

2025 - 2026 Yearbook



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Additional information about the Hattie Ide Chaffee Garden Club

may be found at www.hattieidechaffee.org

and [hattieidechaffeehome](https://www.facebook.com/hattieidechaffeehome) on facebook.



Tulips in a Vase
Josie Jones & Anthony Rivera

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Flower in the Night
Betty Calise & Talia Clark

MISSION STATEMENT:

Hattie Ide Chaffee Garden Club will offer therapeutic activities to maximize comfort and emotional well-being, aimed at supporting the highest level of functional ability, while maintaining maximum levels of self-care and dignity. Our gardening activities will be tailored to individual abilities and offer opportunities for challenge and stimulation to maximize awareness, orientation, and independence, establishing links to the healthy and familiar, opening lines of communication for positive social interaction, enhancement of self-esteem and personal integrity, while optimizing the role of friends, family, and community. Hattie Ide Chaffee Garden Club will foster an ongoing continuum of emotional and social support and responsiveness to our community's changing needs, encouraging a sense of creative individuality and autonomy, while enriching our lives by learning to appreciate and preserve our natural environment.

INTRODUCTION:

Hattie Ide Chaffee Garden Club, RIFGC's newest chapter and first garden club in East Providence will make a significant difference in the lives of the Home's residents, by embracing and integrating Rhode Island's horticultural community. As older adults age in place, they may be at an increased risk for physical and psychological problems, especially if they are experiencing social isolation, decreased levels of activity, and depression. Participating in gardening activities can help restore and improve mental and physical health and promote healing.

The creative expression of gardening can be very moving, especially when participants start to embrace their inner feelings, and as we participate in hands-on creative activities, we can gain a sense of accomplishment and start to open up in ways that can be powerfully stimulating and uplifting. When folks, regardless of age become interactive, they experience better social supports and an improvement in overall quality of life. Keeping busy and active can make a difference!

Hattie Ide Chaffee Garden Club will be a milestone this year for our Home's 78th year anniversary, as we bring a new way of living right to our residents' doorsteps. We appreciate all of the support from the members of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, and we welcome you to come and experience our garden club, one that is physically and programmatically flexible to meet the special needs of persons who are aging in place. We welcome you to be part of our most advanced residential care technology with an unsurpassed tradition of quality and service that

guarantees resident satisfaction, warm comfortable living, and enhanced socialization. We welcome you to experience with us a holistic and creative approach, while we inspire creativity with grace and simplicity, as we integrate music, movement, and the spirit of gardening into this wonderful adventure of a lifetime. Come experience the beauty of Hattie Ide Chaffee Garden Club and allow the creative process to stimulate your mind, body, and spirit.



Girl Reading Book
Ginny Hadley & Anthony Rivera

Sunlight is nature's love letter, written in warmth and answered in blooms.



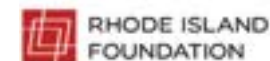
Circle of Light- Collaborative Art Project

Under the creative direction of Cathren Housley with the residents from Hattie Chaffee Home and children from Smith Hill Library

Celebrating the completion of a year-long Arts and Health grant project, made possible by Rhode Island State Council on the Arts and the Rhode Island Foundation.



The Art of Sunrise was created with families and children from Smith Hill Library. The Art of Sunset was created with residents from Hattie Ide Chaffee Home. Community collaborative artist Cathren Housley brought these two beautiful projects together. On this special day, Sunrise and Sunset came together to form the Circle of Light, the unique event where generations connected through art and creativity.



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Leaf Impression in Clay Art
Jewish Art Workshop with Zo Baker &
Hattie Ide Chaffee Residents

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2025-2026 PROGRAM

All programs are at the Hattie Ide Chaffee Home. Guests and visitors are welcome at all workshops. There are no guest fees for this year. Any donations you make will be acknowledged for your tax purposes. Hattie Ide Chaffee Garden Club is a program of Hattie Ide Chaffee Home, a 501(c)(3) organization. Please make checks payable to Hattie Ide Chaffee Home.



Mood

Betty Calise & Anthony Rivera

July 17th 2025 - Thursday

Time: 2:00 PM

Presented by: Barry Zeltzer

Birdhouse Design Showcase



Program: We are delighted to welcome you to this special afternoon celebration of creativity, craftsmanship, and our feathered friends! Over the past month, our garden club members have been thoughtfully planning and designing birdhouses tailored to welcome specific birds into their gardens. Today, we gather to share some of the wonderful creations and the stories behind them.

A Month in the Making ~ This workshop marks the culmination of our journey in understanding what makes a perfect home for our avian neighbors. From the cozy, well-ventilated houses with higher entrance holes that Bluebirds adore, to the open-fronted nest

boxes near vegetation that Robins seek out, every design reflects both research and heart.

More Than Just a Pretty House ~ As we'll discover through today's presentations, attracting birds to our gardens creates a beautiful partnership with nature.

Celebrating Your Designs ~ Everyone will have the opportunity to present their birdhouse design, sharing their creative process, the bird species they hope to attract, and the thoughtful details that make their house special. We'll reflect together on the variety of approaches and learn from one another's insights.



Join us for an afternoon of inspiration, shared knowledge, and the joy of creating welcoming spaces for the birds that bring so much life to our gardens!

Refreshments will be available at the start of this workshop, with a brief business meeting, then the program.



August 21st 2025 - Thursday

Time: 2:00 PM

Presented by: Anthony Rivera

The Art of Pressed Flowers



Program: As summer blooms reach their peak and begin their graceful transition, join us for an afternoon dedicated to capturing and preserving nature's fleeting beauty with Anthony Rivera.

Together, we will select the prettiest flowers from our gardens, carefully preparing and pressing them to create lasting memories of the season.

In this hands on workshop, you'll learn the timeless art of flower pressing and discover how to transform delicate petals and leaves into cherished keepsakes. We will arrange our pressed botanicals and seal them into beautiful laminated bookmarks, or showcase them as elegant works of art suitable for framing and display.

Bring flowers from your own garden to press, or choose from our selection. All materials will be provided. Whether you're creating a gift or a treasure for yourself, you'll leave with a beautiful reminder of summer's splendor!

Refreshments will be available at the start of this workshop, with a brief business meeting, then the program.

September 19st 2025 - Friday

Time: 11:00 AM

Presented by: Kristine Bolarinho

Floral Arranging Workshop

Program: Join us for a beautiful hands on floral arranging workshop with Kristine Bolarinho.

Learn proper techniques for creating stunning arrangements, including base selection, color coordination, and flower preparation. Kristine will also share expert tips on how to prolong the life of your flowers once your arrangement is complete. Everyone will leave with a beautiful bouquet to enjoy and display!



Refreshments will be available at the start of this workshop, with a brief business meeting, then the program.

October 30th 2025 - Thursday

Time: 2:15 PM

Presented by: Grace Reed

Fall Leaf Garland Project

Program: Join Grace Reed for a delightful autumn craft project where we'll transform nature's beautiful fall leaves into stunning decorative garlands. We'll be collecting colorful leaves that have fallen from the trees on our property and stringing them onto twine to create natural, seasonal décor.

These handcrafted garlands will be hung throughout the building, bringing the warm colors and natural beauty of fall indoors. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the season while creating meaningful decorations for our home.

Grace will guide us through:

- Collecting fallen leaves from around the property
- Selecting the most beautiful specimens in various fall colors
- Learning techniques for stringing leaves onto twine
- Creating garlands to display throughout our space

All members are welcome to join us for this seasonal celebration of nature's beauty!

Refreshments will be available at the start of this workshop, with a brief business meeting, then the program.



November 7th 2025 - Friday

Time: 2:45 PM

Presented by: Calvin Alexander

Rhode Island Beekeeping Association

Beekeeping and the Vital Role Bees Play in Our Gardens

Program: Join us for an engaging presentation about the fascinating world of beekeeping and the essential role bees play in our gardens and ecosystem. Calvin Alexander from the Rhode Island Beekeeping Association will share his expertise and passion for these remarkable pollinators.

Topics Covered:

The Lifecycle and Behavior of Honeybees ~ Discover the intricate stages of bee development and the complex social structure within the hive.

How Bees Contribute to Pollination in Our Gardens ~ Learn about the critical pollination services bees provide and how they help our gardens thrive.

The Basics of Beekeeping as a Hobby ~ Explore what it takes to get started with beekeeping, including equipment, maintenance, and best practices for beginners.



The Importance of Bees to Rhode Island's Agricultural Community

~ Understand the vital economic and environmental impact bees have on local agriculture and food production.

Refreshments will be available at the start of this workshop, with a brief business meeting, then the program.



December 16th 2025 - Tuesday

Time: 11:00 AM

Presented by: Judy Gray



Celebrate the Season

Program: Join us for a festive celebration with floral designer Judy Gray.

Judy will entertain with her easy style and inventive spirit. Her floral creations, rich in creativity, are sure to uplift everyone. The fresh smell of holiday greens and cherished memories will fill the room with holiday spirit.

Judy is a member of the Bayberry and Edgewood Garden Clubs and former president of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs. Her journey in garden clubs

began over 30 years ago in her hometown of Ashland, New Hampshire, where she later became the club's president. She is a top award-winning designer competing in the New England area and resides in Cranston with her family.

Refreshments will be available at the start of this workshop, with a brief business meeting, then the program.



January 14th 2026 - Thursday

Time: 2:30 PM

Presented by: Heather Fraga

How to Grow Amaryllis Indoors After the Holiday



Program: There's nothing cheerier than the big, bright blooms of amaryllis flowers in the dead of winter, the perfect winter flowers!

Join Heather Fraga for a hands-on program, planting and caring for amaryllis. The size of the bulb matters, big bulbs equal big flowers! It's so exciting to see the new growth emerging from the bulb, usually taking 6 to 8 weeks before the flower bud starts to open (sometimes less, sometimes more). If you have more than one bulb, it's fun to stagger out plantings so you have several weeks of amaryllis blooms. Join us to learn everything you need to know about planting your amaryllis bulbs!

Refreshments will be available at the start of this workshop, with a brief business meeting, then the program.

February 12th 2026 - Thursday

Time: 4:00 PM

Presented by: John Torgan

The Nature Conservancy

Protecting and Restoring Beautiful Rhode Island

Program: Join us for an engaging presentation with John Torgan, a native Rhode Islander with a deep connection to the waters and open spaces of our beautiful state. As State Director of The Nature Conservancy in Rhode Island, John will share insights into the many preserves throughout Rhode Island, including the decision-making process that goes into establishing these protected areas and which sites are open to the public. John will discuss how Rhode Island's beautiful lands and waters, along with its people, distinguish us and make this such a great state. Learn about the important work of protecting and restoring the land, freshwater, and tidal waters of Rhode Island.

Refreshments will be available at the start of this workshop, with a brief business meeting,

then the program.



March 18st 2026 - Wednesday

Time: 3:00 PM

Presented by: Matt Crudale

Caring for Hydrangeas



Program: Join us for an afternoon with Matt Crudale from Clark Farms in South Kingstown as he shares his expertise on one of our most beloved flowering shrubs.

Matt will guide us through the wonderful world of hydrangeas, exploring the different varieties that thrive in our region and the unique characteristics that make each type special. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just beginning your journey with these stunning plants, you'll discover valuable insights into their care and maintenance throughout the seasons.

Learn the secrets to achieving those magnificent blooms year after year, including essential techniques for proper pruning, knowing not just how to prune, but when to prune for optimal results. Matt will share practical tips that will help you cultivate healthy, vibrant hydrangeas that will grace your garden with their breathtaking flowers for years to come.

Don't miss this opportunity to expand your gardening knowledge and bring new life to your landscape!

Refreshments will be available at the start of this workshop, with a brief business meeting, then the program.





April 11th 2026 - Saturday

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Presented by:

the Rhode Island Rose Society



Rhode Island Rose Society: Complete Rose Care Workshop

Program: Join us for a comprehensive rose care workshop presented by the Rhode Island Rose Society.

Whether you're a seasoned rose gardener or just beginning your journey with these beloved blooms, this hands-on program covers all the essentials for growing beautiful, healthy roses. Our expert presenters will guide you through every aspect of rose care, including proper pruning techniques, fertilization schedules, and watering best practices. The program features live demonstrations of both pruning and rose planting, giving you the opportunity to learn practical skills you can apply in your own garden. Don't miss this chance to discover how to help your roses thrive throughout the growing season!



Refreshments will be available at the start of this workshop, with a brief business meeting, then the program.

May 28th 2026 - Thursday

Time: 2:15 PM

Presented by: Anthony Rivera

Location: Our Beautiful Rose Garden



Garden Club Nature Photography Workshop- Capturing the Beauty of Our Rose Garden

Program: We are delighted to invite you to Beauty and Artistry of Nature Photography Workshop.

Our rose garden will be at its absolute peak, showcasing a stunning display of 50 different varieties of rose bushes. From delicate blush pinks to vibrant crimsons, soft buttery yellows to deep burgundies, each bloom will be at its most magnificent, offering countless opportunities for breathtaking photographs. The fragrance of freshly bloomed roses fills the air, creating a truly immersive sensory experience.

What You'll Learn

- Composition techniques to capture roses at their peak
- Lighting secrets for stunning outdoor photography
- Creative angles and perspectives that bring your photos to life
- Tips for capturing color, texture, and detail in floral photography

All photographs taken during this special day will be compiled into a beautiful photo book, creating a lasting keepsake.

We look forward to seeing you there for this wonderful celebration of nature, photography, and community!

Refreshments will be available at the start of this workshop, with a brief business meeting, then the program.



June 25th 2026 - Thursday

Time: 2:30 PM

Presented by: Barry Zeltzer

Herbal & Medicinal Gardening

Program: Join us for an informative and hands-on session with Barry Zeltzer exploring the wonderful world of herbal and medicinal plants. This program will cover a variety of topics to help you cultivate a thriving herb garden. We will explore different types of herbal and medicinal plants and their uses. We'll work together in our garden bed with lavender, thyme, lamb's ear, yarrow, mint and more, as we label the herbal garden to help everyone learn and identify these valuable plants. We will discuss herbs that attract pollinators, including bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects that are essential to a healthy garden ecosystem. You'll learn practical tips on how to plant and maintain herbs for culinary use in your kitchen, as well as how to incorporate these beautiful plants to enhance the aesthetic appeal of your garden.



Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just beginning your herbal gardening journey, this program offers something for everyone. Come ready to learn and enjoy the beauty and benefits of herbal gardening!

Refreshments will be available at the start of this workshop, with a brief business meeting, then the program.

2025 - 2026 events to be sure to keep an eye out for:

July 1-6, 2025: Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival, East Molesey Surrey

July 24, 2025: Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts Show,
New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, Boylston MA

October 14-15, 2025: 9th Annual Meeting of the New England Garden Clubs, Inc., at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel in Rocky Hill, CT.
Hosted by the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut.

February 28 – March 6, 2026: Philadelphia Flower Show, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Pennsylvania, PA

March 1 - June 1, 2026: Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival, Epcot, Walt Disney World, FL

March 20-29, 2026: Hong Kong Flower Expo, Victoria Park, Hong Kong

March 25-29, 2026: Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens

April 9-12, 2026: 76th Annual RI Home Show, Rhode Island
"Dearly Beloved," RI Convention Center, Providence RI
The RIFGC Design Specialty Flower Show

April 23, 2026: RIFGC Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon, Quonset O Club

May 4-6, 2026: National Garden Clubs 2026 Annual Convention, St. Louis, Missouri

May 19-23, 2026: Chelsea Flower Show, Royal Hospital Gardens, Chelsea London

May 21, 2026: Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill 96th Annual Tour, King's Chapel Parish House, Boston MA

May 23 - June 7, 2026: Portland Rose Festival, Portland Oregon

June 4, 2026: RIFGC Board Meeting / Horticulture Show, Hattie Ide Chaffee Home

June 7-13, 2026: National Garden Week

All dates are subject to change.





Blithewold's Gardens, Bristol RI

33 acres of natural beauty with gardens, plantings, pathways and more. Blooms and blossoms throughout the season:

April – Dozens of varieties of Daffodils

Early May – Star Magnolia, Quince, Spirea, Flowering Cherry, Primroses, Corylopsis, Hyacinth, Balkan Anemone, Enkianthus, Honeysuckle, Sweet Shrub, Weigela, and Viburnum

Mid-May – Tulips, Magnolia, Crabapple, Cherries, Primrose, Lilac, Lily of the Valley, Trillium, Mayapple, Dove Tree, Witch Alder, Woodland Phlox, Sweet Woodruff, Spanish Bluebells, and Euphorbia

Late May – Jack in the Pulpit, Ornamental Onions, Columbines, Ferns, Lupines, Japanese Snowbell, Campanula, Nepeta, Forget-Me-Nots, Violas, Summer Snowflake, Sicilian Honey Garlic, and Deutzia

August- Baccharis halimifolia, Chrysanthemum, Clerodendrum trichotomum, Dahlia, DendranthemaGaura lindheimeri 'Whirling Butterflies', Iris Domestica (Blackberry Lily), Isodon longitubus (Trumpet Spurfloer), Leucosceptrum stellipilum ('October Moon' Japanese Shrub Mint), Rudbeckia triloba, Salvia leucantha 'Cislando' (Mexican Bush Sage), Tricytris hirta (Toad Lily)

Autumn- Depending on the climate, you will still see some plants in bloom.



THE PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF NEWPORT COUNTY

Green Animals Topiary Garden, Portsmouth RI

Visitors of all ages will delight at the more than 80 topiary creations crafted from California privet, yew, and English box-wood, some of which originated a century ago! Open daily from mid-April through mid-October, Green Animals Topiary Garden is always ablaze with color. For more than 100 years, the seven-acre seaside estate has been home to creative, sculptured trees. Now integrated with 67,849 flower bulbs, the garden delights with a plethora of blooms six months a year!





Photography by David Hansen/Courtesy of The Preservation Society of Newport County.

Green Animals, the oldest topiary garden in the nation, boasts more than 35 formal flowerbeds, geometric pathways, arbors, fruit trees, and vegetable and herb gardens.

Recognized by the American Daffodil Society as one of just 28 official Daffodil Display Gardens in the United States – and one of only three in New England – the garden showcases more than 18,000 daffodils planted by the Chief Horticulturist Dan Christina and his crew. There are 58 varieties representing all 13 divisions and 19 color codes with evocative names like Misty Glen, King Alfred and Queens Day.



Photography by David Hansen,
Courtesy of The Preservation Society of Newport County.

Thirty-seven thousand tulips contribute more color during the spring before late spring perennials like columbine, lupine and coral bells give way to summer annuals, hydrangeas, daylilies and countless more unique specimens. In the fall, highlights include late-blooming mums, asters, daisies, dahlias and more.



Arnold Arboretum, Boston MA

A Harvard University 281- acre preserve of temperate woody plants with special focus on the floras of eastern North America and eastern Asia. The Arboretum has over 15,000 plants and “each has a story to tell, and they are preserved as both scientific and horticultural specimens to enrich our understanding of biodiversity through the institution’s research, education, and outreach efforts.”



New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, Boylston, MA

171 acres of beautiful gardens and trails, operated by the Worcester County Horticultural Society, one of the oldest of its kind in the country.

Plant Shows:

New England Lily Society Show

Saturday, July 19, 2025

Sunday, July 20, 2025

New England Daylily Society Show

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Buxton Branch of the American Begonia Society and the New England Chapter of the Gesneriad Society Show

Friday, September 20, 2025

Saturday, September 21, 2025

New England Dahlia Society Show

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Sunday, September 28, 2025

New England Carnivorous Plant Society Show

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Massachusetts Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society Show

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Source: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill.

<https://nebg.org>



Congratulations to our own, Heather Fraga, for winning **FIRST PLACE** for Hattie Ide Chaffee at the 2025 Rhode Island Daffodil Society Show for her amazing Pot-et-Fleur Design.



FIRST PLACE!

Dancing Daffodils:
The Rhode Island Daffodil Society Show
Wednesday and Thursday
April 16-17, 2025 11-3 PM

Join the Daffodil Society of Rhode Island and Blithewold to experience the breadth of colors, forms, and sizes now available in daffodils! Daffodil enthusiasts proudly display their flowers individually and in arrangements as they compete for awards and share their enthusiasm. The display will begin in Blithewold's historic Carriage House Visitors Center and continue with floral arrangements placed throughout the manor.



Photograph and Poem ~ Heather Fraga

Round and plump with velvet stripes,
bumblebees hum through morning light.
Their tiny legs dust gold with pollen,
from rose to daisy, bloom to bloom,
they carry nature's sweet perfume.
Each fuzzy body, small and round,
spreads life wherever they are found.
With gentle buzz and busy wing,
they tend to all the growing things.
These little workers, soft and small
keep gardens thriving, one and all.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS *of the* HATTIE IDE CHAFFEE GARDEN CLUB

ARTICLE I

NAME: The name of this organization shall be the "HATTIE IDE CHAFFEE GARDEN CLUB."

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVE: To offer horticultural therapeutic activities and to further enrich our lives by learning to appreciate and preserve our natural environment.

ARTICLE III

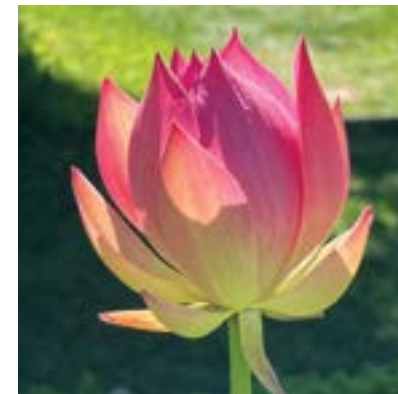
MEMBERSHIP: There shall be three (3) classes of membership: a. Active b. Associate c. Honorary

A. **ACTIVE MEMBERS-** An active member shall have the standing of a person who has an interest in horticulture and desires to share his or her enthusiasm and knowledge with other members and organizations. An active member shall be willing to:

1. Hold office
2. Serve on committees
3. Take part in general projects and activities of the club
4. Serve as hostess
5. After six (6) absences you will be called by Membership to remind you of your absences. This will also allow us to determine if there is an illness we are unaware of or some other personal circumstances preventing you from attending meetings. All absences will be reviewed on an individual basis in June.

B. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS-** An associate member shall be a member in good standing who has the approval of the Executive Board by a written letter requested to the president(s) for such status with valid reasons. The letter must include all office positions held and any committees served during one's membership years. The membership yearly dues are to be paid up-to-date. Associate membership may be granted only to a member who has five (5) years of active membership. An associate shall not pay dues and shall have no voting privileges. Associate members must renew their associate member status by June 30th of an election year with written notification to the president(s). All associate members shall attend six out of twelve meetings during the club's year. The total of associate members shall not exceed fifteen (15).

C. **HONORARY MEMBERS-** An honorary member shall be a person who in the opinion of the Executive Board has distinguished himself/herself as an outstanding member of the community, has attained noteworthy success in horticultural activities and/or has been a benefactor to the club. An honorary member shall not pay dues and shall have no voting privileges.



ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS:

Section 1. The officers of the club shall be: President(s), Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected at the monthly meeting in May for a two (2) year term of office.

Section 3. No officer having been duly elected and serving in any office shall hold that office for more than two (2) consecutive terms (4 years total). The second consecutive term shall require a vote by active members to be valid.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS:

Section 1. The club year shall begin with the initial meeting in September.

Section 2. The annual meeting shall be held in June for the reading of the annual report. Installation of officers shall be held on an election year.

Section 3. Club meetings shall be held at least once each month during the club year.

Section 4. At any general or Executive Board meeting of the club, twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Active members are required to attend six (6) meetings per club year. The membership chairperson shall be notified of any absence.

Section 6. All active members shall be allowed a leave of absence for up to one garden club year for valid reasons upon approval of the Executive Board. A written letter must be sent to membership with beginning and ending dates.



ARTICLE VI

CHAIRS:

Section 1. Standing chairs shall be appointed for two years as follows:

- A. PROGRAM CHAIR - Vice President shall be the Program Chair. The responsibilities of the Program Chair shall include: the compilation of the yearly program book, assist the designated Chair with the monthly program and any special projects or activities requested by the President(s).
- B. DEVELOPMENT CHAIR - shall be chaired by one member who shall be responsible for all money raising events and fund-raising during the year except for Flower Shows.
- C. NOMINATING CHAIR - shall be appointed by the President(s) to serve for the ensuing term with the Parliamentarian(s) all three (3) members elected from the floor at the March meeting. The Nominating Committee will consist of a total of 5 people. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers for the ensuing term at the April meeting. At the May meeting counter nominations may be made with a membership vote. Membership Chair will consist of ONE vote even when Membership is cochaired.
- D. HOSPITALITY CHAIR - Shall be co-chaired by two members. Their duties shall be to:
 - 1. Provide hostesses.
 - 2. Instruct members of their hostess duties.
 - 3. Make all necessary arrangements for the occasion.



E. HORTICULTURE CHAIR - The Horticulture Chair shall have the following duties:

1. To encourage the study of horticulture as an art.
2. To maintain contact with authorities in the field of horticulture and to take advantage of available courses whenever possible.
3. To keep before the members horticulture developments and needs.
4. To encourage members to study better gardening methods and phases of horticulture.



F. MEMBERSHIP & PARLIAMENTARIAN CHAIR - shall have the following duties:

1. To interpret the policies of the club to prospective members.
2. As Parliamentarian shall be familiar with the Constitution and By-Laws of this club and with "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised." Shall make parliamentary procedure available to all officers and chairmen.
3. Keep an up-to-date membership list and monthly meeting sign in list.
4. Be a member of the Nominating Committee.



G. AUDITOR CHAIR - shall audit the Treasurer's accounts in July and submit an annual report to be read to the general membership in September.

H. BIRD CHAIR - shall stimulate and encourage interest in birds.

I. ENVIRONMENTAL CHAIR - shall promote awareness and participation in environmental studies.

J. CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION CHAIR - shall encourage litter control and beautification of the community.

K. AWARDS CHAIR - shall keep informed of and apply for available awards.

L. SUNSHINE CHAIR - shall be responsible for sending cards to members who are ill or hospitalized; or in the event of a death in a member's immediate family.

M. PUBLICITY CHAIR - shall coordinate with the President(s) to determine publicity of any club's activities. These notices and any other published material of the club activities shall be collected and placed in a permanent record book.

N. INSTALLATION/BANQUET CHAIR - (Bi-annual) shall be responsible for banquet accommodations and installation of officers.

O. FIELD TRIP CHAIR - (Bi-annual) shall be responsible for field trip and luncheon.

P. NEWSLETTER CHAIR - Shall submit to members a minimum of four newsletters per year to inform club members of upcoming events pertaining to the club. As a guideline, the newsletter should be distributed as follows:

- End of August for August, September and October
- End of October for November, December and January
- End of January for February and March
- End of March for April, May and June



Section 2.

Q. FLOWER SHOW CHAIR: the Flower Show Chair shall be appointed by the Executive Board. Such appointment shall be made only after the board has voted to hold a Flower Show. The Chair shall submit to the Treasurer an itemized report of all income and disbursements for audit.

R. SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR: Chair may be appointed by the President(s) as needed.

S. OUTREACH CHAIR: Chair may be appointed by the President(s). The chair shall provide all outreach to our community.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS: This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting providing the proposed amendment has been sanctioned by the Executive Board and distributed to the membership one month prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY: The proceedings of all meetings shall be governed by "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" except as otherwise provided in this Constitution.

ARTICLE IX

EFFECTIVE DATE: The Constitution and By-Laws of the Hattie Ide Chaffee Garden Club shall become effective as of January 1, 2023.



By-Laws

ARTICLE I

DUES:

Section 1. The dues of this club for active members shall be determined and approved by the Executive Board. The dues for active members shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year. All dues shall be payable April 1st.

Section 2. The Membership Committee shall notify members who have not paid their dues.

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS:

Section 1. Elected officers shall take office at the installation banquet and receive all records and materials belonging to such office except Treasurer. The newly elected Treasurer shall receive all records after the audit in July is completed.

A. PRESIDENT - The President(s) shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Board; shall also attend or be responsible for the attendance of a substitute at all Board Meetings of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs; shall appoint all necessary committee chairmen, except a Flower Show Chair; shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

B. VICE PRESIDENT - The Vice President shall perform all duties of the President(s) in the absence of the latter and such other duties as shall be assigned by the President(s); shall assume the duties and office of the President(s) when a vacancy occurs; shall be Program Chair.





STANDING RULES*



- C. RECORDING SECRETARY - The Recording Secretary shall keep separate records of all meetings of the club and of the Executive Board.
- D. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to all necessary correspondence. Shall update club members via e-mail/mail of updates of club happenings as requested by the President(s).
- E. TREASURER - The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds and shall pay those bills approved by the Executive Board, shall collect all dues, file receipts for all disbursements and keep a balanced account of transactions.

ARTICLE III

NEW MEMBERS:

- Section 1. Prospective members shall be invited to the monthly meetings for September and October.
- Section 2. New members shall be installed at the November meeting.
- Section 3. Dues for new members shall be prorated.

ARTICLE IV

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

- Section 1. The Executive Board shall be required to hold meetings at least quarterly in each club year. The Executive Board may also be convened in a meeting at the discretion of the President(s).



1. All dues that are collected for this year shall be left in reserve to be used for the following year.
2. There is no limit to membership.
3. Any past Presidents shall be invited to attend Executive Board meetings as advisors without voting privileges.
4. A gift will be given to the outgoing President(s) at the installation banquet. Choice of gift will be at the discretion of the Banquet Committee and communication with the executive officers excluding the President(s).
5. The expenditure of the Federation luncheon for the president(s) shall be provided by the Hattie Ide Chaffee Garden Club.
6. If programming necessitates a change, the annual meeting and/or banquet may be held on any day in June.
7. An Executive Board member shall be allowed to spend money left in the reserve with prior approval of the full Executive Board.
8. Associate members may request a program book. The cost will be determined by the Executive Board on an annual basis.
9. Chair(s) must receive prior approval from the Executive Board for expenditures for all functions and programs.*Operating procedures that supplement the By-Laws and Constitution.



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