

**THE EARTHWORM:**  
NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB  
CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE  
OCTOBER 2017



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Dear Windsor Garden Club Members,

The 80th Anniversary Party held on September 23 was a great party. Over 30 members attended including several past presidents. The afternoon was topped off by a great history of our club lead by Alice Lang and other speakers from our club. Thank you all for contributing to the talks and your great appetizers.

We all had a lovely time together.

**Diane Bernier,**  
**Your President and Friend**



**PAST PRESIDENTS  
GATHER AT THE  
80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION**

**From L to R:**

Mr. Gordon Kenneson,  
Mrs. George Urban,  
Mrs. Domenico (Judy) Albano,  
Mrs. Laura Jary,  
Mrs. Erin Bourdon, and current  
President Diane Bernier.

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**WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HERB GARDEN COMMITTEE**

The Windsor Garden Club Committee **Final Herb Garden Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday October 7th.** As you know this is our last scheduled clean up for the year. **Our Full Committee is requested to participate.** We will be **starting around 9 a.m.** Please bring a shovel, possibly a small rake and clippers for our clean up. We have to work on removing the remaining Apple Mint Roots from the Herb Garden as well as leaves.

Many thanks for all of your support for these past several years that I have been Committee Chair. I have truly appreciated everyone's support. As you probably already know I am stepping down as Herb Committee Chair as of that Saturday. Cindy Daniels, will take over with the assistance of Laurie Durant. I will be leaving this in good hands.

Respectfully, Laura Jary

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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### FIELDTRIP OPPORTUNITY TO SPRINGFIELD FLOWER SHOW

OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 10:30 AM- 4:30 PM

Vice President Maureen Vagnini is coordinating a fieldtrip to Springfield to view the Springfield Garden Club's Flower Show. The show is being held at the Springfield Museum which is located in downtown Springfield.

If you are interested, we will meet **at the Senior Center at 10:30 AM to form car pools**. The admission **cost to view the show is the standard admission** cost for the museum.

Lunch details will be finalized just prior to day of the excursion. Questions can be directed to Maureen.

*Show details: On Friday and Saturday, October 20-21, 2017, the Springfield Garden Club will showcase "Rooted in the Past and Still Growing," a standard flower show, exhibiting creative, themed floral arrangements and displays on horticulture and gardening, at the Wood Museum at the Springfield Museums, 21 Edwards St., Springfield, MA 01103. Viewing will be open to the public during regular museum hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Judy at (413) 599-0462 or springfieldgardenclubma@gmail.com. Springfield Museum admission rates apply.*

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## OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING – 6:30PM



### PRODUCING HIGH QUALITY MUSHROOMS

Andy Griffin from RMS Growers will be speaking about the cultivation methods to produce high quality mushrooms.

Mr. Griffin is locally born and raised and has always had an interest in many things agricultural. By day he is a software developer for a large corporation but very much looks forward to getting home and tending to his mushroom project. RMS Growers specializes in growing mushrooms using natural log substrates to produce products in a non-resource intensive manner. Fresh logs are harvested with sustainable forestry practices in mind, inoculated with spawn from proven producers and left to peacefully colonize in a shaded outdoor environment until they become ready to "fruit". The goal is to produce the highest quality fresh mushroom products available.

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## NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

Ceil Rossi from the Carefree Gourd Gallery in Agawam, will be speaking to us about History, Culture and Art of Gourds. Ms Rossi hand crafts fine art gourd sculptures using various tools and paints. She makes clocks, cups, purses and ornaments from premium hard shelled gourds.



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## DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> Meeting – Holiday Wreaths and Crafts / No business meeting

It's not too early for you to start gathering ribbons, ornaments and other seasonal crafty items you may have to decorate the fresh wreaths that we donate to local service organizations and agencies. WGC purchases the wreaths and you bring your creativity!

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## MEETING INFORMATION

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- For additional program information, please call 860-219-1419, or search [windsorgardenclubct.org](http://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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### DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> - HOLIDAY PARTY

Our Holiday Party will be at a Windsor venue this year. We will celebrate at **Track 139** at 12 noon. More info to follow.

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### 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.

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### HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

The Hospitality Co-chairmen Wendy Mitchell and Joan Lynch would like to thank all the members who brought snacks, desserts and appetizers for the September meeting.

Also **thanks ahead of time to Karen Lee, Barbara Kyer, and Heidi Kraushaar, our October volunteers.**

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

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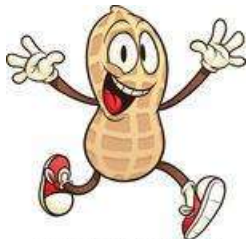
### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**2017-2018 Membership** renewal forms are available online.

Individual memberships are still \$20.00 while family memberships are still \$35.00.

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### COMMUNITY SERVICE



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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. Other size plastic jars are okay also. 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!

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## WINDSOR HISTORICAL HERB GARDEN WISH LIST FOR SPRING 2018

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Contact Christine Ermenc; [cermenc@windsorhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:cermenc@windsorhistoricalsociety.org) , or 860-688-3813, if you have these herbs to donate!

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

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### GARDEN MART 2018

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October is here and with it comes a great time to prepare for the 2018 Garden Mart! Remember those empty, plastic pots you have stockpiled this growing season? Well, now is the perfect time to reuse those pots by potting up extra plants created by your division of your current plants. Put your garden to use over the winter by finding some unused space for these newly divided plants. Keep in mind that the Garden Mart is one of the Club's major fund raising efforts. Funds raised ensure that Club is able to meet its mission. Thank you! Jim B.



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### [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.

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**Submission Deadline for November 2017 Earthworm: October 25th** - 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](mailto:Rosenick10@yahoo.com)

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### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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#### SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 MEETING

On September 11<sup>th</sup> Dr. James La Mondia gave us an incredibly interesting history of the Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station located here in Windsor. One note is that the reason they are located here in Windsor is mainly because of the tobacco industry in the Connecticut River Valley.

Dr. LaMondia is a plant pathologist and the Chief Scientist, and spoke of the many projects at the station. His current research includes topics such as: management of boxwood blight and the management of disease in small fruit and vegetable crops.

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#### THE WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB GARDEN TOUR 2017 PICTURES

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The PDF file on this page contains pictures from the seven (7) locations that were featured during the July 15, 2017 tour. [2017 TOUR PICTURES - PDF FILE](#)

The Club extends its appreciation to the seven property owners that opened up their yards in support of the Club.

## 80TH ANNIVERSARY GATHERING September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

On Saturday evening, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Windsor Garden Club celebrated the Club's 80th anniversary. The celebration was at the Walden Woods Community Meeting House, Windsor.

Past Presidents of the Club joined in the celebration. Current and longtime member, Alice Lang, gave a presentation about the history of the Club.

As part of the evening we had a raffle of donated items from local businesses.



Christine Ermenc, executive director of the Historical Society



"...A grand success!"

