

GIRL SCOUT TROUP/THE GARDEN CLUB OF OLD GREENWICH  
POLLINATOR PATHWAY PROJECT

Girl Scout Troop 50917 has been working with The Garden Club of Old Greenwich refurbishing an almost two-decade old overgrown pollinator garden at Old Greenwich School and creating a data base to educate people about pollinator friendly plants. These combined projects are goals towards the girls earning their Girl Scout Silver Award. the second highest award achieved in Girl Scouting.

The girls first identified the plight of pollinators as a troublesome environmental concern. The Girl Scout Troop researched pollinator gardens and learned about the Greenwich Pollinator Pathways. Pollinator Pathways establish pollinator-friendly habitats and food sources for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinating insects and wildlife. The troop contacted the Garden Club of Old Greenwich and learned about what constitutes a pollinator garden and toured the Butterfly Garden maintained by the club at Greenwich Point. The girls developed an action plan and worked to weed and refurbish the garden at Old Greenwich School. They planted additional pollinator friendly plants which included fall blooming asters. The Girl Scouts also plan to create some educational documents to ensure and inspire ongoing learning about the garden at Old Greenwich School.

The Girl Scouts researched over 45 flowering pollinator friendly perennials. They recorded data about the plants that included their height, bloom time, features and their region of origin. This information will be published in an on-line catalogue that The Garden Club of Old Greenwich will have available on their website. "For years the club had wanted to catalogue the plants at the Greenwich Point Butterfly Garden. Through their hard work and time the Girl Scouts of Troop 50917 have finally allowed this important database to be created" said Wendy Yu, Co-President of the Garden Club of Old Greenwich.

The Girl Scout's refurbished garden has become the newest addition to the Greenwich Pollinator Pathway system. The Garden Club of Old Greenwich congratulates and thanks the girls of Troop #50917 on this noteworthy achievement.

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