

The Earthworm



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The Windsor Garden Club

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President's Message

*"Gardens and flowers have a way of bringing people together, drawing them from their homes."
~ Clare Ansberry, The Women of Troy Hill*

Hello All,

I would like to thank Dick and Christine Rozman for inviting us to their home for our July Summer "Optional" Meeting. If anyone couldn't make it the Rozman's that evening Dick and Christine stated that members could drop by any time to see their garden.

Our August meeting will be held on **August 11th starting at 6:00 p.m.** at Tom Graywacz's home, 11 Wilton Road, Windsor. Please consider bringing a treat to share with members and you might want to also **bring a chair to help out with seating**. Please consider bringing a friend to Tom's garden – I am quite sure they will thank you – there is always something new to view!

I can't believe that we are here in August! We are preparing for our next Windsor Garden Club membership booklet to hand out at our September 8th meeting. Boy does time go by fast. I realize that some of you have been away this summer but please don't forget to get your membership forms/dues in to us so that your information can be included in our annual membership booklet.

Our Executive board has been working on an exciting program year, keeping our website fresh as well as branding our club's image. It will be very important to see you at our 1st regular meeting on September 8th! Help us make a difference.

Laura Jary,
WGC President

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. **Executive Board Meeting:** The executive board met on July 12th at the Windsor Library. The following issues were discussed:
 - a. **Future field trips** – Cindy Daniels has put together a list of speakers for the upcoming year which will appear in 2014-2015 booklet
 - b. **Garden logo** – choices will be available at our next regular meeting and a possible vote at our October meeting.
 - c. **Photo garden contest in November** – Bert Sirkin from Picture Perfect Photography will be at the November meeting which coincides with our contest.
 - d. **Reminder that the Northwest Park Country Fair** is coming up and the WGC will be donating baskets. Laurie Durant will be contacting Nancy Taylor regarding design. It was thought that a garden theme basket would be a nice idea. Members will be asked to donate something to be put into the baskets.
 - e. **Garden Tour** – It was suggested in the alternate year of the garden tour we have an arts tour. To be discussed by members at next regular meeting.
2. **Field Trip:** Bob Laughran, at Harken's Landscape Supply & Garden Center has invited The Windsor Garden Club to attend an open forum with Scott Reil and Len Giddix of WTIC "Garden Talk" to discuss all of your gardening needs. It will be August 30th 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. All attendees will 10% off their plant purchase. Some restrictions may apply and may not be combined with other discounts. They are located at 287 South Main Street in East Windsor 860-528-6806. Website: Harkenslandscapessupply.com
3. **September Meeting:** On September 8th, The Windsor Garden Club will begin a new program year with a presentation entitled, **Small Fruits and Fruit Trees for the Home Garden**. Our presenter, Mary Concklin, will talk about fruits that can be easily grown, their care and incorporating fruit into the landscape.

Mary has been involved in fruit for over 40 years as a grower and consultant. She worked as the fruit specialist with Cornell in the Hudson Valley, with Penn State and is presently the fruit specialist at the University of CT. She and her husband own and operate Raspberry Knoll Farm, a pick your own farm stand offering berries, vegetables, cut flowers and herbs.

Meetings of the Windsor Garden Club are held at the LP Wilson Center on 599 Matianuck Ave. Windsor, CT. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm with social time. Programs are presented from 7-9 pm and are followed by the business portion of the meeting.

4. **Gardening Celebration:** As seen in the Hartford Courant, the following is sponsored by the CT Community Gardening Association. This will take place on August 16th from 9 am to 2 pm at the Manchester Community College. The event will feature demonstrations, tours, vendors, speakers and music on the grounds of the community garden. This event is free. Information: www.ctcommunitygardening.org and cordalie.benoit@aya.yale.edu This might be of interest of some member.

HELPFUL HINTS

Problem with Woodchucks: A WGC member suggested placing used Kitty Litter around the perimeter of the problem. Seems to work.

Repelling mosquitoes and other pesky insects: Plant or pot specific plants, flowers and herbs such as citronella, marigolds, basil and lavender.

Problem with critters eating tulip bulbs: Plant garlic along side the bulbs. Works great and you not only have tulips but a garlic plant as well.

These are just a few helpful hints. I would love to hear more from members. Email me at NHCT57@AOL.COM

Don't forget the meeting at Tom's house starts at 6:00 instead of 6:30. See you there.