



Connecticut
Master Gardener
Association

Welcome to our Annual Meeting

November 5, 2022





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Introductory Remarks

Paula Russo, Interim President





Historical Budget - Income

Budget Categories	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Proposed Budget
Membership Dues	19,500	12,000	10,000	
Symposium	21,875	15,000	12,000	
Semi-Annual Meeting	1,000	700	500	
Sales	3,000	1,000	1,000	
Donations	125	125	125	
Total Income	45,500	28,825	23,625	
NET INCOME	(1,650)	(4,050)	(4,176)	



Historical Budget - Expenses

Budget Categories	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Proposed Budget
Symposium Expenses	\$19,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	
Outreach Grants	9,000	6,000	5,000	
Extension Center Grants	6,750	3,375	3,000	
MG Scholarships	6,000	4,000	3,500	
Paypal/Stripe		500	1,100	
Semi-Annual Meeting	1,000	700	500	
Operations	2,650	2,850	2,850	
Annual Meeting	500	250	500	
Total Expenses	\$47,150	\$32,875	\$21,450	



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**2022 Board of Directors
Susan Eisenhandler**





Current Board Members as of 12/31/2022

Fairfield	Caroline Moran	2023	Middlesex	Paula Russo	2023
	Mary Ellen Seuch	2023			
Hartford	Kathy Beaty	2023	New Haven		
	Linette Branham	2026			
	Valerie Bryan	2023	New London	Lisa Doggart	2023
	Jean Fletcher	2023		Jim Ward	2026
	Debye Rosen	202			
	Susan St. John	2023	Stamford		
			Tolland	Deb Prior	2023
Litchfield	Susan Eisenhandler	2023	Windham	Kim Kelly	2023



Retiring Board Members

Fairfield

Vicky Ambrosey

Middlesex

Hartford

Kathye Cipes

**New
Haven**

**New
London**

Stamford

Tolland

Windham Christine Mazstal

Litchfield

Windham



Officers and New Board Members

Officers

President:	Paula Russo
Vice-President:	Mary Ellen Seuch
Secretary:	Jean Fletcher
Treasurer:	Deb Prior

Proposed New Board Nominees

Edward Hopkins, Southern CT

A newly minted MG with extensive experience in financial planning and business management as well as volunteer service with the Haddam

Cheryl Johnson, Litchfield

A longstanding MG and MG Program mentor with active engagement in business and a well-rounded background in gardening and all things green.

Beth Marsh, Stamford

An MG with in-depth experience in financial programming along with volunteer service in communications and work at the Bartlett Arboretum.



2022 - So Much Going On!

- Supporting Master Gardeners
 - \$5,925 in Grants Awarded for 2022
 - \$ XXX in Scholarships for Interns
 - \$ YYY in support for MG Coordinators
- The 2022 Annual Symposium took place virtually on March 20
 - International and Regional Speakers
 - Raised approximately \$5,600
- Dues contributed \$XXXX
- Plant Sales raised \$1200
 - Nursery Day at McCue Gardens
 - MakeFest at the CT Science Center: Successful second year
- New emphasis on member events
 - Seed Blocking Workshop
 - Cricket Hill Nursery
 - McCue Gardens & MakeFest Plant Sales
 - CT Daylily
 - Lockwood Farm
 - Broken Arrow Nursery
- May/June TSV Workshops for Interns at 5 locals
 - Connecticut College Arboretum, New London
 - Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford
 - Sherwood Island State Park, Westport
 - James L. Goodwin State Forest, Hampton
 - Edgerton Park, New Haven



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Linette Branham, Chair, Grants Committee





\$5,925 in Grants Awarded for 2022

2022

SPRING GRANTS: \$3,850

- 28 Applications Submitted and Reviewed, **6 from Interns**
- 19 of 28 applicants had never submitted a grant before
- 11 Awarded, 3 to Interns

2022

SUMMER GRANTS: \$2,075

- 6 Submitted and Reviewed, 1 from Intern
- 3 of 6 applicants had never submitted a grant before
- 5 Awarded in July

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Support for CMGA mission to promote horticultural knowledge through education and garden-based activities

Accessible to the public or non-profit facility it serves

Potential benefit to the community/population served

Balance of, and benefit to, MGs, interns and volunteers involved in the project

Project Continuation and funding sources

- Training and sample grant content were offered to aid applicants.
- Applications are evaluated based on selection criteria above.
- Projects are evaluated based on selection criteria, with points weighted for each criterion.

CMGA 2022 Virtual Garden Symposium



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Seed Block Workshop at Northwest Park





Connecticut Science Center MakeFest





McCue Gardens Plant Sale





- May/June TSV Workshops for Interns
 - ➔ Connecticut College Arboretum, New London
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Nursery Visits for Members



**Cricket Hill
Connecticut Daylily
Broken Arrow Nursery
Lockwood Farm**





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Questions?



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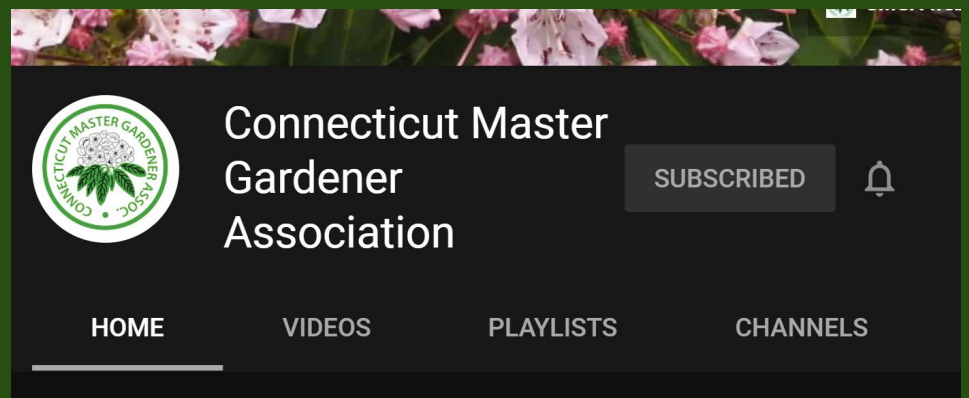
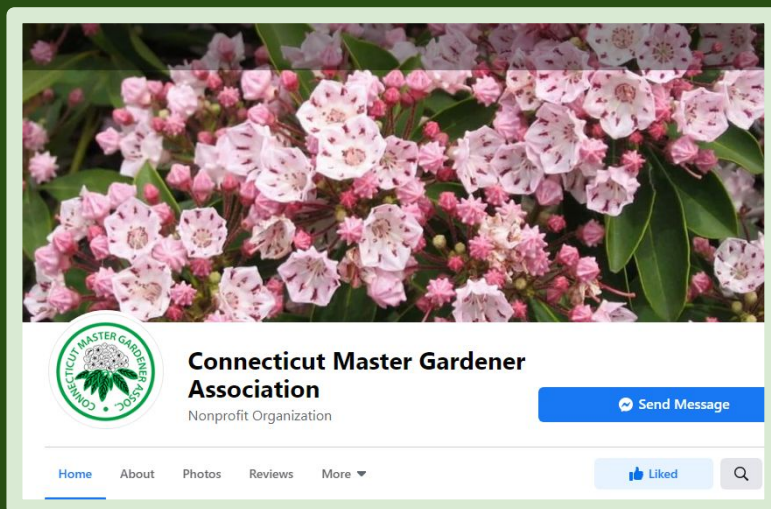
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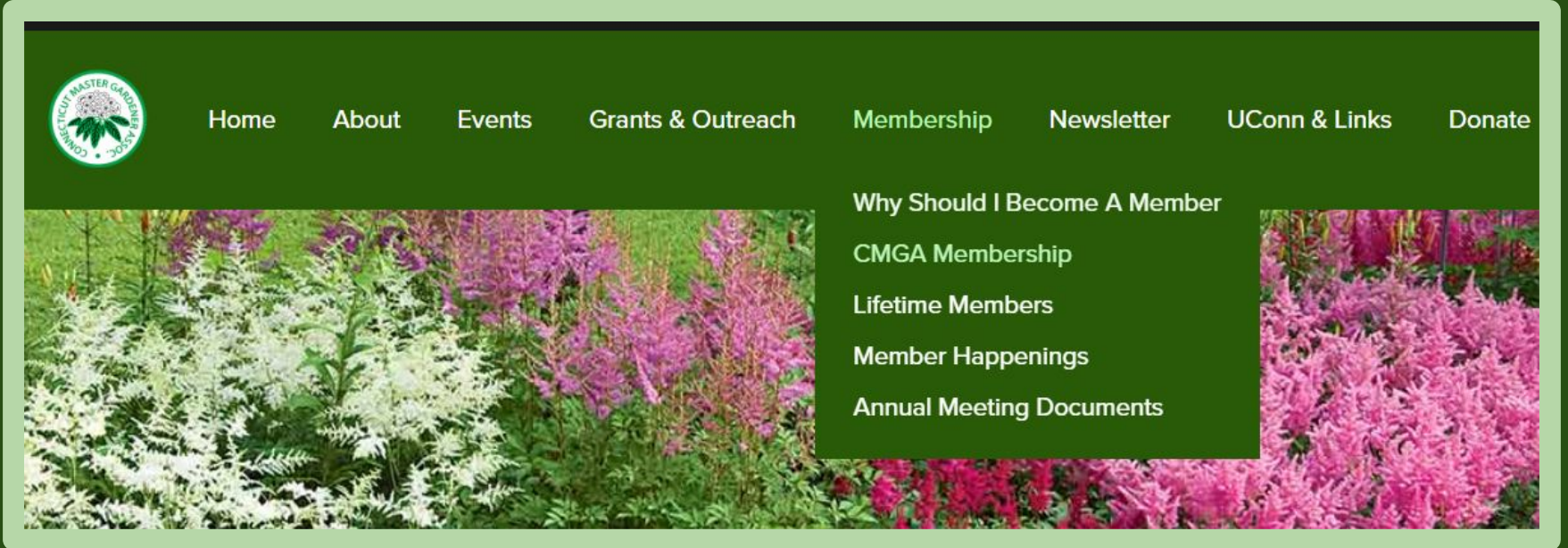
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Renew Your Membership for 2023

Your \$30 Membership Dues Will Help Us Meet Our Goals



Join Online at [Membership](#) > [CMGA Membership](#)

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CMGA



DONATE



We have a request

We'd like to use our member's thoughts about why they are active in CMGA in our membership drive for 2023. WE WILL ONLY USE YOUR FIRST NAME, GRADUATION DATE AND OFFICE.

Please email your message to: vicepres@ctmga.org

Send your quote with a favorite photo of your garden, a favorite plant, or best of all, you!

If you don't want to share a photo, please enter your thoughts in the chatbox while we're waiting for our next meeting segment.

Here's some of what we've heard:

It's important to me to raise funds to support community projects throughout the CT. Deb, Farmington, 2005

I have met so many wonderful people that make are willing to share their knowledge and experiences. Mary Ellen, Lower Fairfield, 2020

I love working with these wonderful plant loving folks who are so generous with both their time and knowledge and who will happily talk all things garden at any time -- I'm with my people! Kathy, New Haven, 2018



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Kathy

2018 New Haven

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Mary Ellen

2020 Lower Fairfield

I support CMGA because it's a great community of like-minded people - and a great place to learn and teach others to take care of the earth.

Caroline

2020 Lower Fairfield



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Native and Non-Native Plants for a Sustainable Landscape



We are delighted to welcome **Nancy DuBrule-Clemente**, who founded Natureworks Horticulture Services in Northford, CT in 1983. Nancy's will share her expertise on how to create a high quality ecosystem using a mixture of native and select non-native plants that support pollinators, birds, animals, and all the life we share our yards with.



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Thank you for joining us.