

Haddam Garden Club 2025 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 \$10 donation is suggested. See website for more details and directions: www.HaddamGardenClub.org/meetings

January 8th - John Himmelman, author, illustrator, naturalist. "Birds, Their Side of the Story"— Higganum's John Himmelman will share light-hearted stories of birds and bird watching - from cuisine to cartoons, ornaments to icons, murmurs to murders, and many of their habits and legends in between. Meeting starts at 11:00am; Program starts at 1:00pm at the Haddam Firehouse, 439 Saybrook Rd., Higganum. **Guests Welcome - \$10 Donation per person.** Beverages and sweet treats provided. For planning purposes, **RSVP to Lynne: llcooper13@comcast.net**

February 12th – Adam Wheeler from Broken Arrow Nurseries. "Magical Witches of Winter" - Think you know witch hazel? Think again! Join us and discover the magical and ornamental side of witch hazel. Adam will present a slide lecture that touches on the storied history, ornamental appeal and noted selections of these underutilized shrubs. Meeting starts at 11:00am; Program starts at 1:00pm at the Haddam Firehouse, 439 Saybrook Rd., Higganum. **Guests Welcome - \$10 Donation per person.** Beverages and sweet treats provided. For planning purposes, **RSVP to Lynne: llcooper13@comcast.net**

March 12th - Gini Mita "Starting Plants from Seeds"- Geared to the home gardener, Gini will cover pre-sprouting seeds, newspaper pots, found materials for mini greenhouses, propagating your favorite plants and much more!

April 9th – Cathy Bowe from Cathy & Company. "Got Bulbs?" – Cathy will begin with a spring bulb demonstration, showcasing how to create a stunning countertop arrangement with living plants. Then, she'll dive into one of her favorite plant types—summer bulbs—sharing insights on exciting new varieties, proper care, and where to find them. **(Members and Membership Applicants Only).**

May 8th - 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 12th - 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 – Location TBD, but it is usually held at a member's home.

September 11th – Garden Photo Scavenger Hunt. (Members and Membership Applicants Only). There will be a series of garden photos and participants will need to identify the location and flowers represented.

October 9th – Renee Marsh "Gardening Into Fall" Renee will cover a broad range of topics including plant recommendations, cultural reqmts, tools and techniques for preparing your garden for success next spring. **Guests Welcome - \$10 Donation per person.** Beverages and sweet treats provided. For planning purposes, **RSVP to Lynne: llcooper13@comcast.net**

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 6th – 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!