

THE EARTHWORM

THE PERIODIC NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDSOR (CT) GARDEN CLUB
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WORDS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Winter temps and snow keep alternating with period spring-like warmth and rain, allowing for some extra yard maintenance for those of us who were late in completing ours. Birds have not yet had to turn to the berry bushes in our yards for sustenance as they have in high-snow years. Hopefully our winter-blooming plants don't get too confused and raise their heads at their usual times rather than too early.

We look forward to seeing you for a special Soup Talk on February 11, with a talk from the Bee Lady, as a highlight. We'll also touch on several upcoming WGC events through the summer months to pique your interest and involvement.

> February also brings the CT Flower and Garden Show February 21-24, so we are able to get our preview of spring and breathe in the fresh scents of plants and soil, while gathering tools, plants, and ideas to update our gardens. We know many are perusing catalogs as well, identifying plants, seeds, and bulbs of interest. Good luck narrowing down your list of must-haves!

See you soon.

Debbie and Patty
Co-presidents

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SHORT TERM FUTURE CLUB EVENT

February 11, 2019 – This is the Club’s annual "Soup Talk" meeting. Club members bring various home-made soups and breads to share with those in attendance. This year, the meeting will feature guest speaker Cathy Wolko. Cathy is known as "The Bee Lady".



Cathy will be talking to us about Beekeeping, why and how she became a Beekeeper. Learn how she started keeping honey bees. Learn about The Great American Beekeeper Lorenzo Langstroth and his famous Langstroth hive. Learn about equipment and the tools needed to be a Beekeeper. She will provide valuable resources for beekeepers of all stages.

Cathy states that 75 percent of the flowering plants on Earth rely on some degree of pollination in order to set seed or fruit. She will talk to us about pollinator syndromes, convergent evolution, the benefits to protecting our pollinators, value vs loss, a look at endangered species and a discussion on commercial pollination.

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
February 21-24, 2019	Connecticut Flower & Garden Show (Hartford)
March 11, 2019	March 2019 business meeting with guest speaker
April 8, 2019	April 2019 business meeting with guest speaker
May 6, 2019	May 2019 business meeting – member plant swap
May 11, 2019	2019 Garden Mart fundraising event on the Town Green
June 10, 2019	June 2019 summer social meeting
July 8, 2019	July 2019 summer social meeting
July 13, 2019	2019 Garden Tour fundraising event titled: "A Midsummer Gardeners' Dream"
August 12, 2019	August 2019 summer social meeting

As the date of an event draws closer, more detailed information will be provided in upcoming issues of the EARTHWORM.

2019 FIELD TRIPS

The table below lists potential Club related filed trips to various venues – some close to home, some a bit of a distance away. Please take a few minutes to review the possibilities and then at an upcoming meeting, please let Maureen or Flo know which trips you have an interest in. If you have other suggestions please make them known as well.



Location	Remarks
Smith College Botanical Gardens	These gardens are located on the campus of the college (Northampton, MA). garden@smith.edu
Tovah Martin	Ms. Martin is a well known speaker relative to various aspects of gardening and horticulture. (possible joint venture with other local clubs)
Tower Hill Botanical Gardens	These gardens are located in Boylston, MA (northeast of Worcester). www.towerhillbg.org
Trees of Windsor	A journey around Windsor with Windsor's tree expert – Mr. Jim Govoni.
Wickham Park	These gardens are located in Manchester, CT. www.wickhampark.org
New York Botanical Gardens	These are the other botanical gardens located in New York City (borough of the Bronx). www.nybg

2019 SCHOLARSHIP

For 2019, the Windsor Garden Club is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior, who is a Windsor resident.

The student must plan to attend either a two or four-year college with the intention of pursuing studies in agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, herbal medicine, landscape design or architecture, forestry, environmental science, environmental engineering, or a similarly related study.

One of the Windsor Garden Club's resolutions is to award a scholarship each year to a deserving Windsor student. The scholarship is funded through the Club's annual sale of plants at its Garden Mart in May, and by our club Garden Tour, held every other year. Thanks to the many dedicated and hardworking club members, and to all the enthusiastic townspeople who attend our fundraisers and make this scholarship possible.

Additional information and applications may be obtained from the guidance departments of the following schools: Windsor High School, Loomis Chaffee School, Northwest Catholic High School, Medina Academy, CREC: Academy of Aerospace and Engineering, Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts, Academy of Science and Innovation, Metropolitan Learning Center Public Safety Academy and Two Rivers Magnet High School

Applications can be downloaded from the scholarship page of the Windsor Garden Club's website: www.windsorgardenclubct.org

Deadline for receipt of applications is April 15, 2019.

Completed applications should be mailed to The Windsor Garden Club Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 233, Windsor, Connecticut 06095.



CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

- Business meetings are typically held at the Windsor Senior Center, 599 Matianuck Avenue in Windsor.
- Meetings during September, October, November, March and April feature guest speakers. Social hour begins at 6:30 PM and the guest speaker begins their presentation at 7:00 PM. The Club conducts its business portion of the meeting after the guest speaker has finished. These meetings are free to anyone attending.
- The December meeting is a member only meeting during which Club members construct holiday wreaths.
- The February meeting is the annual "soup talk" meeting where members bring soups and breads to share. During this meeting there is a round-table discussion of plant and horticulture related topics.
- The May meeting is a member only meeting during which final plans are made for the annual Garden Mart plant sale. Also, attending members can participate in a plant swap.
- There is no Club meeting in January.
- Meetings during June, July and August are deemed to be only social meetings. These three meetings are typically held at the respective homes of Club members.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



Club membership is open to anyone who has an interest in plants, landscaping, horticulture and other related topics. Annual membership dues are \$20.00 for an individual and \$35.00 for a family. Renewal memberships are typically due June 1st while new memberships are accepted at any time. The current membership application form is available on the Club's website.

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REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE CLUB



The members of the Windsor Garden Club are able and willing to provide both the design and installation of landscape beautification projects within Windsor. If you would like additional information about obtaining the Club's assistance, please download the information document and application form from the Club's website. (Word and PDF formats are available.)

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