application, review and select winners.
- Yuletide** – Plan, coordinate, help make, set-up and take down holiday decorations at Storrowton Village.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS:

- Festival of Flowers** – design a floral arrangement to interpret a painting or sculpture at a local museum.
- Nominations** – solicit, identify and recommend members for elected positions.
- Plant Sale** – *ALL members* are expected to assist in this annual fund-raising event in May.
- Yuletree** – design and decorate club's tree for Red Thread's fund-raising event.

In the Handbook section of the Membership Book you will receive, you will find the "nuts and bolts" of how the club operates. We ask that you read it to get a better understanding of WSGC, all the interesting and rewarding things we do, as well as how you can contribute your skills and talents to our mission.

MEMBERSHIP DUES are \$30.00 (7/1 – 6/30)

Please make checks out to *West Springfield Garden Club*

Mail form & dues to: Laurie Cassidy, 84 Clarence St. West Springfield, MA 01089