

# The Earthworm



## June 2015 The Windsor Garden Club

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### President's Message

*The key to our success rests in people like you, who embody the spirit of greatness by say, "Yes I can, and you can, too!" ~MyThankYouSite.com*

#### **Dear Garden Club Members –**

We would like to take this time to thank you for inviting friends or neighbors to our meetings/programs. Maureen Vagnini, held an invasive plant and vine event at her home and Beverly, as a neighbor of Maureen's, was in attendance. Beverly had mentioned that she had an interest in attending one of our meetings and decided to join before our meeting even stated. So I'd like to welcome **Beverly Lowe** as our newest member.

As you know we just held our Annual Garden Mart on May 9th and the weather held out for us. Thank you to all that volunteered their time and the donation of beautiful plants. Thanks again for **Gary Kraushaar** for chairing this year's garden mart and the committee members. We sold everything, met old and new friends, we pleased to that Janet Giannetti was able to present our educational scholarship to the Windsor High School greenhouse program run by **Mr. Frank Halish**. The scholarship will be used to purchase equipment, plants and other items needed for greenhouse projects. That same day our friend **Patricia Crowley** stopped by and stated that she wanted to be on this year's **Garden Tour 2015 so she is our 8<sup>th</sup> garden host!** So it was a **GREAT DAY** for all.

As for our programming, **Cindy Daniels** stated she is finalizing our program calendar for 2015-2106. Please join us for our 1<sup>st</sup> summer "Optional" Meeting. This "social evening" will be held at **Florence Barlow's** home on June 8<sup>th</sup> located at **18 Douglas Street** and starting at **6:30 p.m.** Please remember to bring a chair, a treat and maybe a friend.

*Laura*

Laura Jary, WGC President

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- 1. May Meeting:** After our business meeting we had our annual “plant swap” which was a great success. Members brought in plants from their yards to swap with one another. This was done by drawing numbers which gives everyone a chance to pick their “perfect swap”.

Tee shirts with the Windsor Garden Club Logo were handed out to members that purchased them. Members were encouraged to wear them at the Garden Mart which everyone did. Thanks to Cindy Daniels and Suzanne Jacques for ordering and having them available to be worn at the Garden Mart.

- 2. June Meeting (optional):** This first meeting of the “summer” will be held at our member, Florence Barlow’s home. There will be more discussion about the upcoming Garden Tour which takes place July 18, 2015.

Also, members attending this meeting should consider bringing donations for the Northwest Park Country Fair baskets. The two basket themes will be a Gardening Basket and a Breakfast Basket. Some suggestions were gardening books and/or non perishable breakfast items.

- 3. Beautification Committee:** Diane Bernier read a letter from CRIS Radio thanking members that participated in the planting of various shrubs and perennials around their property. A job well done.
- 4. Windsor Garden Mart:** Treasurer Jim Bennett reported that \$1,214.00 was made at the garden mart. It was a beautiful day therefore many people came, browsed then bought plants. A great success.
- 5. Garden Tour:** Members of the Club are well aware that this year’s garden tour, “Tour 2015”, will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2015, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. The Club is fortunate that we have been able to engage eight residents of Windsor, to support the Club by having these residents agree to make their gardens/landscaping available for the tour. To ensure that the tour is a success, and to ensure that those participating in the tour have an enjoyable time, the tour committee is soliciting support from club members. Specifically, we are seeking members who can devote two and one half hours to serve as a “greeter” at one of our eight tour locations. The main functions of being a host would be to welcome tour participants as well as marking tickets. We are also looking for members to assist with the Club’s initiative to provide refreshments at one of the tour locations. We are seeking baked goods, drinks, paper products such as paper plates, cups, napkins, ice and utensils. This is another small gesture which will ensure that the tour is a success. Additional information will be available at our June and July meetings. Maureen Vagnini is coordinating the site greeters. The tour committee will provide more information about the refreshment initiative.
- 6. Membership Committee:** Memberships forms were passed out to members for the upcoming year. Contact Diane Bernier at [dmsbernier@gmail.com](mailto:dmsbernier@gmail.com) for more information. Forms will be available at the June meeting.

7. **Field Trip:** The Field Trip to Longwood Gardens in Lancaster, PA is still available. Members that are interested should contact Post Road Tours at 860-644-3484. The trip is July 10-12 2015. The fee is \$350.00.
8. **Summer Meetings:** **July 13<sup>th</sup>** meeting will be at Maureen Vagnini's home on 40 Valley View Drive, Windsor and **August 10<sup>th</sup>** meeting will be at Deborah Baker's home on 846 Windsor Ave., Windsor. Many thanks to them for hosting these gatherings.

### Helpful Hints

#### Container Gardening

**Invest in large pots.** The soil can dry out faster in containers that are less than 2 feet wide and 2 feet tall.

**Get a pot with drainage holes.** Roots will rot if there is no place for the water to drain.

**Use a potting mix that has fertilizer in it.** This can be purchased at local garden centers and big box stores.

**Use a water soluble fertilizer once a month.** Do this during the growing season if growing flowering plants in your pots.

Also pots can be moved according to how much sunlight is required. A fun way to garden for those who have limited space.

**If anyone has any helpful hints please send them to me at [NHCT57@aol.com](mailto:NHCT57@aol.com) They will be most appreciated. Be nice to share ideas with other members.**