

THE EARTHWORM:
NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB
CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017



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Dear Windsor Garden Club Members,

Hi Everyone!

I know it's early to be thinking of our Holiday lunch but I am giving everyone a good amount of time to get their choices to me and check to our treasurer. I will have a sign-up sheet at the November meeting.

We will be having our luncheon at Track 139 Restaurant in downtown Windsor on December 10 at 12 noon. Your checks should be made out to the Windsor Garden Club for \$30. This includes salad, entree, dessert and a beverage (nonalcoholic) plus tip. The room holds 40 people so please try to make a reservation soon.

The main course choices are: chicken piccata, grilled sole, fettuccini Bolognese.

The dessert choices are: cappuccino crème Brule, tiramisu, triple chocolate mousse.

Please make your choice of a main course and a dessert.

Also remember that spouse or significant other is invited to join you.

I would also like to know if members are interested in doing some kind of grab bag or holiday gift exchange at this time also. Let me know your opinion.

Enjoy these fall - not so fall-ish days. They are good for garden clean up.

Diane Bernier, Your President and Friend



Because of the **Veterans' Day** holiday, the Club's November meeting will be held on the **FIRST Monday in November**. Please take a minute and mark your calendar!



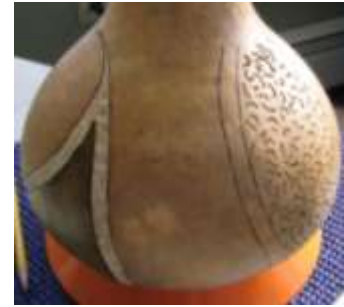
Judy Linton hosting the WGC booth on Oct 7th at the Lions Club Craft Fair. We shared information on WGC, membership, invasives, and our future speakers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



NOVEMBER 6TH MEETING – 6:30PM Ceil Rossi and the History, Culture and Art of Gourds

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.



Ms. Rossi, lived in Arizona for 26 years, and during that time she discovered gourds, took lessons and became juried. She was President of the Southwest Gourd Association and a juried



member of the prestigious Sonoran Art League and other societies. She has returned to Massachusetts where she has participated in many shows, has been profiled in magazines and was hosted on Channel 22 show "Mass Appeal". She is a member of the Agawam Cultural Council and the Agawam Community Artists Association. Her work is shown in several local galleries.

See more beautiful gourd photos and information at www.facebook.com/carefreegourdgallery

DECEMBER 4TH Meeting, 6:30PM – HOLIDAY WREATHS & CRAFTS

There will be no business meeting in December, just creativity, food and FUN!



The holiday season is close. It's not too early for you to start gathering ribbons, ornaments and other seasonal crafty items you may have to decorate wreaths. As one of our ongoing civic endeavors, we will create holiday wreaths that will be given to local service agencies, nursing homes, and other Windsor

organizations. The WGC will purchase already made, fresh wreaths. All we need is for members to bring your greenery, pruning shears, gloves, and any decorative seasonal crafty items you may have.

Bring your favorite baked goods, or snacks to share and help us in bringing the holiday season to many nonprofit facilities.

**If you know of a guest that is interested in joining the WGC this might be something that they might enjoy participating in.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
TRACK 139 RESTAURANT, WINDSOR, CT
DECEMBER 10TH AT 12 NOON



Our Holiday Party will be at a new venue this year. We will celebrate with a luncheon at **Track 139 Restaurant** in downtown Windsor on December 10 at 12 noon.

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Please make your choice of a main course and a dessert when you sign up with Diane.

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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.

Please note: There will be no meeting in January. The Executive Board will meetdate and location to be determined by President Diane Bernier. The Executive Board consists of: Diane Bernier, Maureen Vagnini, Lieba Bernstein, Laurie Durant, Erin Bourdon and Past Presidents: Laura Jary, Erin Bourdon and Thomas Graywacz.

Our next regular meeting will be **February 12th 2018**. This will be our **"Soup Talk"** meeting which is always fun. Soups and breads are shared as we review the 2018 projects and topics. Much will be discussed as well as updates by the **Garden Mart Committee** and setting the Garden Mart activities into motion. We would like to also have updates from other committees. **See you there!**



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

Reminder to bakers: Margaret Taff, Sharon Ahern, Maureen Vagnini, Bev Lowe, Vick Rothman, & Val Champagne. Thank you for volunteering for November.

We will need bakers for December our wreath making 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

2017-2018 Membership renewal forms are available online.

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

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!

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

GARDEN MART 2018



With October being free of frost (as of publication time), November may still be 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 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.

[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.

"How sad would be November if we had no knowledge of the spring!"

~Edwin Way Teale, Circle of the Seasons, 1953

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



80TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT AT THE WINDSOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

For the month of September, Windsor Public Library granted the Windsor Garden Club use of the two special glass cases, in celebration of our 80th Anniversary of Continuance Service to the Windsor Community. Diane Bernier and members selected and donated many types of items for display in the front foyer display cases. Out of curiosity, I asked one of the librarians what was the foot traffic for the month of September. She graciously went to the counter and to both of our surprise, the actual count was 16,121 people that had checked out both of the displays during the month of September!

Congratulations to the 80th Anniversary Committee for the displays and a nice event at Walden Woods. Many thanks to Diane Bernier for securing the event location, to the members of the committee that baked or brought items for our meal selections and Windsor Garden Club members that solicited the

great donations from our great local Windsor Businesses for our raffle. A special thank you to all of our speakers, and the response from former Windsor Garden Club Past Presidents for their attendance.

Respectfully, Laura Jary

WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HERB GARDEN COMMITTEE

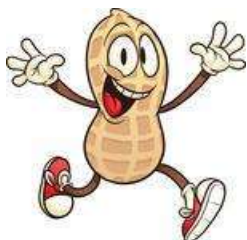
Thanks to the Windsor Garden Club Committee's participation during the **Final Herb Garden Clean Up** on October 7th.

FIELDTRIP TO SPRINGFIELD FLOWER SHOW OCTOBER 21ST

Thanks to Vice President Maureen Vagnini for coordinating a fieldtrip to Springfield to view the Springfield Garden Club's Flower Show at the Springfield Museum in downtown Springfield.

Submission Deadline for February 2018 Earthworm: January 15th, 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



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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!

Holiday Luncheon at Track 139: Don't forget to sign up for our December 10th Holiday Luncheon as soon as possible. Please send checks to Lieba Bernstein and make your check out to the *Windsor Garden Club*.

Dear Windsor Garden Club Members,



A special request: PLEASE remember to bring non-perishable food items to our November and December meetings for the **Windsor Food Bank**.

Their clients' needs are all year round, but it would be great if we could be even more generous with the holidays coming up.

Donations can be left at the table where you check in. **Thank you!**



SOME PHOTOS OF
THE LATE NEW
BLOSSOMS OF OUR
LONG SLOW FALL!

Thanks Laura!

←Double Tuberose
Mock Orange shrub→
Montauk Daisy bush



How did it get so late so soon?
It's night before it's afternoon.
December is here before it's June.
My goodness how the time has flown.
How did it get so late so soon?

~Dr. Seuss

Fear not November's challenge bold—
We've books and friends,
And hearths that never can grow cold:
These make amends!

~Alexander L. Fraser (1870–1954),
"November," c.1918

November comes
And November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.
With night coming early,
And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.

The fires burn
And the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring.

~Elizabeth Coatsworth (1893–1986)