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**The public is invited to the 7th annual
Connecticut Valley Garden Club Fundraiser
Set to Celebrate
November 2 - 4, 2017
Event benefits many local not-for-profits**

The Connecticut Valley Garden Club (CVGC), invites the public to its Seventh Annual *Set to Celebrate* fundraiser, benefiting many local not-for-profits, November 2, 3 and 4, 2017 from 10:00am – 5:00pm, at the Town & County Club, 22 Woodland Street, Hartford.

This unique and uber creative event features over 30 tablescapes by decorators, designers, businesses, organization and individuals from the region, including many from Hartford such as Robin Jones of Robin Jones Design; Bill Cusano of De Vars - Phillips Florist & Antiques; Sandy Lamos of A Special Place Floral Studio and more! These tabletop creations will inspire and impress when it comes to dressing up the home for the holidays, special celebrations and everyday dining.

Proceeds from this annual fundraiser have benefitted many not-for-profits in the surrounding community such as creating a fully handicap-accessible Heritage Rose Garden at Hartford's Elizabeth Park and a topiary garden at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Most recently, on October 10, the Connecticut Valley Garden Club donated \$18,500 to the Noah Webster House & West Hartford Historical Society (NWH). The donation will be used to create a bluestone patio for community events as well as a safe place for school children to have lunch after touring the main house. It will be handicap-accessible making this National Historic Landmark a welcoming place for everyone who visits. "We are so delighted to receive this generous grant from the Connecticut Valley Garden Club! On a site where land is at a premium, these funds will allow the museum to transform its last piece of untouched property into a beautiful and useful space," said Jennifer DiCola Matos, executive director, Noah Webster House & West Hartford Historical Society upon accepting the donation by the Club.

According to Joanne Eudy, chairwoman of *Set to Celebrate*, "this year's event has some unique attractions that highlight the exquisite artistic talent of the area." She went on to explain that it will include a surprise collaboration between Lux Bond & Green and Baccarat, the famous French crystal maker. The mosaic-tiled circular sunroom in the Club will be transformed by Hartford-based interior designer, Richard Ott, into a lush evergreen garden setting as backdrop for his table theme, "Champagne Luncheon on the Terrace."

Special to this year's event is a regional theme based on Connecticut's tobacco growing history, with a table designed by Sue Shepard featuring Mottahedeh's Tobacco Leaf Pattern. This exquisite china pattern features a small phoenix bird perched on the leaves of the flowing Nicotina (Tobacco) plant employing 27 colors and 22K gold. This table will be reminiscent of the times when cigars were enjoyed in the parlors of elegant clubs and homes.

Set to Celebrate will also include a hostess-gift boutique and a popular tabletop tag sale of dinnerware, accessories, crystal, linens and other "finds" for entertaining and decorating.

Tickets for the Preview Party on Thursday, November 2 at 6:00pm, which includes hearty hors d'oeuvres and libations, are \$125 per person and need to be purchased online. Tickets for Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4 are \$25 online and \$30 and at the door. *Set to Celebrate* is open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or to buy tickets, visit: www.ctvalleygardenclub.org

The mission of the Connecticut Valley Garden Club, founded in 1917, is to promote knowledge, interest and participation in: Civic Projects, Conservation, Flower Design, Horticulture and Photography.

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Caption for attached photo:

The Connecticut Valley Garden Club donates \$18,500 from the proceeds of their Set to Celebrate annual fundraiser to the Noah Webster House & West Hartford Historical Society to create a bluestone patio for public and school events behind the National Historic Landmark. Presenting the check are from left to right: Amy Fernand Boulton (Development Manager, NWH), Elizabeth Reilly (Co-President CVGC), Jennifer DiCola Matos (Executive Director, NWH), Joanne Eudy (Co-President CVGC), and Deb Key (Photography Chair, CVGC) Photo courtesy of Darcy Mundair.