

**ROCKPORT GARDEN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Birth Date (year not necessary but helps with our statistics) _____

Dues of \$25 (twenty-five dollars) should accompany this application. Please make check payable to: Rockport Garden Club.

As a new member, you will be interested in knowing the range of opportunities for involvement in the Rockport Garden Club activities. The best way to become acquainted is to work on one or more of our committees. You will find information attached about the various committees. After reading, please check your preferences below.

These are the activities and committees of interest to me:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FUNDRAISING- Plant Sale, Garden tour | <input type="checkbox"/> HORTICULTURE AND CONSERVATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TOWN GARDENS | <input type="checkbox"/> HOSPITALITY / HOSTESS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MEMBERSHIP | <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAMS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLICITY | <input type="checkbox"/> INVASIVE PLANTS TEAM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SERVICE | <input type="checkbox"/> CHRISTMAS TEA DECORATION |

OTHER INTERESTS OR TALENTS _____

OBLIGATIONS: As a member of the Garden Club, you will be obligated to provide a plate of sandwiches or desserts for one social hour each year. If you're unable to do this, a donation of \$15 will be expected. We also encourage you to contribute plants or an 'in kind' donation to the plant sale. Our fundraising activities permit us to fund scholarships to Rockport students furthering their education.

I will attend will be introduced to the Club., at my first meeting, which will be _____

Please return this form with a check for \$25 (twenty-five dollars) to the Membership Chair, Eileen Saunders, or mail to: Eileen Saunders, 6 Spring Lane, Rockport, MA 01966.

Welcome to the Rockport Garden Club. It has been a very effective community organization for close to 90 years and depends upon each new member's time and talents. When you are introduced to the Club, you become a new member.

We look forward to meeting you,

Joni Lane,
President

ROCKPORT GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

By offering this information, we hope to increase the participation of all members, old and new. Often members may not be aware of what we do and the varied work of our committees. Please keep this sheet for reference, and do offer help on areas that appeal to you. You will be introduced to the Chairs of the respective committees where you have indicated interest on your application. We need everyone!

CHRISTMAS TEA DECORATIONS -- Obtains florals and decorates the home to be used for Garden Club Christmas Tea.

FUND RAISING -- Plans and works annual fundraisers for the support of Town Gardens, scholarships, and other civic projects.

HORTICULTURE -- Arranges Field Trips and provides our members with appropriate horticultural and conservation information.

HOSPITALITY -- Acts as hostess and/or provides refreshments at meetings. Each member is expected to contribute food to one of our teas.

MEMBERSHIP -- Provides and receives new member applications, facilitates the integration of new members, meets and greets all members and provides nametags. Sends out dues requests, birthday cards and makes phone calls.

NOMINATING -- Prepares a list of candidates seeking or proposed for office.

PROGRAM -- Plans programs, location of the Annual Picnic, Christmas Tea, and trips for the season.

PUBLICITY -- Submits all information concerning meetings to local newspaper publications and provides all publicity for civic events and fundraisers through appropriate outlets.

TOWN GARDENS -- Plants, cultivates, weeds, deadheads, waters and enjoys being part of a team responsible for the care of one of our thirteen gardens. Participates in the redesign of existing gardens and plans for future garden locations.

SERVICE

- **Open Door** -- Prepares and coordinates meals for "Open Door" in Gloucester three times a year.
- **Den Mar** -- Prepares Christmas and Mother's Day floral basket arrangements for nursing home residents. Maintains and waters indoor plants weekly.

SCHOLARSHIP -- Works with Publicity and local schools to advertise the availability of Garden Club Scholarships and screen applicants for scholarship awards.

INVASIVE PLANTS TEAM -- trains members and the public to identify and address invasive plants on private and town land; provides information to the public and members at Plant Sale and Harvest Fest.