

THE EARTHWORM:
NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB
CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE
APRIL 2018



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Welcome Spring!

Irises are starting to pop up as well as Stella Doro.
We are all excited about our bus trip to Brooklyn Botanical Garden on April 28.

I am already planning my classes for Poquonock School

Garden Club and our seed planting day to celebrate Earth Day.

New life; new hope for our gardens.

Hope to see you all at our April meeting.

**Diane Bernier,
Your President and Friend**

"Gardening is a way of showing you believe in tomorrow"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 9th Meeting – 6:30PM

Bonnie Waterhouse – Lyme Disease Education and Prevention

Ms. Waterhouse will be speaking about Lyme disease, including the prevention of this and other tick borne illnesses.

WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HERB GARDEN COMMITTEE

SPRING CLEAN UP – April 21st, 9:30-11:30

We will have a Spring Clean Up at the Windsor Historical Society Herb Gardens on **Saturday, April 21st from 9:30 to 11:30AM.**

Please bring your favorite gardening tools. We always have lots of fun!

Laurie and Cindy



Bus Trip to the Brooklyn Botanical Garden's *Cherry Blossom Festival*

Saturday, April 28, 2018

The bus excursion to Brooklyn Botanical Gardens is **full**, and will **depart at 8:00 a.m. from the commuter parking lot on Route 218, in Bloomfield**, and will **depart the botanical gardens at approximately 4:00 p.m.** **Garden Club members will receive a \$10.00 credit** that can be applied to either lunch at the gardens or admission to the gardens. Enjoy!



May 7th Meeting – Windsor Garden Mart Prep Meeting and Member Plant Swap



This meeting will feature installation of officers, announcement of the WGC Scholarship Award, and our yearly **plant swap** for “members only”. Call 860-305-7306 or **visit us at windsorgardenclubct.org**.

MAY 12TH - Windsor Garden Mart – Saturday - 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Our Club will conduct its annual, springtime fund raising event. Club members provide plants and gardening related items for sale. All proceeds benefit the endeavors of the Club.

Location: On the Center Green adjacent to the Eagle Statue.

JUNE 11TH - 2018 “WGC End of Year Wrap Up” “SUMMER OPTIONAL MEETING”

Cindy and Jim Daniels have made their home available for the Windsor Garden Club’s Summer Optional June 11th meeting from 6:30 PM. to 8:30 PM. Location: 28 Jubrey Drive. All guests are asked to bring a folding chair for seating. Members are requested to bring a food or dessert item for this meeting. Contact Cindy at 860-219-9489. Jim and Cindy have chosen June 18th as the rain date for this gathering.

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.

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 are reminding our **April 9 bakers and snack makers Barbara Kurt, Laura Jary, Karen Lee, Laurie Durant, Edith Glanz and Maureen Vagnini to please remember to bring their goodies.**

They also would like to thank all the members who brought delicious sweets to the March 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.

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)

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Windsor Garden Club \$ 1,000 Scholarship Deadline April 14, 2018

For 2018, the Windsor Garden Club is offering a \$1,000 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, herbal medicine, landscape design or 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, and by our club Garden Tour, held every other year. Thanks to the many dedicated and hardworking club members, and to all the enthusiastic townspeople who attend our fundraisers and make this scholarship possible.

Additional information and applications may be obtained from the guidance departments of the following schools:

Windsor High School
Loomis Chaffee School
Northwest Catholic High School
Medina Academy
CREC: Academy of Aerospace and Engineering
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts
Academy of Science and Innovation
Metropolitan Learning Center
Public Safety Academy
Two Rivers Magnet High School

Deadline for receipt of applications is April 14, 2018.

Applications are also available on the Windsor Garden Club website: www.windsorgardenclubct.org

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Windsor Club Logo Clothing Ordering for Spring



Anyone wishing to order clothing with the Windsor Garden Club logo should do so at our upcoming April 9th meeting. Orders can be placed thru Suzi Jacques. We will have order forms available at the meeting.

Any questions call Suzi at 860-298-8935.

Long and short sleeve t-shirts are available in adult sizes. Also available is a fleece vest in Men's and Women's sizes.

The NEXT ORDER will take place in the FALL 2018.

Submission Deadline for May 2018 Earthworm: April 25th, 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



WINDSOR
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Earth Day Spotlight: Trees in Windsor Tour Date: April 22 Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Town Tree Warden Jim Govoni will start us off with a short presentation on what Connecticut's towns do to protect their urban forests and plant for the future. Then we'll hop on a school bus and head out to identify some of Windsor's notable trees.

Spaces are limited! Reserve your spot by Friday, April 20. School bus will meet participants at the Society.

\$12 adults, \$11 seniors and students, \$10 WHS members

For more info: <http://windsorhistoricalsociety.org/event/earth-day-spotlight-trees-in-windsor/>

Wadsworth Atheneum's 37th Annual Fine Art & Flowers April 27–29, 2018

Celebrate spring at the Wadsworth Atheneum's 37th Annual Fine Art & Flowers! Florists, garden clubs, and interior designers from across New England create floral arrangements and garden designs inspired by masterworks from the museum's collection to display during this fundraising event. More than 60 exceptional floral designs are expected this year, and will be showcased throughout the galleries beside the artworks that inspired them.

Admission

Members: \$3 Hartford Residents: \$3 Adults: \$18 Seniors: \$15 Students: \$8 Youth (age 17 & under): \$3

Please Note: The Wadsworth Atheneum usually waives admission fees every Wednesday–Sunday from 4–5 pm.

Please note that guests visiting the museum at these times during the Fine Art & Flowers fundraiser will be charged \$3 for their admission. Groups of 10 or more will receive a discount by reservation only. To schedule a group visit, call (860) 838-4046.

March 12th Meeting Marci Martin – The Rosarian Lady

Ms. Martin captured everyone's undivided attention with her slide show and information during her humor peppered talk titled 'Easy Care Roses for the Home Garden'.



Marci has been growing roses for 39 years in four different locations In CT, and is currently the Master Consulting Rosarian at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. She is also a Rose



Garden Consultant for personal and commercial gardens around the state. Marci is a resident of Windsor but soon will be moving, with her roses, to historic Suffield. The Club and Marci are already planning a tour for June 2019.

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. Individual memberships-\$20.00; Family \$35.00

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Dear Windsor Garden Club Members,

A special request: 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!**

[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.

Orchid Spectrum at the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory was presented in collaboration with Smithsonian Gardens. Found on every continent except Antarctica, orchids showcase a wide spectrum of diversity in color, shape, size, habitat, scent, and many other aspects.

I was able to visit the USBG Conservatory in February to explore thousands of amazing orchid blooms arranged in captivating displays, and appreciate many unique, rarely seen orchids from the USBG's and Smithsonian Gardens' extensive plant collections. The show ends April 8 but I recommend putting this impressive and FREE national show on next year's calendar. Sincerely, Rose



New Windsor High School Garden Club Committee

Dear Windsor Garden Club Members:

I was invited to sit in on the first meeting of the new Windsor High School Garden Club Committee. The goal of the WHS students is to create a garden design for a 40 foot x 40 foot area. Each student will present their own version by submitting their design to their Science teacher Erin Kuzmeskus. .

Erin sent out the survey to all students. She received 618 positive responses and 345 no thanks responses. She also heard from 116 students that wanted to help build the plan that wins the design contest; 130 said that they would plant/harvest: 101 offered to weed; and 68 said they would help out during the summer break. Erin also mentioned that they have a \$1,000.00 allocated to them for the construction/planting/etc. Their plan is to get benches made at their work shop and have their shed fixed. They need to have a new door for their shed and they will have help with art by Marjorie Reneau..

The garden layout plans will be fashioned by Windsor High School Students. The designers have a free will about their choices: flowers, herbs, berries, shrubs, vegetables, etc. The students that were able to attend on March 26th (after school) were glad to hear about the 40' x 40' area, and some of them had already started to plan out their layout suggestions. Many were extremely excited to work on their designs/plans.

Erin is their Science Teacher and is well versed in gardening and she cannot wait to see the designs that are submitted. The winning design will be chosen by the Windsor High School Students.

While I was there, one of the students said she has always been interested in horticulture and asked a few questions about our club. I invited her to go visit our website for more information and she stated that once she visits our site that she might like to attend one of our upcoming meetings. I told her that she was more than welcome to visit us any time.

It was my extreme pleasure to meet these horticulture students. If anyone has any used tools that they no longer need, please let me know. Erin did ask if she could join the Windsor Garden Club even though she lives in Bloomfield. I told her of course she could and mentioned that she was more than welcome to visit. I was very happy to attend this meeting with such a talented group in attendance. **Laura**

GARDEN MART 2018

It's time to prepare for The Garden Mart. Get those extra, plastic pots ready for seedlings and divisions as soon as things start popping. **Bring extra pots to the next meeting.** The Garden Mart is the Club's sole fund raising effort in 2018. Funds raised ensure that Club is able to meet its mission. Sign up sheets for work shifts will be available at the April meeting. Thank you! Jim B.

SATURDAY MAY 12TH – THE WINDSOR GARDEN MART

ON SATURDAY, MAY 12TH, 2018, 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.

From GARDEN MART 2017:

