

Press Release:

The Litchfield Garden Club announced today the establishment of The Litchfield Garden Club Centennial Fund in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Club's 1913 founding. This endowed charitable fund, established with The Community Foundation of Northwest Connecticut, will support projects and programs in the greater Litchfield area in the fields of gardening, horticulture, civic beautification, environmental awareness, and historic preservation.

"The Centennial Fund will enable Litchfield Garden Club members and other donors to accomplish projects of significant benefit to the community," said Drew Harlow, Litchfield Garden Club president.

"The Foundation is honored to partner with an organization whose members exhibit an immense passion and dedication toward the beautification and preservation of the greater Litchfield area," said Guy Rovezzi, Community Foundation president. "The Garden Club is an asset to our community, and I am confident that we will continue to enjoy their achievements well into the next millennium."

The Fund was officially established today at the office of The Community Foundation of Northwest CT.

The following Litchfield Garden Club members were in attendance: Drew Harlow, President; Sara Gault, Vice President; Committee Members: Jeannette Ching, Frances Devlin, Jane Hinkel, Susan Kennedy, Susan Magary, Seton O'Reilly, and Martha Phillips. Representing The Community Foundation of Northwest Connecticut was Foundation Board Chairman, William Harding; and Foundation President, Guy Rovezzi.

Established in 1969, The Community Foundation of Northwest Connecticut, Inc. serves 20 towns in northwest Connecticut. Its total endowment, comprised of more than 250 funds, has grown from initial assets of \$15,000 to nearly \$70 million. Last year, combined grants and scholarships totaled more than \$1.2 million.



*L-R: Guy Rovezzi, Community Foundation of Northwest Connecticut president; Drew Harlow, Litchfield Garden Club president; Susan Magary Litchfield Garden Club member*