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COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE AT FLANDERS NATURE CENTER & LAND TRUST

WOODBURY - Would you like to grow your own organic vegetables, herbs, or cut flowers, but you lack a suitable space? Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust will make garden plots available this growing season in their community garden. Plot fees are \$30 for Flanders Members; \$20 for Seniors and \$50 for multiple garden plots. Fees cover the use of a tilled plot that measures 10 feet by 20 feet and access to water. Plots will be ready for planting in late May.

According to Arthur Milnor, Flanders Executive Director, the community garden continues the centers longtime farming heritage, which currently includes producing maple syrup and growing hay and Christmas trees. Flanders' founder, Natalie Van Vleck, raised turkeys and Hampshire sheep on the property for many years.

Other ways to participate include making a donation to Flanders for a plot to be planted with sunflowers to feed the birds. Donors will receive a card with a sunflower image that can be used to honor an individual. There are also volunteer opportunities for gardeners who want to participate in the garden without committing to tending their own plot.

Any interested individual or group may sign up to reserve one or more plots by calling Flanders at 203-263-3711 or by visiting the Flanders Welcome Center at the corner of Flanders and Church Hill Roads in Woodbury.

Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust is a nonprofit organization devoted to environmental and farm-related education, and to the preservation and stewardship of open space. Flanders offers a wide range of programs for children and adults, including a summer series of weeklong programs related to nature, art and farming. Flanders manages over 1850 acres of land in trust, which includes numerous preserves with trails that are open to the public at no charge.

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