

The Earthworm



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The Windsor Garden Club

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President's Message

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”
~Margaret Mead

Dear Garden Club Members,

I would like to thank Cindy Daniels, Program Chair for getting Heidi Lindberg on our program schedule for this calendar year. What a wonderful program was delivered by our presenter Heidi. In fact this program was popular that we had **9 guests that came from Windsor, Windsor Locks and Hebron**. Heidi took us on her “beekeeping journey” on everything there was to know and answered all of our questions. I know that everyone enjoyed looking at all the items and apparel needed for beekeeping that she brought. You can tell that Heidi has always loved the natural world and was always fascinated by beekeeping. Her connecting “beekeeping to a Zen practice, when working in the hives one is totally present and focused on the task at hand” was so obvious.

Our next meeting program will be “**Spring Table Decorations**” by our presenter, Jim Palmieri, Professor of Floral Arts at the University of Connecticut since 2005. I know that all of us can't wait to see what Jim will create and demonstrate for making a table decoration to welcome Spring. He will discuss which plants to use, color combinations, shape, and overall composition.

Looking forward to seeing you **all** at our next meeting!

Laura

Laura Jary, WGC President

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- 1. March Meeting:** A very informative and interesting presentation was provided by our own Windsor Garden Club member, Heidi Lindberg regarding beekeeping. After a brief question and answer period our business meeting began.
- 2. Next Meeting:** Spring is finally here (at least by the calendar). Let's learn how to create a lovely table decoration to welcome the season. The April 13th meeting of the Windsor Garden Club welcomes Jim Palmieri. He is a 1973 UConn graduate and a third generation florist/grower and brings floriculture or growing ornamental plants to UConn Blooms. Jim ran Palmieri Florist in Southington for twenty-two years and did other floral work throughout the State. In addition, he started teaching students floral design at UConn beginning in 2004. He also oversees the daily operation of UConn Blooms and arranges many of the colorful flowers sold.

Meetings of the Windsor Garden Club are held at the LP Wilson Center on 599 Matianuck Ave. New members are always welcome. This meeting is free of charge and runs from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. The above mentioned program will start at 7:00 p.m. For additional information, please call 860-305-7306.

- 3. Garden Tour Committee:** The committee met before the regularly scheduled Garden Club meeting. At this point there are 4 for sure homes for the tour with many more possibilities. The goal is to have all the homes by April. The plan is to have at least 8 homes for the tour.
- 4. Club Logo:** Members could start ordering clothing with the Windsor Garden Club Logo on it following the meeting or by contacting Cindy via email or phone. They should be available by the April meeting. The plan is to have the items with the logos so they can be worn at our Garden Mart plant sale in May.
- 5. Beautification:** Diane Bernier asked when dividing your plants for the Garden Mart (if you have extra) save some for the project at CRIS Radio in Wilson. You may contact her at dmsbernier@gmail.com.
- 6. Nominating Committee:** The following members are up for nomination at the upcoming meeting. They are as follows:
 - President: Laura Jary**
 - Vice President: Cindy Daniels**
 - Treasurer: Jim Bennett**
 - Secretary: Laurie Durant**
 - Corresponding Secretary: Erin Bourdon**

If anyone else is interested in running for office nominations can be made from the floor.

7. **Civic Endeavor Invasive Plants:** A letter has been drafted and read to members and will be sent to the State Legislature regarding Windsor Garden Club's concern regarding the invasive plant problem in Connecticut.
8. **Scholarship Committee:** All scholarship letters, along with applications & criteria, were sent out in February to all area high schools and magnet schools where Windsor residents can be students. Copies of the application and criteria were also made available on the Windsor Garden Club website. Thanks to Jim Bennett for taking care of that. The scholarship announcement was sent to Cindy Daniels who will be placing it in the local publications and websites. Applications are due back by April 1 so by the April Windsor Garden Club meeting we will know if we have any potential recipients.
9. **Future Meetings:** Thanks to Cindy Daniels for the program planning for the year 2015/2016. She states that they will be informative, educational and diverse. Communications have gone out to presenters featuring nature, herbs, gardening topics in Connecticut, tillandias and hydroponics. The programs and dates will be finalized in May.

Several fieldtrips being finalized involve wine and cheese tasting, viewing a sculpture garden and either a garden show or nursery visit. The plan is to alternate fieldtrips between weekdays and weekends.

Since no sign up sheet was passed around for someone to bring snacks feel free to contribute something.

As always please bring a non- perishable food item for the Windsor food pantry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Springtime Workshops at Woodland Gardens

1. **Make it and Take it Living Pansy Wreath-Saturday April 11 at 9:30, 11:00 & 1:30**
Create a lush, colorful living wreath by planting a 12 inch wire frame with our beautiful pansies. Once planted, your wreath can be used inside or out, flat on a table or hanging on a door or fence, and will continue to bloom for months if regularly watered. The cost is \$25. Preregistration is required, beginning in February. Call 860-643-8474

or email WoodlandGardens@sbcglobal.net.

2. Make Your Lawn Beautiful This Year-Saturday April 18 at 9:30 a.m. FREE

Did you know that real estate experts estimate an attractive, well kept lawn increases the value of your home by about 5 percent? Larry Baldino from Greenview is returning to give a free program to explain various techniques and products you will need to make your lawn the envy of the neighborhood. Larry has been helping people create beautiful, lush lawns for 30 years.

3. Guided Greenhouse Tours – Saturday April 18 at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. FREE

Want to know what we do to get our plants ready for your gardens? You should see our full greenhouses. Leon, Luke and Bethany are looking forward to giving 45 minute guided greenhouse tours to everyone who is interested. The tours are lots of fun and fascinating. Wear your walking shoes.

4. Make it and Take it Summer Container Garden-April 30, 4:30 & 6:00 p.m.

Bring any favorite container(s) to plant for your doorstep, patio, deck, etc. Just be sure to plan ahead if your container is for a hot sunny spot or a cool shady spot so you can make the appropriate plant choices. The workshop cost is determined by what you choose to plant, plus potting soil. We'll give you suggestions and planting tips-if you want them- plus we do all the cleanup after you're done. Preregistration is required; class size is limited. Call 860-643-8474 or email woodlandgardens@sbcglobal.net to sign up.

5. Opening the Rose Garden – Friday and Saturday April Date TBD at 9:30 FREE

Master Rosarian Marci Martin will explain and demonstrate all the spring maintenance your roses need at this time of year (such as spring pruning). If you've got rose questions, she will answer them. There is no one more knowledgeable about growing roses than Marci, so if you grow roses or want to you don't want to miss this program. No registration is needed.

Save the Date! Thursday Evenings in the Garden, May 7 – June 4