

THE EARTHWORM:
NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB
DECEMBER 2016



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!

PLEASE SAVOR TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON DECEMBER 5 TO DECORATE WREATHS FOR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.
ALL THE GARDEN CATALOGUES ARE COMING WITH GREAT IDEAS FOR DECORATING YOUR
HOUSE AND GARDEN. SAVE THOSE IDEAS AND BRING THEM TO SOUP TALK IN FEBRUARY.
HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY FRIENDS.

***DIANE,
YOUR PRESIDENT AND FRIEND***

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FIELDTRIP INFORMATION

Saturday, December 3rd, Festival of the Trees, Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford

The Windsor Garden Club members and friends will have the opportunity see the *Festival of the Trees* and our WGC wreath submission to this spectacular annual event.

Our **departure will be from the LP Wilson Center at 10:30AM** and we will meet fifteen minutes earlier for carpooling. We have a **luncheon reservation for 12:30** at the Cafe at the Wadsworth. The **cost is \$13 for entry and lunch will be additional.**

Please contact Maureen if you want to join this group.

DECEMBER 5TH - Holiday Wreaths and Crafts



The **December 5th meeting** of the Windsor Garden Club Members will feature **“Holiday Wreaths and Crafts.”** **We will decorate fresh holiday wreaths and create arrangements which will be donated to local service agencies, nursing homes and other Windsor organizations.**

Please bring gloves, seasonal decorations of any type, clippers, greenery from your gardens, ribbon and your creativity to adorn evergreen wreaths which will be purchased by the club. There will be no business meeting, just creativity, snacks and fun. If you know of a guest that is interested in joining the WGC this might be something that they might enjoy participating in.

Bring your favorite snacks to share and help us in bringing the holiday season.

December 11th at Noon – WGC HOLIDAY BRUNCH at [The Nutmeg](#), East Windsor
HURRY! Reservations and deposits will be taken at the December meeting. The price of **\$32.62** covers tax and gratuity. Deposits should be made out to the **Windsor Garden Club**. See the booklet for a full menu that includes breakfast and lunch items, as well as one complimentary beverage.

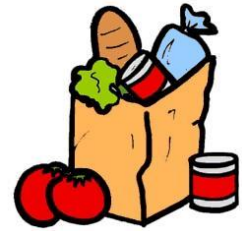
HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

Hospitality Co-chairmen Wendy Mitchell and Joan Lynch, along with committee member Debbie Baker, have sign-up sheets for volunteers to bring goodies for our meetings. Please contact them by email or a quick call if you need more information.

Thanks to our November hospitality volunteers, **and thank you in advance to the Hospitality Volunteers for the December meeting.**

Dear Windsor Garden Club Members,

*This is the usual reminder to PLEASE remember to bring non-perishable food items to our December meeting 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!***



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017

JANUARY 9th, 2017 Meeting – Executive Board Meeting (No Regular Meeting)
10:30am TO 12:30pm. Location to be determined

FEBRUARY 13th, 2017 MEETING

“Soup Talk” – “A special informational garden meeting held while warming up with a variety of homemade breads, soups and more shared by our members.” Get those crock pots ready!

Our next regular meeting is our **“Soup Talk”** meeting which is always fun. It's a question-answer meeting where we share information and ideas. Bring your questions and let the members share their knowledge. Much will be discussed as well as updates by the **Garden Mart Committee** and setting the Garden Mart activities into motion.

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.
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Butterflies in Connecticut.



Diane Bernier, WGC President with Pamm Cooper

Who knew caterpillars could keep a crowd so entranced!

Our November 7th speaker was Pamm Cooper of the University of Connecticut Home and Garden Education Center. Pamm provided an appreciative crowd, information on caterpillars, the host plants they need, and the plants they use for nectar sources to become butterflies. Her power point presentation was filled with her detailed and current discoveries of caterpillars and butterflies in the Connecticut landscape. She also mentioned several parks, gardens and areas that we can do more of our own observation.

Pamm teaches the entomology portion of the UConn Master Gardener program and has studied native butterflies and raised their caterpillars since her youth.

COMMITTEES:

All Members are encouraged to participate on a committee. Please sign up and help. At our first meeting 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

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

2016-17 Membership renewal forms. A link to the forms can be found on the website. Individual memberships are still \$20.00 while family memberships are still \$35.00.



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](#).

Submission Deadline for February 2017 Earthworm: January 23th - 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

Please note: There will be no meeting in January.

The Executive Board will meetdate and location to be determined by Diane Bernier. The Executive Board consists of: Diane Bernier, Maureen Vagnini, Jim Bennett, Laurie Durant, Erin Bourdon and Past Presidents: Laura Jary, Erin Bourdon and Thomas Graywacz.

GARDENING TIPS

The [blue hyperlinks](#) are there for you to seek more information online. Have fun!



Plants for Feeding Birds

Garden Plants with Seeds that Birds Love

By Marie Iannotti

Birds bring beauty and sound to a garden. It's nice to put out bird feeders with seed and suet to attract birds to your yard and garden. But birds still like to forage and find their own food and it's especially important to have food for them to find, when the feeders are

empty. There are many wonderful trees and shrubs with fruits and berries in the fall and winter months. Less often talked about are the common garden flowers with seeds that most birds seem to gobble up. Let the last blooms stay on these plants throughout the winter and wait until spring to cut them back. Along with nourishment, many provide shelter and nesting material, too.

1. Asters
2. Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia)
3. Coneflowers
4. Coreopsis
5. Globe Thistle
6. Goldenrod (Soladago)
7. Joe Pye Weed (Eupatorium)
8. Sedum
9. Silphium (Cup Plant, Prairie Dock, Compass Plant)
10. Zinnia

For more details, read here: http://gardening.about.com/od/flowergardening/tp/Plants-for-Birds.htm?utm_campaign=gardening&utm_medium=email&utm_source=cn_nl&utm_content=8122719&utm_term=

As a follow up to our November speaker, here is a link to an article about how to help the Monarch butterfly.

FLOWERS THAT ATTRACT MONARCH BUTERFLIES

http://flowers.about.com/od/Flower-Gardening/tp/Flowers-That-Attract-Monarch-Butterflies.htm?utm_campaign=gardening&utm_medium=email&utm_source=cn_nl&utm_content=8188666&utm_term=

A HAPPY HEALTHY 2017 TO YOU AND YOURS

