

Parks Commission meeting February 17, 2016

1. What has your group done in the past two years?

Through the efforts of the Park Dept. restored parts of the original balustrade dating to the 1920's.

All SGC members including Provisional members are required to participate in the garden a minimum of 12 hours (1.5 hours per month) during the season. There are exceptions. Members with physical restrictions or who cannot commit, can buy out for a \$50 annual fee. From March through November the club members do the necessary gardening chores: spring and fall cleanup, mulching, feeding, planting, transplanting, deadheading, pruning, etc.

2. What is your group planning on doing in the next one or two years?

The Stamford Garden Club is committed in the conservation of the Goodbody at the level of excellence as they have done since the restoration in 1974. The garden is reviewed in early spring for any necessary repairs, shrub and perennial replacements damaged during the winter season. Following the review, members meet to discuss what annuals will be planted and any changes to be done in the garden beds.

3. What are your concerns?

Watering during drought, vandalism and litter

4. How many active members?

There are about 44 active members and 3 provisional members. About 23 participate in the conservation of the garden. In the coming season that number will increase due to pending acceptance of 5 new provisional members.

5. What other groups/corporations do you interact with in the Community?

The Bartlett Arboretum; a tour given to members of The Daughters of the American Revolution; the garden is listed with the Garden Conservancy as a public garden; the garden is open to the public for all groups; in 2011 the club held a flower show at the Stamford Museum and Nature Center.

In addition:

* In 2011 we started an annual Lettuce Challenge Contest for children in conjunction with the GIVE program. Today, it encompasses the second graders in the Stamford District. (1,734 student, 19 schools and 65 classes or groups). The club provides kits with lettuce plugs, soil & pots for the program.

* We create dining room center pieces for Waveny in New Canaan.

* We hold an annual Christmas workshop for the seniors at St. John's Episcopal Church

* Members participate in the DSSD Streetscape Program since it's inception 22 years ago.

* Members participate in flower shows throughout the state, contributing to the horticulture, artistic and photography divisions.

* The Club is a member of the Garden Club of America and the Federated Garden Clubs of CT.