

THE EARTHWORM

THE PERIODIC NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDSOR (CT) GARDEN CLUB
CELEBRATING **81** YEARS OF CONTINUOUS EXISTENCE



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WORDS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

The trees have finally become vibrant and colorful just before the leaves fall in November. Time also falls back this month, leaving darker evenings and our efforts to clear our gardens must occur during the day or on weekends.

Much of our effort as Garden Club members is to plan gardens that bring year-round interest. This can be any combination of annuals and perennials, bushes and trees, or vegetables and herbs. My gardens continue to have flowering plants through November before the next emergence in February.

Before the recent frost and freezes, I brought in basil, oregano, and dill to wash and dry. I love the fragrance of the herbs as the whole leaves are crushed when using them. Chives, scallions, parsley, and dill continue to thrive in the garden through Thanksgiving. My vegetable garden had limited production this year due to weather, but the potato crop was plentiful.

On behalf of your co-presidents, we hope you enjoy and make the most of the several beautiful days November will offer to us.

Debbie and Patty

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SHORT TERM FUTURE CLUB EVENT

November 19, 2018 – This is the Club’s third business meeting for the 2018-2019 session of the Club. Guest speaker for this meeting will be Mr. Eric Mason.

Eric graduated from the University of Connecticut with a Bachelor's of Science in Horticulture, with a Landscaped Design minor. He has worked for 4 years at what once was Imperial Nursery, and is now Monrovia in Granby. He has been in this position as a grower for 2 years, and oversees the production of the Nursery's Trees and Hydrangeas.

He is going to talk about following a plant from a cutting to the fully-matured saleable product that is shipped, talking about the diverse amount of input along the process. His working title is: From Cutting to Crop, following a plants journey of maturation at a nursery.



FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
December 3, 2018	December 2018 business meeting – wreath construction event
December 9, 2018	Holiday luncheon – Track 139 Restaurant
February 11, 2019	February 2019 business meeting – “Soup Talk”
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: <i>“A Midsummer Gardeners’ Dream”</i>
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**.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

As the November issue of the Earthworm is being composed, the Club welcomes three new members! Our new members are Helene Auyeung and Diane Cecere, both of whom reside in Windsor. Also joining the membership ranks is Leona Bevins from East Granby.



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.



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

CLUB COMMITTEE INFORMATION



Hospitality Committee co-chairwomen Joan Lynch extends her appreciation to everyone who brought food goodies to the October meeting.

For November, the following members have graciously volunteered to satisfy member taste buds: Val Champagne, Edith Glanz, Laurie Durant, Wendy Mitchell, Barbara Kyer, Maureen Vagnini, Debbie Baker, Lois Kelly & Diane Cecere.

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

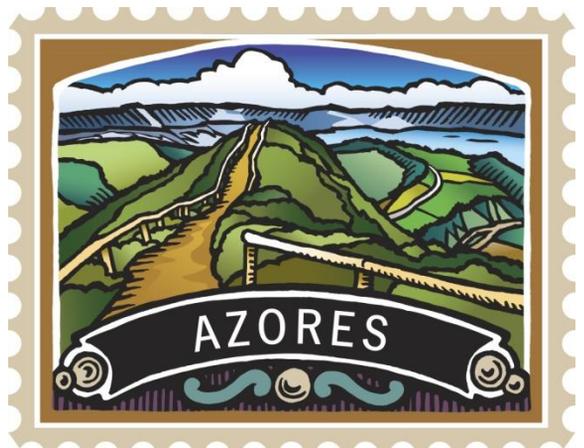


The members of the Windsor Garden Club are able and willing to provide both the design and installation of landscape beautification projects within Windsor. If you would like additional information about obtaining the Club's assistance, please download the information document and application form from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

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AZORES GARDENS AND PARKS TOUR

The Azores trip scheduled for the end of August 2019 is half full. Club treasurer Lieba and her husband Victor Bernstein are hoping to get more WGC members and others to sign up for this amazing adventure. Please drop them an e-mail or phone call A.S.A.P. They can be reached at 860-688-2924 or victorbernstein@sbcglobal.net



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