**NEW CANAAN GARDEN CLUB**

**Membership Questionnaire**

Membership in the New Canaan Garden Club is limited to ensure a competent and hard-working group. Candidates should be committed to our goals and the mutual benefit of membership.

All Proposers need to be aware of their responsibility to their Candidate:

\*Candidates must be introduced to all members of the Membership Committee and the Board.

\***Candidates must clearly understand the time commitment involved**, especially the first year as a Provisional member.

\*Proposers have an ongoing responsibility to mentor their Candidate.

Name of Candidate :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Does the Candidate fulfill the residency requirement, having lived in New Canaan for a minimum of three years? (Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_)

2. Does the Candidate have the time and willingness to attend monthly meetings, participate in workshops, and work on civic projects? (Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_)

3. Please indicate the Candidate’s areas of interest:

\_\_\_\_\_ Horticulture (does she have a garden in which she is personally involved?)

\_\_\_\_\_ Floral Design

\_\_\_\_\_ Civic Planting and Projects

\_\_\_\_\_ Conservation

\_\_\_\_\_ Landscape Design

\_\_\_\_\_ Educational Activities (Horticulture, Floral Design, Conservation, Hort Therapy, etc.)

4. Is the Candidate a member of any organization through which she is developing her interests in any of the above fields? (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

5. Please list any other interests or qualifications your Candidate possesses not necessarily related to gardening that could benefit our Club (e.g., artistic ability, writing proficiency, audio skills, computer graphic skills, financial expertise, photography skills, etc.)

Additional comments:

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**Provisional Expectations**

“The mission of the New Canaan Garden Club is to stimulate the love of gardening among its members and the members of the community, to promote conservation, and to encourage civic planning and beautification.”

\*Attend monthly meetings (September through June)

If unable to attend, Candidate must let Provisional Leaders know

\*Attend special Provisional meetings to be determined by Provisional Leaders

\*Enter Sweeps at least once in each discipline (w/ mentor, friend or solo)

\*Attend at least one workshop, “chat”, or meeting in Horticulture, Floral Design, Conservation, Photography, and Irwin Park

\*Sign up for at least FIVE shifts at Waveny Walled Garden, the Club’s signature civic project, during the growing season (April through October)

Shifts are scheduled on Thursdays and Fridays 8:30-10:00am

\*Sign up for at least one afternoon at Waveny Hort Therapy (Waveny Care Center)

Wednesdays 1:15-3:30pm

\*Plan to attend “field trip” in the fall to GCA Headquarters in NYC

\*\*After successfully completing the Provisional Year, all new members are expected to serve in a leadership position. This usually means accepting a Board position as the co-chair of a committee working with a more-seasoned member.

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PROPOSERS HAVE AN ONGOING RESPONSIBILITY TO MENTOR THEIR CANDIDATE!