

## ***The Earthworm***



### ***February 2014 The Windsor Garden Club***

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Director (Past President): Erin Bourdon    Treasurer: Jim Bennett  
Recording Secretary: Alice Lang    Corresponding Secretary: Wendy Mitchell  
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#### ***President's Message***

***"There's always an opportunity to make a difference." ~Michael Dell***

Hello All,

Happy New Year!

I'd like to thank all members that attended our Holiday Brunch at the Nutmeg and the folks that came to our Holiday Wreaths and Craft night. Everyone that received a wreath or a spray was so please and wanted to thank the Windsor Garden Club. They all look forward to receiving these beautiful gifts. We would like to give thanks to Cindy Daniels for selecting our lovely wreaths, Diane Bernier for making all these stunning bows, Tom Graywacz for skillfully making our wreath hooks. Wendy Mitchell and all that brought treats for the evening and Cindy Wahl for delivering these beautiful and aromatic wreaths. Lastly many thanks to all members who brought food donation items for our local food bank.

Our next meeting, for you new members, is Soup Talk. This meeting is like having laid back dinner with a bunch gardening friends. We'll have a chance to discuss our gardening successes and questions that you might need help with. Of course we look forward to giving the membership updates from different committees.

Well stay warm ..... and just think Spring will be here in a few months!!!!!!

*Laura*

Laura Jary,  
WGC President

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- 1. Next Meeting:** The February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Windsor Garden Club will feature "Soup Talk." Members and guests will bring and enjoy different soups. This meeting will involve discussing many different gardening topics. Any topic, from opening the garden, to starting plants from seeds, to garden tools and supplies, and more. Please bring specific gardening questions related to issues you may have. While we exchange thoughts and ideas, we'll warm up with a variety of the homemade soups, breads and more. Please bring one of your favorites to share.

Also being discussed will be the finalizing of the Garden Mart Committee and setting the Garden Mart activities into motion.

Meetings of the Windsor Garden Club are held at the LP Wilson Center on 599 Matianuck Avenue, from 6:30-9:00 pm. For additional information please visit our web site at **Windsorgardenclubct.org**

- 2. Food Donations:** A reminder to members that we will still be collecting food donations. Any nonperishable food will be accepted. The donation basket will be by the table where you sign in.
- 3. Field Trips:** There are two upcoming field trips that may be of interest to Windsor Garden Club members. If you would like to attend either the Boston Flower Show trip or the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens you must use the following information to save a seat on the bus. These are both very popular tours. If you have any questions, give Cindy a call at 860-836-0280. **Post Road Stages, 1105 Strong Road, South Windsor, CT Tel. 860-644-1531. Toll free: 800-848-0223. Fax 860-644-5874.** The Boston Flower Show will be on March 12<sup>th</sup> price \$62.00 pp and the Brooklyn Botanical Garden tour is May 4<sup>th</sup> price \$70.00 pp, \$64.00 for seniors over 65. Printouts with more information will be available at the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 4. Club Logo:** The Board of Directors of the Windsor Garden Club reached a consensus during its January meeting that since the WGC has been in existence for more than 75 years, the time has come to establish a Club logo. Suggestions for an appropriate logo are being sought from the membership. At the current time, four proposals have been submitted. These proposals can be viewed on the logo page on the website. The Board of Directors would like to discuss logo proposals during the February meeting.
- 5. Miscellaneous:** The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Flower and Garden Show will be February 20-23 at the CT Convention Center located at 100 Columbus Blvd. Hartford, CT. Hours are as follows: Feb. 20 10-7; Feb. 21&22 10-8; Feb. 23 10-5. Admission: Adults \$16.00, Seniors \$14.00 Thursday and Friday only. \$4.00 for ages 5-12 and under 5 free. Website is [www.ctflowershow.com](http://www.ctflowershow.com)
- 6. March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting:** The topic will be **Herbs for Teas and Springtime Tonics.** The program will be presented by Gayle Nogas from the CT Herb Society.

## NEW BUSINESS BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 1. Town of Windsor Emergency Operations Center:** They are looking for civic groups to offer assistance. Laura attended a meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. They are working to increase their response resources in the event of an emergency.
- 2. Discussion of Community Projects:**
  - A.** Besides our Town Beautification projects of helping to beautify an area with new design and labor ( like what we did for the Windsor Post Office last May).
  - B.** We discussed the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee's plan to pay for the cost of a tree at the back entrance of Town Hall. Jim Govoni will be getting back to us with the cost. Once he gets back to us with an agreed price, we will cut a check and order a plaque to be displayed with the tree as agreed.
  - C.** Concrete bench at Northwest Park. The concrete bench is an item that be purchased as we find other locations in Windsor that could enhance an area by creating a resting spot.
  - D.** The last new community item was **Succulent Garden and Grow Beds**. End use of the grow beds could benefit our community endeavors in a big way.
- 3. Scholarship Committee:** Chair had to step down this year and the Board is looking for a member or couple of members to help. We offer a college scholarship to a local high school senior planning to major in environmental sciences. Please contact Laura if you have any questions.
- 4. Recording Secretary:** We are sorry to hear from Alice Lang that she is retiring this May as our Recording Secretary. If a member is interested in the position please speak to our Nominating Chair, Nancy Champlin.
- 5. Participation in the following Events:** At the Northwest Park Country Fair in September there will be a donation of a basket and a WGC information table. At the Lion's Club Fall Craft Fair a booth on Columbus Day weekend.

**Photo Gallery**

**Our 2013 Donation to the Wadsworth Athenuem for the Festival of Trees**



**Wreath Donations to Windsor Non Profits/Town Facilities**





Holiday Wreaths and Crafts Night



**Holiday Brunch at the Nutmeg**

**Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year's**

