

THE EARTHWORM:
NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB
CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE
MAY 2018

Cindy Daniels



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Welcome Spring!

I am sitting in my dining room watching the April showers come down making my grass grow, my flowers shimmer and giving me hope of warmer weather.

Hope all of you are starting to get your plants ready for the Garden Mart too.

I am excited about our first trip to the Brooklyn Botanical Garden. The bus got filled and many new friends have joined us.

Earth Day seed planting went very well at the Poquonock School. Thank you to Laurie and Edith for being with me the whole day and bringing joy to so many little kids. You are rock stars in my eyes.

Thank you also for the club members that have stepped up to be our new executive board.

"We are stardust, we are golden and we've got to get ourselves back to the garden"

Joni Mitchell

**Diane Bernier,
Your President and Friend**

SATURDAY MAY 12TH – THE WINDSOR GARDEN MART

HELD IN COLLABORATION WITH THE WINDSOR LIONS ANNUAL SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL, THE CLUB WILL CONDUCT ITS ANNUAL SPRING TIME FUND RAISING EVENT FROM 9:00 AM TO 2:30 PM.

EACH CLUB MEMBER IS ASKED TO DONATE A MINIMUM OF SIX PLANTS (4" INCH POTTED PLANT SIZE OR LARGER) FOR THIS EVENT FOR SALE.

IF A MEMBER IS UNABLE TO DONATE SIX PLANTS, YOU MAY DONATE \$25.00.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ENDEAVORS OF THE CLUB.

WE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE CENTER GREEN ADJACENT TO THE EAGLE MONUMENT.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



FIRST Monday Meeting May 7th – Members Only

Windsor Garden Mart Prep Meeting and Member Plant Swap

This is our opportunity to go over last minute details in preparation for the Saturday May 12 Garden Mart. It will also feature installation of officers, and our yearly **plant swap** for “members only”, held after all other business is completed. Members are asked to bring up to four plants to swap with others. This is our last formal meeting of our program year.

Call 860-305-7306 or **visit us at windsorgardenclubct.org**.

GARDEN MART 2018 - MAY 12, 9:00AM- 2:30PM

Final Call! It's time to get those seedlings and divisions potted up as soon as possible. Things are starting to sprout. **Bring extra pots to the May meeting just in case.**

The **Garden Mart Committee** is still looking for members to sign up for a shift. Set up begins at 7 a.m.; plants can be dropped off at 7:30 a.m.; and sales officially begin at 9 a.m.

Volunteer shifts are from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. to Noon, and Noon to 2:30 p.m.

Signup sheets for work shifts will be available again at the May meeting.

One of the most popular attractions at the sale is the wide array of plants members contribute from their gardens. We are looking forward to each member's donation of a minimum of 6 plants. **Location:** On the Center Green adjacent to the Eagle Statue. *Thank you! Jim B.*



Garden Tour 2019!

Just a **quick get together before the May Garden Club meeting** to go over thoughts we had following our 2017 tour. We have several gardens ready for 2019! We will sit together **from 6:30-6:50PM**. Thanks everyone! Cindy

JUNE 11TH - 2018 “WGC End of Year Wrap Up” “SUMMER OPTIONAL MEETING”

Cindy and Jim Daniels have made their home available for the Windsor Garden Club's Summer Optional June 11th meeting from

6:30 PM. to 8:30 PM. Location: 28 Jubrey Drive. All guests are asked to **bring a folding chair** for seating. Members are requested to bring a food or dessert item for this meeting. Contact Cindy at 860-219-9489. Jim and Cindy have chosen June 18th as the rain date for this gathering.

MEETING INFORMATION

- For additional program information, please call 860-219-1419, or search windsorgardenclubct.org
 - Club meetings are *typically* conducted on the second Monday of the month.
 - **Meetings begin at 6:30 PM** with social time, followed by the evening's guest speaker beginning at 7:00 PM. The business portion of the meeting completes the evening.
 - New members are always welcome.
 - Meetings take place at the L.P Wilson Community Center, 599 Matianuck Avenue, Windsor, CT, in the Senior Center Room, which is located on the front left side of the building.
 - During the months of **June, July and August**, club meetings are informal and are typically held at member's homes. **BYO chair and a treat to share.**
 - Please check the web site calendar page to verify all meeting dates.
 - These meetings are free of charge. The programs will begin at 7:00PM.
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WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HERB GARDEN COMMITTEE

Thanks to the eleven folks who worked to put the Historical Society Herb Garden back into shape! We always have lots of fun!

Here are the dates and members who signed up to maintain and expand the garden over the summer. Time for each session is from 9:30-11:30.

June 16th;

Barb Kyer, Barbara Stavens
Debbie Baker, Laurie & Cindy

August 18th

Margaret Taff, Laurie & Cindy

July 21st;

Barb Kyer, Patty Crowley, Debbie
Baker, Judy Linton, Laurie & Cindy

September 29th

Flo Barlow, Laurie & Cindy



COMMITTEES:

All Members are encouraged to participate on a committee. Please sign up and help.

At our meetings there will be a volunteer binder with all the committees listed, and upcoming events that members may sign up for. Please consider helping out on one of our committees this year. It is a great way to get to know your garden club members better.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

The Hospitality Committee Team of Wendy, Joan and Debbie are reminding our **May 7 bakers and snack makers, Sue Zorro, Margaret Taff, Cindy Stickels, Beverly Lowe, Laurie Durant and Kathleen** that duty calls! They thank you for volunteering to bring your goodies.

They also would like to thank all the members who brought their wares to the April meeting. Everyone's help is what makes our club welcoming. There will be sign-up sheets for future meetings. Please contact the committee by email or a quick call for more information.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

New membership renewal forms for 2018-19 are available in May, and are due by the end of June. Have your checkbooks ready! A link to the forms will be on the website. Individual memberships-\$20.00; Family \$35.00

INVASIVE VINES AND PLANTS COMMITTEE AT WINDSOR FARMER'S MARKET

Members are invited to join our Invasive Vine Committee. We are particularly looking for volunteers to work at the Farmers Market over the summer. We have two volunteers per shift: the **first one starting at 3:15; and the second starting at 4:30**. A table and all the materials are provided by the committee and it is just a wonderful way to get out and meet folks while distributing information about Invasives. Please contact Maureen Vagnini if you can help. 860 688-6753 Thanks!

Please see the **Invasive Plant Information Page** on our web site.



Brooklyn
Botanical
Garden

Maureen
Vagnini

WINDSOR HISTORICAL HERB GARDEN WISH LIST FOR SPRING 2018



Contact Christine Ermenc: cermenc@windsorhistoricalsociety.org , or 860-688-3813, if you have these herbs to donate!

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| Lovage | Thyme | Sorrel | Parsley |
| Dill | Basil | Chamomile | Angelica or Horehound |
| Rosemary | common feverfew | | Savory (winter or summer) |

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

April 9th Meeting – WIN-V Video link below

Bonnie Waterhouse and Fred Grill – Lyme Disease Education and Prevention

During the Club's April 2018 meeting, our guest speakers, Ms. Waterhouse and Fred Grill, spoke about Lyme disease and its prevention. Windsor's local access TV station, WIN-TV, videotaped the presentation. The video can be found on You Tube. Simply copy and paste the link below into your web search bar in order to view the informative and pertinent presentation.

<https://youtu.be/pBzCdG8uKil>

Earth Day Clean Up by the Windsor Garden Club

A group of eleven members from The Windsor Garden Club, continuing a long standing relationship with the Windsor Historical Society, worked to clean and maintain the Historical Society's Herb Gardens.



The Windsor Garden Club will continue to care for the herb garden through the summer and into early fall.

Pictured from back; Heidi Kraushaar, Cindy Daniels, Erin Bourdon, Gary Kraushaar, Margaret Taff, Dick Rozman

Front row left to right; Patty Crowley, Barbara Stavens, Barbara Kyer, Maureen Vagnini, missing from the photo is Margaret Lagan.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

At this time, no action is being taken by the Scholarship Committee as we have received no eligible applications for 2018.

Submission Deadline for June 2018 Earthworm: May 25th, 2018 - If you would like to include one of your event photos, an announcement, or any suitable information, please email it by this month's deadline. Thank You! Rose Rosenick10@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Dear Windsor Garden Club Members,

A special request: PLEASE remember to bring non-perishable food items to our meetings for the **Windsor Food Bank**. Their clients' needs are all year round. Donations can be left at the table where you check in. **Thank you!**

[REQUEST CLUB ASSISTANCE](#) (click heading for the link)

The Windsor Garden Club endeavors to use the resources of the Club to assist in the design of landscape beautification projects within our hometown of Windsor, Connecticut. For more information, please download the description document and application form using one of the two links provided on the web site. For your convenience, there is a Word format and a PDF format link provided.

JOB OPENINGS!!

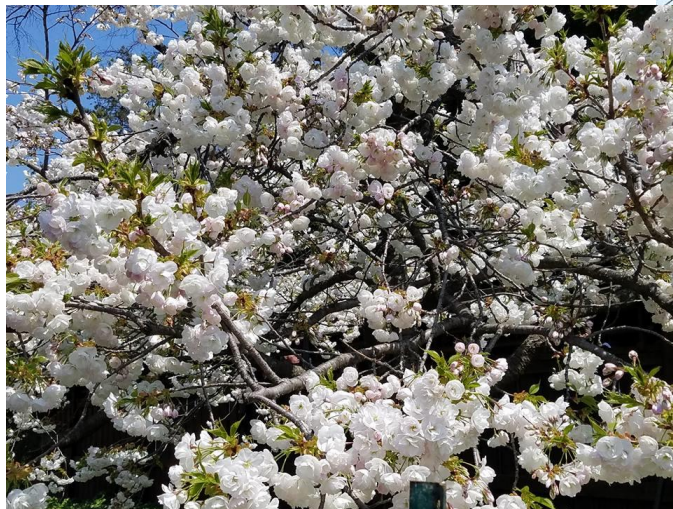
**Additional web site administrators sought~
Newsletter Editor Trainee needed~**

Greetings from the Web Site Committee!

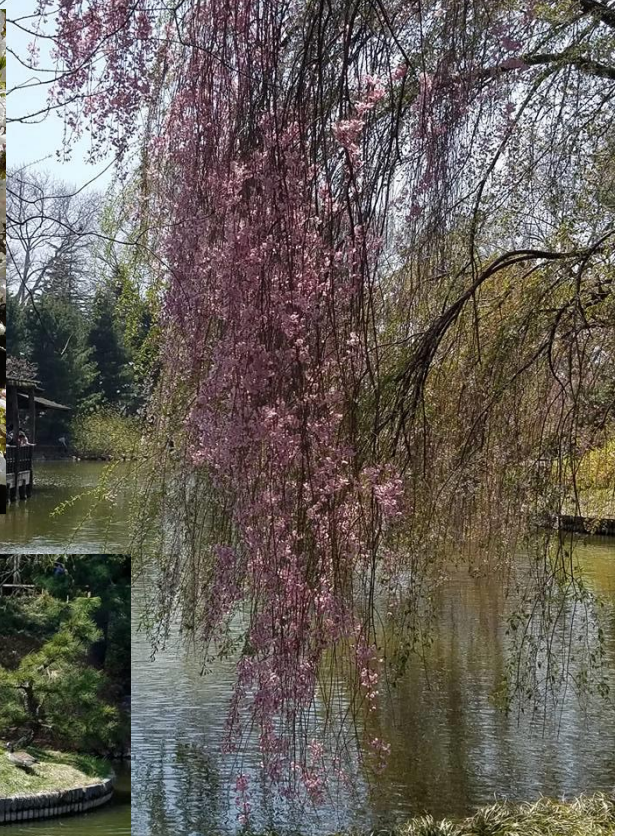
We have decided that it is time to share the wealth regarding inputting of data to the **Windsor Garden Club web site**. Even though it doesn't take that much time, we would like to see some other members of the Club begin to assist in keeping the web site current and full of factual information. Right now it is just Laura and myself who handle the web site. We are looking to recruit a couple of additional web site administrators. Please consider joining the Web Site Committee. Many Thanks, Jim.

Earthworm Editor needed for the coming year

If you'd like an excuse to keep up your computer skills (that's why I do it!), or you just like the chance to keep up with what's going on in the club, this is a great opportunity for you. The current editor has to step back but will certainly volunteer to help if it's wanted. Right now the newsletter is simply done using WORD, so nothing fancy needed. Questions? Contact Rose at Rosenick10@yahoo.com



Deborah Baker





Above and Bottom Right: Jim Bennett

Bus Trip to the Brooklyn Botanical Garden's *Cherry Blossom Festival*



C. Daniels

Saturday, April 28, 2018

The bus excursion to Brooklyn Botanical Garden had blue skies and warm, walking around temperatures. The cherry blossoms were on time for the Festival and enjoyed by our members and guests.



Congratulations to the Board on planning a wonderful experience for the lucky visitors. **Well done!**

SAKURA MATSURI 2018: BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL



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Thanks to Jim
Bennett,
Deborah Baker,
Maureen
Vagnini, and
Cindy Daniels for
sharing many
gorgeous
photographs to
select from.

