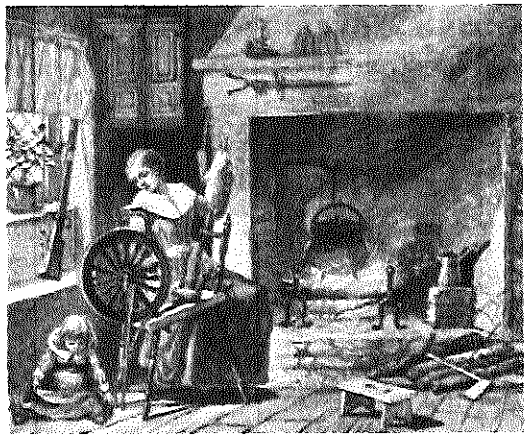

The Heart of the Home: Women in Late 18th Century Connecticut

Melissa Josefiak, Essex Historical Society Director, presents a new illustrated talk on the lives of women during the American Revolution and the late 18th century. She will focus on the lives of typical women in the Lower Connecticut River Valley in their traditional domestic roles as cooks, mothers, wives, gardeners, needlewomen and skilled artisans, among many other tasks in their busy lives. The lives of ordinary women serve as extraordinary examples of triumph and tragedy as well as religion and resilience.

Guests will be seated at four-or eight-person tables decorated and presented by club members.

Colonial-Inspired Menu

First Course
Savory Tea Sandwiches

Second Course
Deliciously Tender Scones with Clotted Cream and Strawberry Jam

Third Course
Assortment of Delectable Desserts

Join the

Chester Garden Club

for our

26th Annual Tea

Saturday, November 7, 2026
Two o'clock

A Liberty Tea

Celebrating America 250

United Church of Chester
29 West Main Street
Chester, CT

Ticketing information is on reverse.
For additional information contact

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America 250

The Chester Garden Club joins the Town of Chester in celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence through a year-long series of events that reflect upon our past. This year, our Liberty Tea will feature not only a presentation on the life of women in the lower Connecticut River Valley during Revolutionary times but also special menu items developed from colonial recipes.
We hope that you will enjoy our efforts to support the America 250 celebration.

Don't hesitate to reserve a spot as seating is limited.

Chester Garden Club: Who Are We

We are a small group of people from Chester and nearby towns who unabashedly love gardens. Some of us love to get our hands into the soil and some admire gardens in walking tours. Some of us plant flowers and some vegetables. Some of us prioritize caring for our environment and some for our precious pollinators. All of us have a passion for the beauty that gardens and their bounty bring into our lives.
The Club works to educate members and the public by means of its speakers' programs and workshops and in its annual scholarship. We contribute to the beautification of our town by arranging and planting winter and summer barrels and by tending gardens planted in public places throughout Chester.
We support members' various gardening interests and encourage creative expression through floral design.
The Chester Garden Club is a nonprofit organization; we finance our activities by means of our major fundraiser, the Annual Tea, by our annual plant sale and through the generous gifts and bequests of friends. The Club is affiliated with the National and Connecticut Federations of Garden Clubs. The Chester Garden Club happily welcomes new members. To join our club please visit the Town of Chester website and download a form.

Tickets are available in advance by returning your response with $40 per guest (non-refundable).
Checks should be written to Chester Garden Club and mailed to:
Chester Garden Club, P.O. Box 623, Chester, CT 06412

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____
To receive notification for next year's tea, please indicate your preference by circling address or e-mail.

Number of guests: _____ x $40 = _____ Amount enclosed: _____