

The Earthworm



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The Windsor Garden Club

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President's Message

**“I think this is what hooks one to gardening: it is the closest one can come to being present at creation.”
~Phyllis Theroux**

Hi Everyone,

Well March is just around the corner. I hope everyone is staying warm and is well. At our last “Soup Talk” meeting we had so many varieties of soups, breads, many other treats and desserts. We were all glad to be able to get this in this year. Thanks to all that attended.

Our next meeting, on **March 9th, is entitled “BEE KEEPING”**. Our presenter, Heidi Lindberg, is an animal care-taker in Windsor. She cares for all manner of pets as well as farm animals and horses. Heidi was instrumental in restarting the beekeeping program at Northwest Park and kept hives there for four years. Heidi has always loved the natural world and was always fascinated by beekeeping. She relates “beekeeping to a Zen practice, when working in the hives one is totally present and focused on the task at hand.”

Come and join me in welcoming our own Windsor Garden Club member in what I feel will be a very fascinating topic. I am looking forward to seeing you all.

Laura

Laura Jary, WGC President

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. **February Meeting:** Although we had to change our date for our “Soup Talk Meeting” the few of us that attended did have some great food. Good soups, breads and of course desserts. Maybe next year Mother Nature will cooperate so we every can attend without having to worry about the weather.
2. **Next Meeting:** As mentioned earlier by Laura our next meeting will feature beekeeper, Heidi Lindberg who will discuss “Where are all the bees”? She will offer answers to this question as she speaks about the hives she keeps. Please plan to join us for this very important and informational program.

Also please note that members of the Garden Tour Committee are asked to come before our regular Garden Club Meeting for a brief meeting. This will take place from 6:30 – 7:00.

3. **Scholarship Committee:** Applications were sent out the beginning of February. If anyone knows of anyone that may qualify please notify Janet Giannetti at jdgiannetti@comcast.net
4. **Town Beautification:** There are three organizations being considered for the beautification project. A decision will be made very soon and the chosen party will be notified.
5. **Field trip to Logee’s Greenhouses:** On Saturday, February 28th WGC had a winter field trip to Logee’s. A wonderful time was had by all who attended. When everyone arrived there were very few people which made it nice to look around. By the time members left it had become very crowded so the timing worked out well. Logee’s which was established in 1892 is overwhelming with citrus trees, bougainvillea vines, passion flowers hanging from the greenhouse roof and amazing specimen plants. Logee’s has 5 greenhouses but they are all connected so you weave through effortlessly. It was warm and smelled wonderful. A very knowledgeable and helpful staff answered all questions. A lunch was enjoyed at Deb’s Place.
6. **Club Logo Clothing Selection and Ordering:** Be on the lookout for an order form sent via email so that clothing with the Windsor Garden Club logo can be ordered. Checks can be made out to the Windsor Garden Club. We will also have order forms available at Garden Club meetings. For more information contact Cindy at cldressage959@gmail.com.
7. **Invasive Plants:** There is much concern regarding the invasive plants that are plaguing us all. There will be a symposium at UConn on the following dates: April 14, 2105 and April 18, 2015. Registration is \$45.00. There were handouts regarding various projects that are already going on in the state available at the previous meeting and will be available at the next meeting.
8. **Food Donations:** Please remember to bring a non perishable food item for the Windsor Food bank. Donations can be left at the table where you check in.

HELPFUL HINTS AND INFORMATION

Keeping up with weeds: In early spring and throughout the growing season, keeping on top of weeds is the most important thing you can do for your garden. Pull them while they are small or they will take over. This job is easiest when soil is moist. After you have laid down mulch weeding gets easier. Avoid herbicides and try filling a spray bottle with white vinegar for spot weed control.

MARCH 2015 PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS BY WOODLAND GARDENS

- 1. Successful seed starting – Saturday, March 7 at 9:30 FREE**
It's easy and rewarding to start vegetables and flowers from seeds. Sandy Merrill, horticulturist, herbalist, naturalist and representative of Chas. C. Hart Seed Company will share seed starting tips, techniques and methods used by professionals. She will explain how to get the same results at home. Sandy is back by popular demand- she always inspires new as well as experienced gardeners.
- 2. Make it & take it living pansy wreath – Saturday, March 14 at 9:30, 11 & 1:30**
Create a lush, colorful living wreath by planting a 12 inch wire frame with our beautiful pansies. Once planted, your wreath can be used inside or out, flat on a table or hanging on a door or fence. And will continue to bloom for months if regularly watered. The cost is \$25. Preregistration is required, beginning in February. Call 860-643-8474 or email WoodlandGardens@sbcglobal.net.
- 3. Make your lawn beautiful this year – Saturday, March 21 at 9:30am FREE**
Celebrate the first day of Spring learning how to make your lawn lush and green. Larry Baldino from Greenview is returning to explain what you need to do to your lawn **now** to make it beautiful this summer. Bring your questions and your pen to take notes on his handouts.
- 4. Make it & take it Easter basket – Saturday, March 28 at 9:30 & 11:00 am**
Plant an Easter basket with our design experts at Woodland Gardens. We will have a selection of Easter baskets as well as Easter plants and pansies to chose from. The cost will be around \$25, based on the basket and plants you choose. This is a fun workshop to take with a child. Preregistration is required, beginning in February. Call 860-643-8474 or email WoodlandGardens@sbcglobal.net.