

Lewisboro Garden Club Celebrates New Playground by Planting a Pollinator Garden

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In celebration of a proposed new playground that will be accessible to children with varied needs, the Lewisboro Garden Club developed a new “triangle garden” at the entrance to Town Park, located on Route 35 in the town of Lewisboro, NY. With the permission and cooperation of the Lewisboro Parks & Rec Department, the site was prepared in early Spring 2022, by weeding and covering the area the woodchips and mulch.

Three trees were purchased through our Rooting for Lewisboro grant from [One Tree Planted](#) and planted with the help of the Parks & Rec Department workers in late spring. We planted two Serviceberry trees (*Amelanchier arborea*) and one Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*.)

Pollinator-friendly perennials included:

Blue Star - *Amsonia 'Blue Ice'*

Yarrow - *Achillea 'Coronation Gold'*

Mountain Mint - *Pycnanthemum muticum*

Iron Butterfly Ironweed - *Veronia lettermanii*

'Baby Sun' Tickseed - *Coreopsis grandiflora*

'Cat's Meow' Catmint - *Nepeta faassenii*

Plants were chosen, as much as possible, for deer resistance, hardiness, sequential bloom, native and pollinator friendly. A watering team/schedule was in place all summer.

This garden will be cared for by Emily Wein, Charlie Honess, MaryAnn Eggleston, with additional help from Maryann Lansdale, Eileen Cunningham and Rose Bonono

ROOTING FOR LEWISBORO

Rooting for Lewisboro, a program offering free native tree and shrub seedlings in Lewisboro, has been an incredible success. The committee was formed in late 2020 by Mary Ann Lansdale in response to the loss of so many Ash trees in town. In 2022, 1750 new native tree and shrub seedlings of 18 varieties were distributed to over 150 homes. Over the past two years, over 3000 native tree and shrub seedlings have been distributed to Lewisboro residents. The cost of the entire program was covered by a \$2500 grant from One Tree Planted via a partnership with the Norwalk River Watershed Association. The 2022 grant was \$1000 higher than the previous year's grant, so some of the money was also used for new plantings in the meadow and at Town Park. www.lewisborogardenclub.org