

# The Tradition of Giving Carries On in Easton

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The Easton Garden Club has a history of giving back to the community. Stories of members decorating the town date back to the year it was founded in 1938. Easton's small-town charm is timeless as is the club's dedication to spreading some holiday cheer!

While you drive around town in December, be sure to look at the town's landmark buildings. Easton Garden Club members start with the Easton Library and head across the street, placing fresh pine wreaths with their brilliant red bows on the Town Hall building.



An Easton Garden Club member places a fresh pine wreath and brilliant red bow on the Town Hall building.

They then spread out to Easton EMS, Easton Volunteer Fire Company, the Senior Center, Adam's schoolhouse, and more. Last year the club was inspired by the PTO's Light Up Easton challenge and added solar lights to their festive trimmings. The large potted planters also receive special touches with seasonal greens.

Simultaneously, Easton Garden Club members hand deliver poinsettias to our seniors in need for the holidays. Thank you to Alison Witherbee, our Easton municipal agent for the aging, together with the Easton Senior Center, for providing us with this important list. We are always humbled by the 'thank you' letters that start pouring in, sharing stories of connection and gratitude for this gift of joy during the holidays.

Each year we host our Wreath & Poinsettia Sale to fund these activities that benefit our Easton Community. Please consider placing an order. The online catalog of what the

Easton Garden Club is offering this year can be found here:

<https://www.eastongardenclubofct.org/wreath-and-poinsettia-sale>. The sale is open until Nov. 22 for curbside pickup on Dec. 1 at the Easton Public Library community room courtyard. All pickup procedures will be strictly aligned with Connecticut's COVID-19 safety guidelines and restrictions.

The following traditional items are available for purchase:

- Double-sided Wreaths (undecorated) - Small 12", Medium 16", Large 24", and 36" Barn Wreaths
- White Pine Roping: 25 yards
- Poinsettias: Red, White, or Pink in three sizes: Single, Double or Triple



Decorative holiday logs for décor or for cemetery are made with fresh evergreens.

Newly added this year, are the following:

- Holiday Logs – Decorative Holiday Boxes for décor or for cemetery made with fresh evergreens
- Holiday Gift Kits – hard to find Native Ecotype Seed truffles or “Seed Bombs” for Winter Seed Sowing. Three collections to choose from. *Each Kit comes with planting instructions and support from our conservation committee Easton Pollinator Pathway project members who hand roll the seed bombs with native open pollinated Ecotype 59 seed grown locally to thrive in our region.*

Winter sowing! Great holiday fun! Make your garden more pollinator friendly by simply tossing these “seed bombs” into your existing flowerbeds, fields, or place into pot or planter. Winter sowing means no watering. The outdoor winter temperatures provide the necessary “cold stratification” these native seeds need to flourish.

The snow and rain will help the seed get established and the plants begin to grow in spring. Your local pollinators will thank you! Each carton contains twelve non-edible seed “truffles” or “seed bombs” ready to plant. These kits may be stored anywhere until planting — indoor or out, warm or cold, as long as they are kept dry.

As always, your orders are greatly appreciated. We ask for your kind support in helping us get the word out about the Wreath & Poinsettia Sale going on now through Nov. 22! Visit us at [www.eastongardenclubofct.org](http://www.eastongardenclubofct.org) for more information about who we are and what we do.

*Founded in 1938, the Easton Garden Club’s purpose is to increase interest in gardening among membership and the community and to advance practical knowledge in the culture and care of plants, shrubs, trees, birds, and wildflowers. The club is concerned with open space in the community and works to protect the environment and improve the quality of life in Easton through contributory and charitable activities. The Easton Garden Club is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.*