

Nantucket Garden Club

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Dear Karin and Charles,

I am writing you on behalf of the Nantucket Garden Club. The club is planning to have its annual House and Garden tour next summer in your neighborhood, on Wednesday, August 6th. We would love to have your house and garden on the tour and hope you will consider it.

I would like to give you some details about our tour. The tour is from 11am to 4pm and each house/garden on the tour has a garden club member assigned to that house as a "house consultant." The job of the house consultant is to be at your home throughout the day of the tour.

She will find and organize the hostesses or docents at the house and to be sure that your home is, at the end of the day, in the same condition it was at the beginning of the day. The house consultant would also work with you to determine the best route through the house and into the garden. Other areas are roped off and visitors are not allowed. Our members are very careful and treat the home on the tour as though it is their own home. We also have members create flower arrangements throughout the house and you can certainly decide where they may go.

It would be a great gift to the club and to the community if you would be willing to participate. The House Tour is now in its 69th year and is our club's only fund raiser. All other events sponsored by the Nantucket Garden club, such as the Daffodil Show, are free and open to the public. The funds raised by the House Tour go back to the community in the form of grants and scholarships.

Over the past few years, we have raised over \$100,000.00 annually from our House Tour. That money is given to non-profits who share our mission to protect Nantucket's fragile environment and to foster local interest in gardening, horticulture and best practice landscape design. The grants can be for ongoing programs or seed money for new projects.

We also award a minimum of five scholarships to Nantucket High School graduates or alumni who plan to study Ecology, Environmental studies, Landscape Design or Botany. We have been awarding these scholarships since 1973.

We thank you for considering our request. We cannot have the House Tour without the generosity of the homeowners who lend us their home and/or garden for the day. We look forward to your reply and would be sincerely grateful for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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