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# N I C H O L S N E W S L E T T E R

VOLUNTEERS COMING TOGETHER FOR THE  
BETTERMENT OF OUR NICHOLS COMMUNITY

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN THE HEART OF THE NICHOLS FARMS HISTORIC DISTRICT, NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

## THE NIA EASTER EGG & SCAVENGER HUNTS



The Easter Bunny was on hand to greet the hundreds of children and adults that participated in the annual NIA Easter Egg Hunt, held on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Children ages preschool to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade participated in the Egg Hunt, while those in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above searched for well-hidden eggs in the Scavenger Hunt. It was a beautiful day for an egg and scavenger hunt!

The NIA extends a hearty thanks to **Sue Neil**, who graciously volunteers her time each year to make sure that the children enjoy this magical moment at Easter time. A special thank you also goes out to all of those who helped with this year's event; we truly appreciate your willingness to get involved with your community!



The Bunny



Carolyn Cardell and Clare Raccuia



Sue Neil

## NIA SUMMER CAMP!

August 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> & August 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

The NIA Summer Camp will be held this year for the younger kids only (3-7yrs). Please take advantage of this wonderful summer experience for your children!

**NIA Summer Camp Registration Forms will be available for pick up at the Starkweather House. Starting May 10<sup>th</sup> you will find the forms on the porch where house use forms are located (Unity Road side).**

**Still needed:** Young adults who need to complete community service hours. The camp is a GREAT way to satisfy those requirements. Any Moms, Dads or relatives who would like to help out, let us know what you'd like to do and we will find the right job for you. Call and let Ailas Martin know @ 386-0444.

**Summer Camp Registration is at NIA Starkweather House on:**  
Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 8pm

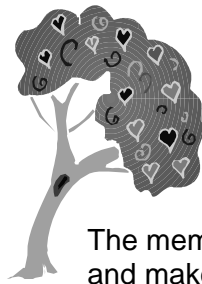
**NIA Membership is down. We need your support!**  
**Tell your friends and neighbors about the NIA**  
**and encourage them to join *today!***

# SAVE DATE

<p><b>Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup></b> PLAYGROUND CLEANUP 9AM - NOON FIVE PENNIES PARK</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup></b> &amp; <b>Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup></b> SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION 6-8pm STARKWEATHER HOUSE</p>
<p><b>Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup></b> MEMORIAL DAY FLAG RAISING 8am NIA FLAG POLE</p>
<p><b>Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup></b> FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES 8pm STARKWEATHER HOUSE</p>
<p><b>August 6-9<sup>th</sup> &amp;</b> <b>August 13-16<sup>th</sup></b> SUMMER CAMP NICHOLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH &amp; NIA GROUNDS</p>

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## NICHOLS' GARDEN CLUB NEWS



Nichols Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at the Starkweather House.

The members will exchange plants and make plans for the upcoming "Garden Tour" to be held in July.

Refreshments will be served by Marge Broderick and Bette Hugus.

If you are interested in joining the Nichols Garden Club call Judy at 377-1372.

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The Nichols Garden Club is pleased to offer its 6<sup>th</sup> annual Jean Demchak Horsey Scholarship Award. The \$1,000 award is to be presented Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at Trumbull High School to a graduating senior planning on going on to a degree in, but not limited to, the natural sciences, landscape design, forestry, horticulture, botany, aquaculture, agriculture, wildlife biology, environmental protection, or floral design.

Mrs. Horsey (1922-2002) founded and was the first President of Nichols Garden Club and the award was established in her honor remembering her love of life, beauty and the natural world.

This award is funded by the club's annual garden tour which is scheduled for Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Applicants are to contact Mr. Alexander Kovachi, Scholarship Chairperson, Trumbull High School (452-4512), as soon as possible.

## ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY FLAG RAISING



Sunday, May 27, 8am  
NIA Flag Pole

Each year for the past few years, a new flag has been raised on Memorial Day and dedicated to the memory of the people of the Village of Nichols who served in the defense of this nation. We hope to continue this tradition of officially recognizing the raising of a new flag this Memorial Day. We are still seeking a donation of \$325 for the new flag that will fly proudly over the Village of Nichols. Please consider making a donation.

Questions? Call Carrie O'Brien at 377-7697.

## Spring Wine & Cheese

The semi-annual Wine & Cheese party was held on Saturday, April 28 at the Starkweather House. Approximately 50 Nichols residents mingled, munched from a variety of hors d'ouvres and sampled wines from around the world, including varieties from France, California, Italy, and South Africa.

We tip our glasses to Laurie Quatrella, the chairperson of the event, whose efforts resulted in an outstanding job and a first-class event!