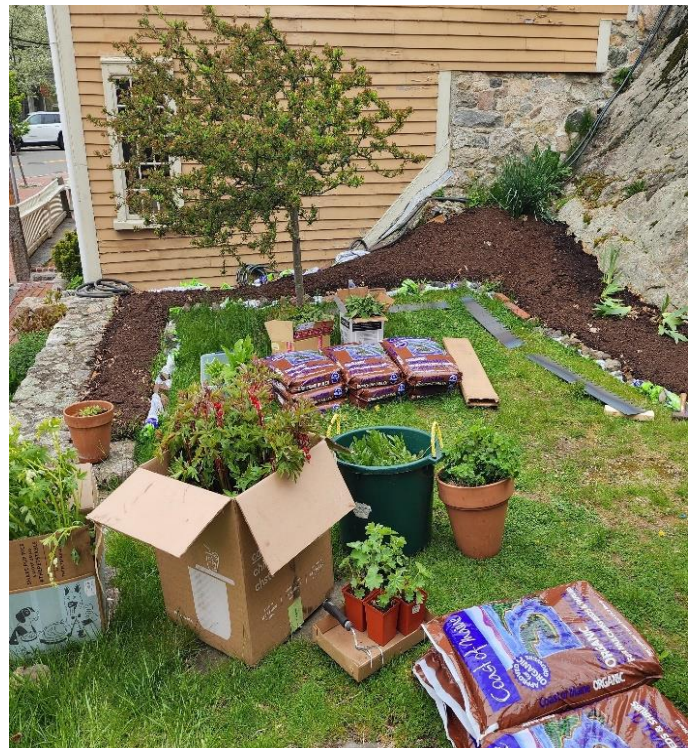


Cohasset Garden Club Centennial Garden Report

September 23, 2024

The Cohasset Garden Club was awarded a \$1,000 grant by the GCFM in July 2023, to develop Phase 1 and 2 of the Centennial Garden commemorating CGC's founding in 1925. The garden is located between the Cohasset Historical Society's 1810 Captain John Wilson House and the Maritime Museum in downtown Cohasset. John Wilson, with his wife Hepzibah and their nine children, lived on the second floor and the tiny attic of this home in the early to mid-1800s. This project was envisioned as their family garden divided into three sections with a medicinal planting bed, a kitchen garden of herbs and vegetables, and a cutting and display garden against the ledge.

The final design focused on historically accurate plants available in the early to mid-1800's when the Wilson family may have had a similar garden. The garden, organized into three sections – medicinal, edible, and decorative – aims to support the Historical Society's mission to preserve, exhibit, and educate the public about the history of Cohasset.



The GCFM grant money funded Phase 1, implementing the backbone of the garden by creating three new beds with recycled cardboard over the existing grass, and compost, leaf mulch and bark mulch. We then installed an 8" deep Cort-ten steel edging border, and a creative drip irrigation system researched by our co-chair. CGC installed a drip system based on an ancient 'olla' technique where water slowly seeps out of the unglazed terra cotta pots underground, allowing the roots of the plants to pull water needed on demand. This system requires only a hose hook up and uses 60% less water than other irrigation systems.

The GCFM \$1000 grant covered: Mulch: \$180 Metal Edging: \$360 Irrigation: \$460

This generous grant was the seed money which launched this project and made it financially viable. For this, our club extends its deepest gratitude.

Thank you! The Cohasset Garden Club and Centennial Garden co-chairs Heidi AH Condon and Dania Matheos