

THE EARTHWORM:
NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB
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Happy Spring Everyone!

We have a busy schedule this season.

- I know the snow is covering our plants, but we need to start thinking which ones we will divide and bring to our May Garden Mart.
- Please also remember to bring clean clay pots to our April meeting so that Mary can paint them for our sale that day in May.
- We will have sign-up sheets at our meeting for helping with our Garden Tour. Please sign up so that we will have all hostess slots filled in. This is a major fund raiser for our club.
- Thank you all for pitching in while I was gone at our last meeting.
- I will be meeting with staff at the Poquonock School to discuss our plans for helping them plant a vegetable garden this spring.
- It is our 80th anniversary this year. If you have ideas for how we can celebrate let me know. We have plans to improve one of the libraries in the Wilson area and we are planning an evening for members and spouses later in September.

"Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle...a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dream." Barbara Winkler

Diane Bernier,

Your President and Friend

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Invasive Vines and Plants Forum – Thursday April 20th, 6:30PM

The **Windsor Conservation Commission** and **The Windsor Garden Club** jointly are planning a forum on **Invasive Vines and Plants** and the problem that we will all be dealing with in our town and state. The New York Times has reported that after the loss of open land, the Invasion of Invasive Vines, Plants, Bugs, and Aquatics propose the greatest threat to our environment of this century.

The date of the Forum is Thursday, April 20th with Earth Day just around the corner. The event will be held in the **Ludlow Room at Windsor Town Hall**. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. and our keynote speaker, **Todd Mervosh** will begin at 7:00p.m., followed by Jim Govoni, the Tree Warden for the Town of Windsor. A Q & A session will follow. We are looking forward to hearing input from legislators from the State Capitol.

Please feel free to contact **Maureen Vagnini** for more information @ **1-860-688-6753** (**Windsor Garden Club**).

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APRIL 10th MEETING



Kitchen Gardens: History, Growing and Using, by Gordon Kenneson

After getting his degree in horticulture, Mr. Kenneson worked 30 years in retail, lectured, taught Master Gardeners, and appeared on radio and TV, including his show, "On the Grow".

At our April meeting Gordon will touch on the history, culture and design of the kitchen garden as well as take our questions.

Anyone interested in this program and learning more about Mr. Kenneson and his work in the garden, or learning about The Windsor Garden Club are welcome to attend this meeting at no charge. **Guests that would like to attend this program should please contact Judy Linton at 860-298-9550 for reservations.**

MAY 8th MEETING – Members ONLY Meeting

WGC GARDEN MART PREP MEETING & Member Plant Swap

This business meeting will be used to go over last minute details in preparation for the May 13th Garden Mart, Board nominations, and the member only Plant Swap. If you wish to participate in the plant swap bring one or two potted plants and you will receive a numbered ticket to draw another plant from members' contributions. It's a lot of fun! Membership renewal forms will also be available, and are due by the end of June 2016.

MAY 13th – THE WINDSOR GARDEN MART

- On Saturday, May 13th, 2017, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, the Club will conduct its annual, spring time fund raising event. Each club member is asked to donate a minimum of six plants (4" inch potted plant size or larger) for this event for sale. All proceeds benefit the endeavors of the Club. We will be located on the center green adjacent to the eagle monument.
- For club members, we will have a plant donation check in location for your convenience near the eagle monument.
- Also the Windsor Garden Tour Committee will be selling, for your convenience, Advance Tickets (\$10.00) for our upcoming 2017 Garden Tour scheduled for July 15, 2017.



2017 SUMMER MEETINGS : All are FREE. For more information call 860-298-9550.

JUNE 12th - 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The End of Year Wrap Up will be held at Valentina Champagne's house at 16 Washington Road in Windsor. This is a great way to meet folks that have a mutual love /or interest in gardening.

JULY 10th - 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

The July Summer Meeting of the Garden Club is an informal gathering of members and individuals interested in knowing more about the club. It will be held at Patty Crowley's house at 886 Windsor Avenue in Windsor. Come and enjoy meeting gardeners and enjoy viewing our host's garden and refreshments.

AUGUST 14th - 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The August Summer Meeting of the Garden Club is an informal gathering of members/individuals interested gardening and viewing two gardens. You start at Lorrie Gallo-Donahue's house at 64 Belmont Avenue then you will visit Florence Barlow's house at 18 Douglas Street. They are next door neighbors. Enjoy meeting our hostesses and viewing their gardens and refreshments.



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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MARCH MEETING Tom Hazel's Discussion of Invasives

The take a ways from this discussion are that the invasives have become a problem for a variety of reasons:

1. they were introduced as ornamentals without concern for their ability to take over our natural environment;
2. they were introduced accidentally with everyone traveling from location to location; and
3. they are thriving with all the changes because of Climate Change.

Before you bring seeds or plants from other parts of the country, find out more about the plant where it exists. Is it already an invasive there?

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!**



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:

Thank you to all who brought refreshments in March! The April volunteers will be getting an email reminder to bring their goodies for this month's meeting on the 10th.

Hospitality Co-chairmen Wendy Mitchell and Joan Lynch, along with committee member Debbie Baker, would like to remind us to look for **sign-up sheets** to volunteer to bring goodies for our last few meetings.

Please contact them by email or a quick call if you need more information.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

New membership renewal forms will be available in May, and are due by the end of June. Have your checkbooks ready! A link to the forms will be on the website.

GARDEN TOUR 2017 COMMITTEE

March 13: The Garden Tour Committee will meet before our March meeting at 6:30. Thanks!

Hi everyone,

Our 2017 Garden Tour is fast approaching! The committee has been working to complete necessary tasks. Please support this wonderful project by signing up to represent the Windsor Garden Club at a home on the tour. Having done this 5 times, it is fun and very supportive to our club. We also need people to help by providing snacks for the Garden Tour snack stop. Maureen Vagnini has the sign-up sheet. Please see her to support your Garden Tour.

Thank you! Cindy

STRONG HOUSE HERB GARDEN COMMITTEE

Spring Clean-Up Saturday April 8th - 9:00AM

The Windsor Historical Society's Garden Club Committee will be meeting on April 8th at 9 a.m. to do a Spring Clean Up. It doesn't take too long. It should only take an hour if all of the committee members attend. Many thanks in advance for your efforts. **Laura Jary**

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Deadline for receipt of applications: April 15, 2017

The Windsor Garden Club is offering a \$700 scholarship to a high school senior who is a Windsor resident. The student must plan to attend either a two or four-year college with the intention of pursuing studies in agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, landscape architecture, forestry, environmental science, environmental engineering, or a similarly related study.

One of the Windsor Garden Club's resolutions is to award a scholarship each year to a deserving Windsor student. The scholarship is funded through the Club's annual sale of plants at its Garden Mart in May. Thanks to the many dedicated and hardworking club members, and to all the enthusiastic townspeople who attend our fundraisers and make this scholarship possible.

Announcements have been sent to guidance departments of the schools below and a press release has been submitted to the local papers.

Windsor High School

Northwest Catholic High School

CREC

Metropolitan Learning Center

Loomis Chaffee School

Medina Academy

Applications and more information are available on the Windsor Garden Club website.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



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!

Submission Deadline for May 2017 Earthworm: April 22nd, Earth Day - 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



Save the date!

Saturday, July 15th, 2017 [rain or shine]

Our Garden Tour featuring a self-guided tour of eight lovely garden escapes

80 Years Down Memory Lane...and Still Growing

Presale tickets - \$10.00. Available at many Windsor locations,

And at our Annual Plant Sale on the Green, May 13th. 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

Tickets day of tour; \$15.00, Available on the Windsor Green from 9:30-12:00

Any questions, please contact Cindy Daniels, 860-219-9489 or 860-836-0280

SATURDAY MAY 13TH – THE WINDSOR GARDEN MART



ON SATURDAY, MAY 13TH, 2017,
FROM 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM, THE CLUB WILL CONDUCT ITS
ANNUAL, SPRING TIME FUND RAISING EVENT.

EACH CLUB MEMBER IS ASKED TO DONATE A MINIMUM OF SIX
PLANTS (4" INCH POTTED PLANT SIZE OR LARGER) FOR THIS EVENT
FOR SALE.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ENDEAVORS OF THE CLUB.

WE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE CENTER GREEN ADJACENT TO THE
EAGLE MONUMENT.

← GARDEN MART CHAIRMAN - Gary Kraushaar