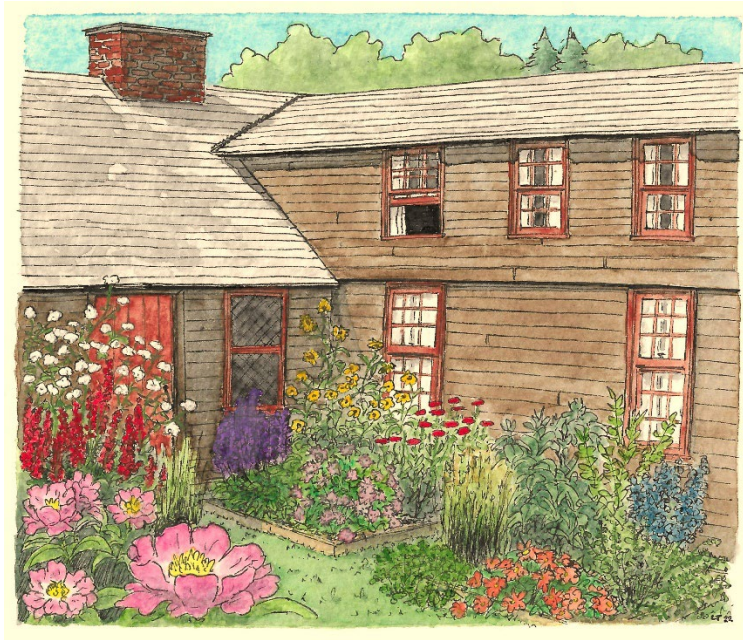


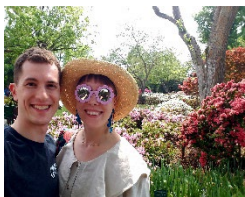
Connecticut's Historic Gardens Announces Winner of 2023 Poster Contest



Connecticut's Historic Gardens is pleased to announce artist Christopher Thelin of Farmington, CT as the winner of the 9th annual Historic Gardens Day Poster Art Contest. "Stanley Whitman House" is a pen and watercolor depiction of the garden on the west side of the house. Mr. Thelin states: "While it isn't the biggest historical garden in Connecticut (or even in Farmington!), The Stanley-Whitman House garden is meticulously cared for and provides a place for quiet contemplation and refuge. This depiction is based on an afternoon visit my wife and I made a few years back. It was during a difficult time in the pandemic, but we came away a little better for having spent time there. I hope to convey the variety of colors, flowers, herbs, and life that we saw that day, and a reminder that even when things are tough, this world still has beauty and goodness worth cultivating."

This contest gives local and regional artists a chance to showcase their talents while advertising CT Historic Gardens Day, an important, statewide event. The group began the contest to encourage Connecticut artists to visit and capture these historically significant homes with beautiful gardens. They hope that these sites will provide inspiring subjects for their art.

Along with a cash prize, the winning artist receives widespread exposure – at each of the 16 Connecticut's Historic Gardens throughout the year and at Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day, an event that attracts garden lovers from throughout the state and beyond. This year's Historic Gardens Day takes place on Sunday, June 26, 2022 from 12-4 pm; visit cthistoricgardens.org for details on activities offered at each site.



Christopher Thelin is an engineer at Pratt & Whitney by day, but loves painting and co-authoring children's books in his spare time. He grew up in Virginia, went to school in Utah, and now he and his wife Rachel love exploring Connecticut with their little dog, Louie. He also has lifelong obsessions with books, the outdoors, and dinosaurs.