

# HAMILTON-WENHAM GARDEN CLUB

*celebrating 85 years*

## New Member Information

Thank you for your interest in the Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club. We are a non-profit community service organization that provides beautification projects in both towns, Arbor Day trees to the children in the elementary schools, garden therapy workshops with the senior housing residents, and workshops for junior garden club members. We also award a scholarship to a local high school graduate each spring, and have created and maintain a garden in Pingree Park. It is through our fundraising efforts that the Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club is able to continue these worthwhile projects.

At the monthly meetings you might attend a lecture, watch a floral demonstration, or participate in a hands-on workshop. They are a lot of fun, a great way to learn about gardening, and to meet some new friends. **NO GARDENING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!** Feel comfortable with the fact that most of us have acquired our gardening knowledge through the Club meetings and projects. Our members are always willing to share their knowledge, and answer any questions about gardening you may have.

Application to the Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club is open to all residents of Hamilton and Wenham 18 years and older. To enroll as a Provisional Member, please send the enclosed application and information forms with a **\$10.00 initiation fee**, and **Annual Dues of \$40.00** for a **total of \$50.00**. Please make checks payable to: Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club. Payment is due no later than **April 23, 2026**. Please send to:

Carol Merriman  
15 Arbor Street  
Wenham, MA 01984

Provisional Membership requirements need to be met in the first year of membership. These are outlined on the attached sheet. In **Section 2** you may choose any two in which you would like to participate. Feel free to take part in any additional activities on that list.

You will be assigned some of the responsibilities in **Section 3**, such as serving at one of the monthly meetings, assisting with downtown plant care, or providing an arrangement or potted plant for the HW Public Library. You will be notified in advance through the HWGC Yearbook (which will be distributed in August) or through the HWGC Newsletter. If you are unable to fulfill an assigned duty, you will need to notify the Membership Co-Chairs.

If you have any questions, please contact Membership Co-Chair **Carol Merriman** at 978-522-0515 or email **HWGCmember@gmail.com**

**HAMILTON-WENHAM GARDEN CLUB  
PROVISIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

**1. Attend three (3) Club meetings (usually the third Wednesday of the month).**

**2. Participate in two (2) non-meeting Club activities:**

- a. plant or clean out downtown flower planters (day & evening).
- b. bag Arbor Day trees (time to be announced).
- c. distribute Arbor Day trees to elementary schools (day).
- d. help with any Club fund raisers like Decorative Delights or the Plant Sale (day & evening).
- e. hostess a shift at the Topsfield Fair (day & evening).
- f. provide horticulture to be judged at a Club meeting (evening).
- g. provide a flower design to be judged at a Club meeting (evening).
- h. help with the Junior Garden Club (day).
- i. help with Garden Therapy (day).
- j. help with set up for a flower show, like painting staging or cleaning bottles (day or evening).
- k. attend a Club member's garden tour.
- l. help with other extra activities as they come up.

**3. Participate in the following all-member Club activities:**

- a. serve at a pre-assigned Club meeting (schedule is published in the yearbook, which is available at the September meeting).
- b. provide a plant or flower arrangement to the Hamilton Wenham Library (schedule is published in the Club newsletter).
- c. care for downtown flower planters in one area for a pre-assigned time (schedule mailed out in May or June).
- d. volunteer at a HWGC Garden Tour or Flower Show (in the years in which we have one!)

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## Provisional Member Registration and Dues Payment

Initiation Fee	\$10.00
Membership Annual Dues	\$40.00
Total	<u>          </u> \$50.00

Your name as it should appear in the Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club Yearbook.

**Example:** Jones, Betty (Mrs. Edward) **or** Jones, Betty

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about becoming a member of the Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club?

Newspaper notice? \_\_\_\_\_

Current Member? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, their name: \_\_\_\_\_

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I understand and agree to the requirements of Provisional Membership in the Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with your dues payment to **Carol Merriman**, 15 Arbor Street, Wenham, MA 01984 by **April 23, 2026**. Remember to keep the "New Member Information" and "Provisional Member Responsibilities" sheets for future reference.