

The Earthworm



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The Windsor Garden Club

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President's Message

Gardening requires lots of water--most of it in the form of perspiration.--Lou Erickson

Hello everyone,

Thanks to all of you who joined in on the May 11th for our Annual Garden Mart on the Windsor Town Green. We had another successful day. The weather held out for us, residents of Windsor (and from neighboring towns) as well as artisans from the Lions Art Festival stopped by to visit and shop. The committee would like to thank all that donated a beautiful variety great looking healthy plants. We also thank the membership for marking the plants so well this year – and so many of you came not only to work but helped our visitors with garden questions. Many visitors mentioned how great it was to see so many friendly folks and made them feel so welcomed.

I would like to thank Erin Bourdon for her leadership and support over the past 2 years and yes, it did go by so fast. Our new officers are ready to go. We will continue to bring great programming to you and will be looking for more opportunities to reach out for continued civic and beautification efforts.

See you at our June 10th summer (social) meeting at Suzie and Al's home! Don't forget, this is a great time to bring a prospective member. You will all enjoy viewing their garden!!

Laura Jary
WGC President

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

At our **Monday, May 6, 2013** Erin welcomed all to our meeting. The meeting was held one week earlier than usual to prepare for the Garden Mart and there was no speaker. The meeting began at 7:05 p.m. Tom Graywacz informed members that the plant swap meant bring 1 plant and you select another plant. Erin mentioned that we were going to focus on and discuss the Windsor Garden Mart, the Windsor Garden Tour 2013 and also review other ongoing WGC's Community Projects. Erin Bourdon then asked Recording Secretary, Alice Lang, to read the April minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read. Motion was seconded and passed.

1. **Scholarship Committee:** Janet Giannetti stated there was no one applying for the club scholarship. Therefore, she contacted the 4 elementary school principals and explained the offer of money for gardening. Three schools responded with an interest in a project:
 - a. **Poquonock School – courtyard plantings**
 - b. **Kennedy School – beautify entrance to school**
 - c. **Clover Street School – various areas – B-5, K-kid**

After a discussion it was decided to split the \$700.00 scholarship between the 3 schools. Nancy Champlin made a motion to accept Janet's final suggestion it was then seconded. Motion passed. Some club members offered to help the schools with ideas and work.

2. **Windsor Garden Mart:** Laura Jary reviewed information about the Garden Mart. Members signed up for 2-1/2 hours shifts. Janet Giannetti volunteered to purchase 10 potted tomato plants. Members were asked to label each plant with info and price. Laura has the Garden Club aprons and an advertising sign will be near the eagle. Any unsold plants may be utilized by the Post Office beautification project.
3. **The Windsor Garden Tour - July 13, 2013:** Laura stated Cindy Daniels and new member, Halyna Povrozyk, have volunteered to host, making our list up to 6. Thank you so very much. A couple of Windsor residents have contacted us about referring gardens that they feel should be on the tour. We have sent out letters to these residents. If you are interested in participating or would like to refer a garden to us please call Laura at 860-305-7306. We will be looking for volunteers to commit shortly to welcome guests attending the homes of our garden hosts. We have two shifts: 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
4. **Civic Beautification:** Diane Bernier spoke about the Post Office soil being tested which then needs to be amended. John Fynn will have the soil turned over. Club member volunteers will be needed for planting and mulching. Mostly perennials will be planted with some annuals added for color. The planting day is Friday, May 17th the day before the Shad Derby.
5. **Membership Dues:** Reminder June 1st – dues for 2013-2014 next year are \$20.00 per individual membership and \$35.00 for household membership. For ease of recordkeeping all members are asked to fill out a membership form to make sure we have the latest information. Membership forms were handed out to membership in attendance. Please note a copy of the membership form is also being emailed to you with this Earthworm. All are asked to please fill out and remit to mailing address as soon as possible or bring it to our June 10th meeting. If you cannot print out a copy please call Diane Bernier at 860-219-1419 or Laura Jary at 860-305-7306 and they will get one to you.

6. New Business:

Windsor Garden Club Summer (informal) Meeting Schedule:

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, June 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Suzie Jacques and Al Stalb, 28 Stinson Place, Windsor.

The July meeting will be held on July 8th at 6:30 p.m. at Nancy Champlin's home, 16 Laurel Avenue, Windsor.

The August meeting will be held on August 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Erin Bourdon's home, 21 Meadowlark Drive, Windsor.

Note: Please consider bringing a treat to share with members. It was suggested members might want to also bring a chair to help out with seating. Thank you in advance.

Gifts were present to outgoing President Erin Bourdon:

Jewelry: silver pansy designed necklace

Book: Lasagna Gardening

A short discussion was held about garden pests.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Kind hearts are the garden,

Kind thoughts are the roots,

Kind words are the blossoms,

Kind deeds are the fruits.

--John Ruskin