

The Earthworm



April 2014 Windsor Garden Club

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President's Message

“A gardener learns more in the mistakes than in the successes.”

~Barbara Dodge Borland

Hi Everybody,

At our last meeting Gayle Nogas, from the Connecticut Herb Society, presented Herbs for Teas and Springtime Tonics and more. Because of this presentation, set up by our program committee, we were able to attract three new guests: Maureen Mason, Kathy Carroll and Heidi Lindberg. It was such a nice time socializing and getting caught up with folks that we haven't seen in a while and meet our new guests. I am pleased to report that we had two new members join us at our March meeting. They are Pat Ould and Heather Kelly.

It looks like spring time wants to come to Windsor. Some of us of course still have a lot more snow to disappear so that we can see grass and our garden areas but that doesn't mean we are not thinking of new plants for our gardens and which of them do thin out. Please think of donating some of your extra plants to our upcoming garden mart. It is really important that members pot up plants 3-4 weeks ahead of May 10th so that our plants look really great! This is our only major fundraiser this year which helps support our scholarship program and other beautification efforts.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting. This is our last presentation for this calendar year and it is entitled “Constantly Blooming Containers” offered by our guest speaker Sarah Bailey. This meeting is really important and I would like all members to try to attend this meeting. Many thanks in advance.

Laura

Laura Jary, WGC President

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- 1. Next Meeting:** The April 14th meeting of the Windsor Garden Club will present a program entitled, **Container Gardening with Continuous Color.**

Sarah Bailey, our presenter, is a Certified Advanced Master Gardener and a CT Accredited Nursery Professional. Sarah has worked in the horticultural industry for almost two decades as a retail nursery manager, private gardener, garden designer and consultant for various landscape firms. She is the Hartford County Coordinator for the UConn Extension Master Gardener Program and UConn Extension Youth Gardening Coordinator. She is on the board of directors for the CT Horticultural Society as well as the education committee of the CT Nursery and Landscape Association.

Meetings of the Windsor Garden Club are held at the LP Wilson Center on 599 Matianuck Ave. from 6:30-9:00 pm. For additional information about the WGC please visit our website at: windsorgardenclubct.org

- 2. New Members:** Welcome to Pat Ould of 28 Olin Street, Windsor
Email: pould05@gmail.com and
Heather Kelly of 264 Pigeon Hill Road, Windsor
Email: Vivaprimus55@aol.com
- 3. Food Donations:** Food donations will be accepted as always by the sign in table. Nonperishable items are needed more than ever because of the long cold winter.
- 4. Garden Mart:** Sign-up sheets were available at the last meeting for volunteering on the day of the mart which is Saturday, May 10th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The sheets will be available at the April 14th meeting as well. Identification sticks will be passed out for plants that members will be donating to the Garden Mart. Everyone is encouraged to donate at least 6 plants from their garden. Also encouraged is digging up the plants well in advance of the mart so the plants look good and healthy.
- 5. Refreshments for April Meeting:** The following members will be providing refreshments: Karen Lee, Susan Dziedzinski, Sharon Ahern, Maureen Mason, Laurie Durant, Heather Kelly and Pat Ould.
- 6. Nominating Committee:** The committee will present a slate of officers for 2014-2015. Any additional nominations can be taken from the floor at the April meeting.
- 7. Scholarships:** Applications have been sent out to various high schools. The completed applications are due April 1st for the \$700.00 scholarship.