

## 2023 - 2024 Horticulture Calendar

<b>Monday, September 10, 2023</b>	<b>Spotlight on Horticulture: Summer's Bounty*</b>
<b>Monday, October 2, 2023</b>	<b>Spotlight on Horticulture: Under the Water OR Pumpkins and Plant Combinations*</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 10:00 - 12 noon</b>	<b>Horticultural Workshop: Creative Flower Design with Cathy Ritch, National Garden Club Judge. Fee: \$25. Location: Town Hall Auditorium</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 25, 2023. 9:30 am</b>	<b>Horticultural Field Trip: The Farmer's Daughter and the University of Rhode Island Botanical Garden, South Kingston, RI (a 1 hour 20 mins journey)</b>
<b>Monday November 6, 2023</b>	<b>Spotlight on Horticulture: Nature's Bounty*</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 13, 2023. 10:00 - 12 noon</b>	<b>Horticultural Workshop: Boxwood Trees led by Sandy French and Jane Dickinson. Fee TBA. Location: Town Hall Auditorium</b>
<b>Monday, February 5, 2024</b>	<b>Spotlight on Horticulture: Photos of your garden planters, flower arrangement AND/OR arrangements based on a hobby (hiking, sailing, reading, etc)*</b>
<b>Thursday, February 15, 2024. 10:00 am - 12 noon</b>	<b>Horticultural Workshop: Repotting Orchids and Basic Orchid Care led by Coral Rawn. Fee: TBA. Location: Town Hall Auditorium</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 28, 2024. 9:30 am</b>	<b>Horticultural Field Trip: Logee's Greenhouses, Danielson, CT (a 1 hour journey)</b>
<b>Monday, March 4, 2024</b>	<b>Spotlight on Horticulture: Drought Tolerant Plantings*</b>
<b>Thursday, March 14, 2024</b>	<b>Horticultural Workshop: Creating Birdhouses from Gourds led by Patty York. Fee: \$10. Location: Town Hall Auditorium</b>
<b>Monday, April 1, 2024</b>	<b>Spotlight on Horticulture: Miniature Gardens*</b>
<b>June date TBA. 9:30 am</b>	<b>Horticultural Field Trip: Emily Dickinson's House and Garden, Amherst, MA (a 1 hour 37 min journey)</b>

## \*SPOTLIGHT ON HORTICULTURE

As part of our horticulture program, garden club members are encouraged to bring plant material from their gardens and homes to be displayed at the meeting on the first Monday of each month. This is an opportunity for members to share the results of their gardening, while other members of the garden club can appreciate and learn from these displays. This is a time to share foliage, flowers, fruits, vegetables or dry plant materials that you have grown and nurtured. In addition, participants earn points toward winning the President's Award (see below).

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD

### The President's Award

This trophy, donated by Barbara Ullstein, is presented annually to an Essex Garden Club member. The Award's purpose is to promote interest and participation in horticulture and education.

Points will be accumulated by:

1. Participation in educational field trips
2. Participation in workshops
3. Participation in monthly spotlights (member is to provide botanical and common names)
4. Participation in any flower show (member is to provide botanical and common names)

