

The Earthworm



June 2014 The Windsor Garden Club

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New Recording Secretary: Laurie Durant Corresponding Secretary: Wendy Mitchell
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President's Message

Gardening is learning, learning, learning. That's the fun of them. You're always learning ~
Helen Mirren.

Dear Garden Club Members –

I would like to thank you all for continued confidence in what our Board of Directors has been able to accomplish, with your help, this 2013-2014 year by voting us back. We would like to take this time to thank you for inviting friends or neighbors to our meetings/programs. We have had a great growth in membership; attendance by members is up at all our meetings as well as a large number of guests.

We just held our Annual Garden Mart on May 10th and the weather held out for us. Thank you to all that volunteered their time and the donation of beautiful plants. I guess that we all potted up our plants well in advance because we really had a great variety of healthy plants, well-marked and priced for our gardening friends. Besides our Windsor residents our garden mart even drew folks in from Enfield, Bloomfield, Windsor Locks and East Hartford. In speaking with folks about the club they mentioned how they have learned a lot about us by visiting our website and for that I would like to thank Jim Bennett for all of his experience and support.

As for our programming, Cindy Daniels and her Program Committee have done a fantastic job and I can't wait to see what they have in store for us this 2014-2015 year. Kudos to our Hospitality Committee -- they were on top of everything. Please join us for our 1st Summer "Optional" Meeting. This "social evening" will be held at Gary and Heidi Kraushaar's home on June 9th. We will have our Recording Secretary, Alice Lang, read her last set of notes to us. It has been a pleasure having Alice as our Recording Secretary for 14 years! But don't worry Alice isn't going anywhere. She'd be lost without us!

Laura

Laura Jary, WGC President

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. Summer “Optional” Meeting locations/start time are:

- **June 9th** at **Heidi and Gary Kraushaar’s** home located at 377 Merriman Road, Windsor. All Start Times will be 6:30 p.m. ending at 8:30 p.m.
- Our **July 14th** meeting will be at the home of **Richard and Christine Rozman’s** home located at 54 Bradford Drive, Windsor.
- **August 11th** will be our last Summer “Optional” Meeting which will be held at **Thomas Graywacz’s** home located at 11 Wilton Road, Windsor.
- **NOTE:** Please bring a folder chair and something to munch on for our table to share with other club members and guests.

2. Scholarship Recipient: For those who were not in attendance at our May meeting here is a photo of Joshua Crittenden with his parents Andrea and Cornelius along with Janet Giannetti, Scholarship Chair and Rose Stepnick Scholarship Committee Member:



3. Nomination of Recording Secretary:

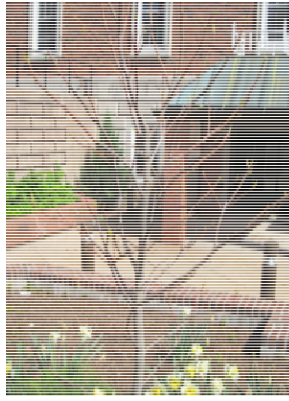
At our May meeting Nancy Champlin nominated Laurie Durant as our New Recording Secretary. The motion was passed by a voice vote. WELCOME ABOARD LAURIE and a huge thank you for volunteering.

4. New Members: Welcome to Heidi Lindberg (heidi.lindbert@gmail.com) who joined us at our May meeting and to Barbara Stavens (barbarastavens@gmail.com) who joined at our Windsor Garden Mart.

5. Membership Renewal Fees Due by June 1, 2014 for the 2014-2015 calendar year.

Membership forms were distributed at our May 5th meeting. If you were not at that meeting please ask Diane Bernier to email or mail the form to you.

6. Here is a picture of the Sourwood Tree that the Windsor Garden Club purchased as our gift to the Town of Windsor celebrating our 75th anniversary. **The Town of Windsor planted it near the sliding door entrance of Town Hall. We will be looking into purchasing a plaque to place in front of the tree.**



*images shown are of mature plants

The Sourwood Tree offer so many characteristics, it is no wonder why it is so popular. In summer, fragrant clusters of beautiful white flowers appear. Few trees show blooms this vibrant during the dead of summer. Deep, glossy green leaves turn to rusty orange and scarlet in the autumn months...the deepest scarlet hue of any shade tree! I don't know how many trees can boast so many beautiful attributes all at once? The Sourwood is also resistant to pests and diseases and is widely adaptable to various soil types and relative cold hardy. I should think this tree could be great in any yard! Our Sourwood Tree will lend its beauty to the Town of Windsor for this year and many years to come.

- 7. Removal of Plants from Library Roof:** A group of WGC members and town employees worked on April 28 for about 2 hours removing the cacti/succulents from the Library roof top. The 3 foot by 6 foot grow beds were also removed and are available to be purchased. Contact Laura if interested.
- 8. Town Beautification:** Diane Bernier, Chair of the committee has received 2 applications who are as follows: CHRIS Radio in Wilson and The Windsor Library. The deadline for receiving applications is May 31st.
- 9. Future Endeavors:** Wendy Mitchell is asking WGC members to take photos of their plants and gardens to be used in a photo contest which was suggested to take place in November.
- 10. 2015 Windsor Garden Tour** - Have a wonderful summer and enjoy your gardens. Don't forget that we are always looking for new garden hosts for our upcoming tour. So

maybe you might have an interest in showcasing your garden or maybe during the summer you have visited someone's garden that you think our committee should hear about. Give Jim Bennett a call or an email.