

# *The Earthworm*



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## *The Windsor Garden Club*

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### *President's Message*

*Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.  
Luther Burbank*

Hello All,

I'd like to take this time to thank the all of our garden hosts, all of the ticket checkers and other volunteers in this year's 2013 Garden Tour. Our garden hosts showcased their "charismas" as all eight gardens were very different that the public got a chance to view. Not only did the public view these new gardens in progress to well-established gardens that also ranged in size but they all got a chance to visit with the actual garden hosts which was a treat for visitors. Many visitors mentioned they thoroughly enjoyed being able to ask questions about plants and getting to know how the hosts created their garden look. I would also like to thank Brenda Sullivan, from the Reminder news, which covered our garden tour. The WGC will have photos for club members to view at our September meeting. The numbers are not in yet from the Windsor Historical Society but we will have them around the first week or so of August.

The July meeting at Nancy's house went very well. The weather held up, we had a good showing, great treats to eat and all had a good time. More good news was had that evening....two of our visitor's from our June meeting paid us a visit and decided to join the Windsor Garden Club. A big WELCOME to our new members: Rose Stepnick and Deborah Baker! Thank you Nancy for your hospitality, your yard and letting us visit your garden!

Remember our next meeting is August 12th, 6:30 p.m. at Erin Bourdon's house at 21 Meadowlark Drive. Hope to see you there.

Laura Jary, WGC President

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- 1. Membership Dues are Due** - Just a reminder – dues for 2013-2014 year are \$20.00 per individual membership and \$35.00 for household membership. If you haven't caught up on your membership dues, please send them **NOW** directly to Diane Bernier, 17 Haskins Road, Windsor, CT 06095. We are working on our 2013-2014 Windsor Garden Club booklets and need all members' updated information. These booklets will be available to members at our first regularly scheduled meeting to be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> at LP Wilson Senior Center. If for some reason you need another form either mailed out to you please get back to Diane at 860-219-1419.
- 2. The August 12th "Summer Optional" meeting** at 6:30 pm will be held at Erin Bourdon's house located at 21 Meadowlark Drive. Erin has requested that rather than bringing a dish to share, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item (or 2) to be donated to the Windsor Food Bank. They receive less help than usual in the summer months. Erin will provide the refreshments for the meeting, hope to see you then. *Note: It was suggested members might want to also **bring a chair to help out with seating**. Thank you in advance.*
- 3. Executive Board Meeting – Members of the Executive Board will be meeting at the Windsor Public Library on August 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 p.m.**

## TIPS

### Lawns:

- If you need to treat for grubs, now is the time to do it. A product containing Imidicloprid (trade name Merit) is what you'll want. Bayer has a product with Merit. Be sure to follow the label instructions and WATER IT IN. If you don't water it in, it will be MUCH less effective.

### Gardens:

- Pull the weeds near your favorite plants. Weeds rob nutrients and water.
- Keep deadheading!
- Water during the early part of the day. This gives the foliage a chance to dry before nightfall helping to prevent mildew.
- Feed your roses. Mid July-early August the time for their 2<sup>nd</sup> feeding. ¾ cup of rose-tone per plant is what I use. Scratch it in and water it in.
- Water your annuals a bit more frequently; they haven't got the roots that your perennials do.
- When your potted plants need water, water them twice. The first watering doesn't really moisten to the core. Water one, and then after 20 minutes, water it again. You'll be amazed at how much more water they will hold from the second watering.
- Terra-cotta pots dry out especially fast due to porosity of the clay. These require the most frequent watering schedule of all my plants. Keep a good watch on these throughout the summer.
- If you have an unknown weed in a spot that is not too formal, keep an eye on it for a while and see what it grows up to be! Most have flowers, and some may appeal to you. You'll never know if you pull it out and you can always deadhead if you think you should!

The above tips were given to us by Thomas Graywacz a while back and is still very good information.

