

# Haddam Garden Club 2023 Program Description



All programs are held at 10:00 in the Higganum Community Center unless otherwise noted. Guests are welcome to attend many of the programs, as noted, and a \$5 donation is suggested. See website for directions: [www.HaddamGardenClub.org/meetings](http://www.HaddamGardenClub.org/meetings)

**January 11th - Art Horn, Meteorologist “Weather, Wit and Wisdom”** - Art Horn has worked as a meteorologist for TV stations in Maine, Boston, Florida and most recently CT. He teaches meteorology at Tunxis Community College and serves as an expert witness in weather litigation. He received an Emmy nomination in 2007 for a PBS documentary, “Hurricane Direct Hit.” Stay and enjoy a fabulous member-prepared lunch. **Guests welcome - \$5 donation suggested.**

**February 8th – Cathy Bowe from Town and Country Nurseries on Making a Valentine’s Day Arrangement.** Spark your creativity in a loving way at this hands-on seminar by making a Valentine’s Day arrangement lead by flower stylist and top-notch arranger, Cathy Bowe from Haddam’s Town and Country Nurseries. Delicious lunch provided by members. **Guests welcome - \$5 donation suggested.**

**March 8th - Caryn Davis - CT’s Historic Gardens** - Be virtually transported on a tour of CT’s beautiful, historic gardens. *Connecticut Gardens: A Celebration of the State’s Historic, Public and Private Gardens* is a new book by photographer Caryn B. Davis that showcases 44 of our state’s most breathtaking gardens. The second meeting highlight is a fabulous lunch. **Guests welcome - \$5 donation suggested.**

**April 12th - Neal Sanders, Mystery Author of “Gardening Is Murder”.** This program “Gardening is Murder” is a husband’s point of view of gardening filled with humor and insight from someone who gardens less from an abiding love of horticulture than for the love of a spouse. The lecture is very entertaining and enlightening. Delicious lunch provided by members. **Guests welcome - \$5 donation suggested.**

**May 10th - Civic Garden Day – (Members and Membership Applicants Only).** HGC’s major work day which is dedicated to the maintenance and enhancement of Haddam’s civic gardens and welcome signs. Team captains will designate a start time and assignments. A well-earned lunch is provided at the Community Center after the projects are completed.

**June 14th - Annual Potluck Lunch and Plant Auction. (Members and Membership Applicants Only).** Members share the wealth of their gardens by providing cuttings, divisions and seedlings for a group auction/fundraiser. 10:00am - At Nestle Down, home of HGC member Stephanie Denckowicz.

**July 12th – TBD. Possible Wildflowers Field Trip with East Haddam Garden Club**

**September 13th - Gayle Wentworth, Enders Island Dahlia Specialist.** When we visited Enders Island last September we all wanted more information on the stunning variety of dahlias planted there, but their specialist was home with an injury. The dream will come true this September when Gayle Wentworth shares a slide show and some of her Dahlia secrets with us. **Guests welcome - \$5 donation suggested.**

**October 11th - Broken Arrow.** More info coming soon!

**November 8th - Annual Meeting/Luncheon. (Members and Membership Applicants Only).** Location TBD. HGC’s annual meeting and luncheon which celebrates our achievements throughout the year. Member recognition and the election of officers for the next year are followed by a festive lunch at a local restaurant.

**December 6<sup>th</sup> – Civic Holiday Arrangements. (Members and Membership Applicants Only).** This is the day we make festive arrangements for the municipal buildings of our town. Members are asked to bring holiday containers, decorations and ribbons as well as fresh cut greens from their yards. This is a festive and fun meeting which includes lunch, and often a Christmas Carol serenade by a ukulele playing elf! Rev. 1-24-23