

THE EARTHWORM:
NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB
CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE
JUNE 2018 - SUMMER ISSUE



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Dear Members,

I hope you are starting to see your gardens develop beautifully. Thank you to all members that contributed to the Garden Mart in plants and your labor. We had a wide variety of plants and I am sure our guests appreciated that.

We look forward to our summer meetings to view some of our member gardens. If our weather holds we will have our first summer meeting at Cindy Daniel's house on June 11. The rain date will be June 18. At that time we will present our scholarship to our Windsor High School graduate.

Thank you to my Board that has faithfully served with me these last two years. It has been an honor to be your president, and I wish the club many more productive years. I will continue to serve by being nominating chair, continue to work on beautification projects and help wherever needed.

I wish the best for Debbie, Patty, Maureen, Flo, Lieba, Laurie, Jim, and Barbara. You make up a wonderful board of directors.

Special thanks to Laura Jary who helped me so much when I took the office.



Sincerely,

**Diane Bernier,
Your President and Friend**

Left is a picture of the bee keeper visit to Poquonock School Garden Club. Pictured are President Diane Bernier, Cathy Wolko (the beekeeper) and Beth Abbott (adviser to the Garden Club).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please check out the Windsor Garden Club's upcoming 2018 scheduled events for Summer Optional Meetings....you'll be glad you did, and if you like bring a friend, and bring a chair.

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.



Don't forget your chair!

JULY 9TH – WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB “SUMMER OPTIONAL MEETING”

Barbara Stavens has kindly opened her home for the club's Summer Optional July 9th meeting from **6:30- 8:30 PM.** All guests are asked to bring a **folding chair** for their seating. Members are requested to bring a **food or dessert item** for this meeting. Location: 26 Colton Street. For more information call Barbara at 860-285-0386.



6:00 PM Start to the AUGUST 13TH WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB “SUMMER OPTIONAL MEETING”

Jim Bennett has generously opened his home for the Club's Summer Optional August 13th meeting from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. All guests are asked to bring a **folding chair** for their seating. Members are requested to bring a **food or dessert** item for this meeting. Location: 41 Alcott Drive. For more information **contact Jim at 860-683-1341.**

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.** The August meeting starts at 6:00PM.
- 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.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

New membership renewal forms for 2018-19 are now available, and are due by June 1. Have your checkbooks ready! A link to the forms will be on the website. Individual memberships- \$20.00; Family \$35.00

WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HERB GARDEN COMMITTEE

Windsor Historical Society Herb Garden maintenance and planting, 9:30-11:30, Saturday, June 16th. Please come and join us, bring gloves and your favorite gardening tools. We always have fun! Laurie & Cindy

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.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - AWARD TO BE PRESENTED JUNE 11TH

Following the announcement and discussion at the May meeting, the Scholarship Committee was able to overcome the initial confusion and name a recipient for the WGC 2018 Scholarship of \$1,000.

The young man is a student at Windsor High School who plans to be a landscape architect and attend UConn, where he is already accepted. The school will announce his name at the June 7th Awards Ceremony and we will, at that time, invite him and his family to our June 11th meeting held at the home of Cindy Daniels. Until that time we will withhold his name in print to make sure we do not take away from the surprise at the WHS event.

The Scholarship Committee was impressed with the young man's early completion of his high school requirements, the fact that he owns his own company, and his well-rounded community activities. We know that the Club will be pleased with this award recipient.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

The Hospitality Committee Team of Wendy, Joan and Debbie are reminding our June 11 **bakers and snack makers** that duty calls! They thank you for volunteering to bring your goodies.

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

INVASIVE VINES AND PLANTS COMMITTEE AT WINDSOR FARMER'S MARKET

Our Invasive Vine Committee is 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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

May 7th – Members Only Meeting

Our May meeting featured the approval and installation of the new slate of officers for the 2018- 2019 year. Also last minute details were discussed in preparation for the May 12 Garden Mart. Finally, after all other business was completed, the members enjoyed refreshments and the FUN member only Plant Swap.

Our May business meeting saw the election of the 2018-19 Board. Congratulations and thanks to all!

Windsor Garden Club – 2018-19 Officers

Co-Presidents – Pat Crowley and Deb Baker
Co-Vice Presidents – Maureen Vagnini and Florence Barlow
Treasurer – Lieba Bernstein
Recording Secretary – Laurie Durant

Submission Deadline for September 2018 Earthworm: August 20th, 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

JOB OPENING!!

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dear Windsor Garden Club Members,

This is the usual reminder to 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!**



A friendly reminder and request from Jim Bennett that he is still seeking clear plastic jars such as 16 oz size peanut butter jars, 16 oz dry roasted peanut jars and 16 oz apple sauce jars.

These containers will be used to hold and sort, the [New England Air Museum's](#) vast inventory of nuts, bolts, screws, washers and spacers used in the [Restoration Program](#).

Thanks to those of you who have already saved and delivered your jars!

[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.

Save the Date

7/13/19

To share in the joy of participation in Our Garden Tour

A Midsummer Gardeners' Dream

The Windsor Garden Club



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Plans are for our 2019 Garden Tour, **A Midsummer Gardeners' Dream**, being held on July 13, 2019 are underway. If you have a garden space that you are proud of, or know of someone you would like to have considered for the tour, please contact the tour committee at 860-219-9489.

Garden Tour committee members will be visiting garden spaces throughout the summer.

GARDEN MART 2018

Jim Bennett and the **Garden Mart Committee** want to thank all the members, friends, volunteers, and customers who came out to the Windsor Center Green on a not so pleasant (gray and drizzly) Saturday to help with the Garden Mart.

As always, we served up a wide array of quality plants contributed from members' gardens. Considering the day and the shortage of vendors, our plant sale was a popular attraction to the customers that came to support us. *Thank you! Jim B.*



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