Connecticut Life Membership

**What is a Life Membership?** A Connecticut Life Membership is a special way to honor a worthy and special club member. Connecticut Life Memberships were established in 1968.

**Who is eligible?** There are no specific qualifications necessary. Life Memberships may be given by a garden club or an individual. Husbands, wives or children may give them. You may even give one to yourself!

**What does a Life Membership recipient receive?** All Connecticut Life Members receive a letter of congratulations, a Life Member pin and a membership card signed by the Connecticut State President. The club of a Connecticut Life Member no longer has to remit dues to The Federation for that member.

**How does a Club or individual give a Life Membership?** Complete the application and send it along with a check for $100 payable to FGCCT to the Second Vice-President/Membership Chair. If a club is honoring a member, it is important to also include comprehensive information about the person being honored; what she or he has done for the club and, most importantly, why the person was chosen. The Membership Chair uses this information to compose a congratulatory letter which is then forwarded to the person who requested the Life Membership for presentation to the honoree.

**When does a Club present a Life Membership?** It is up to the Club to decide how to honor a member. Many clubs choose a special meeting or event at which to present the Life Membership and read the congratulatory letter to the recipient.

**Is there a National Garden Club Life Membership?** The application for a National Garden Club Life Membership can be found on the website, www.gardenclub.org. A $200 fee for the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Life Membership benefits the National Scholarship Fund and the NGC Permanent Home and Endowment Fund. Forward the application and fee to me for transmittal to the National Life Membership Chair. The recipient receives a numbered membership card and a lifetime subscription to the National Gardener magazine. Each year at the National Garden Clubs Convention, members are honored at a National Life Member Banquet.

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