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**Fairfield Museum and History Center Receives Gifts From Fairfield and Sasqua Garden Clubs**

FAIRFIELD (July 5) – Bursts of color and greenery can now be found surrounding the Fairfield Museum and History Center thanks to generous donations by Fairfield Garden Club and Sasqua Garden Club.

The two clubs recognized the need for beautiful landscaping around the museum and their donations helped transform the grounds into a warm, inviting environment. From the museum’s driveway lined with Inkberry and brilliant red Chokeberry, to the front entrance flanked with Bearberry and Dwarf Summersweet plantings, the new Fairfield Museum has been tastefully landscaped using plants that are indigenous to Connecticut. Planning for the museum’s landscaping was conducted by Retenaur Design Associates on Long Island.

“We are tremendously grateful to Fairfield and Sasqua Garden Clubs—and all of our many friends in the community—for their generous support of the new Fairfield Museum,” said Michael Jehle, Executive Director of the museum. “It was important to have landscaping that complemented the building, was appropriate for our environment and made visitors feel welcome. We appreciate these generous donations, and what they have done for the museum.”

Finishing touches such as landscaping are the final stages of preparation for the museum’s grand opening, set for September 16. At the opening, visitors will be free to explore the new 13,000 square foot facility, located at 370 Beach Road. The museum offers modern galleries, a research library and reading room, an education classroom and community meeting space. There will be something for everyone to enjoy.

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Left to Right: Nancy Edminston and Lucy Reinhardt from Sasqua Garden Club, Michael Jehle from Fairfield Museum and History Center, Suzanne Dale and Jan Ritzel from Fairfield Garden Club

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