

THE EARTHWORM:
NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB
CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE
MARCH 2018



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Spring is on its way, ...
...and along with it our bus trip.

Our first ever bus trip to the Cherry Blossom Festival at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden is three quarters full. What a way to start thinking about seeds, bulbs, flowers and new garden spots. Starting March 1 non-members will be added to the bus, so please make your reservations quickly. Ask a friend or spouse to join us.



Hope to see you on the bus!

Diane Bernier, Your President and Friend

**The Windsor Garden Club Presents a Bus Trip to the
Brooklyn Botanical Garden's *Cherry Blossom Festival*
Saturday, April 28, 2018**

During the January, 2018 Executive Board meeting, the Executive Board has approved a club related bus excursion to New York City.

The bus will depart at 8:00 a.m. from the commuter parking lot on Route 218, in Bloomfield, and will depart the botanical gardens at approximately 4:00 p.m. Bus **transportation cost is \$25.00** (driver gratuity is not included) while **admission to the gardens is \$25.00**. **Garden Club members will receive a \$10.00 credit** that can be applied to either lunch at the gardens or admission to the gardens. Member only payment of \$25.00 (for bus cost) will be accepted until February 28, 2018. Beginning March 1, 2018, non-member payment of \$25.00 will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis dependent on bus seat availability.



Your payment check should be made **payable to The Windsor Garden Club**. The Club's mailing address is Box 233, Windsor, Connecticut, 06095 Payments to participate in the excursion can be made during the February meeting if desired.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



March 12th Meeting - 6:30PM **Marci Martin – The Rosarian Lady**

Ms. Martin will be speaking to us about roses, the varieties and how to grow the best roses. Her talk is titled 'Easy Care Roses for the Home Garden'.

Marci has been growing roses for 39 years in four different locations in CT, and is currently the Master Consulting Rosarian at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. She is also a Rose Garden Consultant for personal and commercial gardens around the state.

April 9th Meeting – 6:30PM

Bonnie Waterhouse – Lyme Disease Education and Prevention

Ms. Waterhouse will be speaking about Lyme disease, including the prevention of this and other tick borne illnesses.

May 7th Meeting – Windsor Garden Mart Prep Meeting and Member Plant Swap

This meeting will feature installation of officers, announcement of the WGC Scholarship Award, and our yearly plant swap for “members only”. Call 860-305-7306 or **visit us at windsorgardenclubct.org**.

MAY 12TH - Windsor Garden Mart - Saturday, from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Our Club will conduct its annual, springtime fund raising event. Club members provide plants and gardening related items for sale. All proceeds benefit the endeavors of the Club.
Location: On the Center Green adjacent to the Eagle Statue.

JUNE 11TH - 2018 “WGC End of Year Wrap Up” “SUMMER OPTIONAL MEETING”

Cindy and Jim Daniels have made their home available for the Windsor Garden Club's Summer Optional June 11th meeting from 6:30 PM. to 8:30 PM. Location: 28 Jubrey Drive. All guests are asked to bring a folding chair for seating. Members are requested to bring a food or dessert item for this meeting. Contact Cindy at 860-219-9489. Jim and Cindy have chosen June 18th as the rain date for this gathering.

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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COMMITTEES:

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

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

The Hospitality Co-chairmen Wendy Mitchell and Joan Lynch are reminding our March bakers and snack makers to please remember to bring their goodies.

They also would like to thank all the members who brought delicious soups and breads to share in February. Everyone's help is what makes our club welcoming. There will be sign-up sheets for future meetings. Please contact the committee by email or a quick call for more information.

WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HERB GARDEN COMMITTEE



SPRING CLEAN UP

We will have a Spring Clean Up at the Windsor Historical Society Herb Gardens on Saturday, April 21st from 9:30 to 11:30AM.

Please bring your favorite gardening tools. We always have lots of fun!

Laurie and Cindy

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Windsor Garden Club Increases Scholarship Award for 2018

In January our Executive Board raised the award amount for our annual scholarship. For 2018, the Windsor Garden Club is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior, who is a Windsor resident. The student must plan to attend either a two or four-year college with the intention of pursuing studies in agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, herbal medicine, landscape design or architecture, forestry, environmental science, environmental engineering, or a similarly related study.

One of the Windsor Garden Club's resolutions is to award a scholarship each year to a deserving Windsor student. The scholarship is funded through the Club's annual sale of plants at its Garden Mart in May, and by our club Garden Tour, held every other year. Thanks to the many dedicated and hardworking club members, and to all the enthusiastic townspeople who attend our fundraisers and make this scholarship possible.

Additional information and applications may be obtained from the guidance departments of the following schools:

Windsor High School
Loomis Chaffee School
Northwest Catholic High School
Medina Academy
CREC: Academy of Aerospace and Engineering
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts
Academy of Science and Innovation
Metropolitan Learning Center
Public Safety Academy
Two Rivers Magnet High School

Deadline for receipt of applications is April 14, 2018.

Applications are also available on the Windsor Garden Club website: www.windsorgardenclubct.org

WWW.WINDSORGARDENCLUBCT.ORG

GARDEN MART 2018 - SATURDAY, MAY 12

The Garden Mart is in May, but it is never too early to prepare! Remember those empty, plastic pots you stockpiled last growing season? Well, now is the perfect time to dust and polish those pots to have them ready for seedlings and divisions as soon as things start popping. Bring extras to the next meetings.



Keep in mind that the Garden Mart is the Club's sole fund raising effort in 2018. Funds raised ensure that Club is able to meet its mission. Sign up sheets for work shifts will be available at the March meeting. Thank you! Jim B.

WINDSOR HISTORICAL HERB GARDEN WISH LIST FOR SPRING 2018



Contact Christine Ermenc: cermenc@windsorhistoricalsociety.org , or 860-688-3813, if you have these herbs to donate!

Lovage	Thyme	Sorrel	Parsley
Dill	Basil	Chamomile	Angelica or Horehound
Rosemary	common feverfew		Savory (winter or summer)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

[REQUEST CLUB ASSISTANCE](#) (click heading for the link)

The Windsor Garden Club endeavors to use the resources of the Club to assist in the design of landscape beautification projects within our hometown of Windsor, Connecticut. For more information, please download the description document and application form using one of the two links provided on the web site. For your convenience, there is a Word format and a PDF format link provided.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dear Windsor Garden Club Members,



A special request: PLEASE remember to bring non-perishable food items to our meetings for the **Windsor Food Bank**. Their clients' needs are all year round. Donations can be left at the table where you check in. **Thank you!**

GARDENING TIPS

Pruning Roses During Winter:

See why you should prune your roses when it's chilly outside.
<http://www.hgtv.com/outdoors/gardens/planting-and-maintenance/pruning-roses-during-winter>

Hydrangea Care: To Prune or Not to Prune Your Hydrangeas.

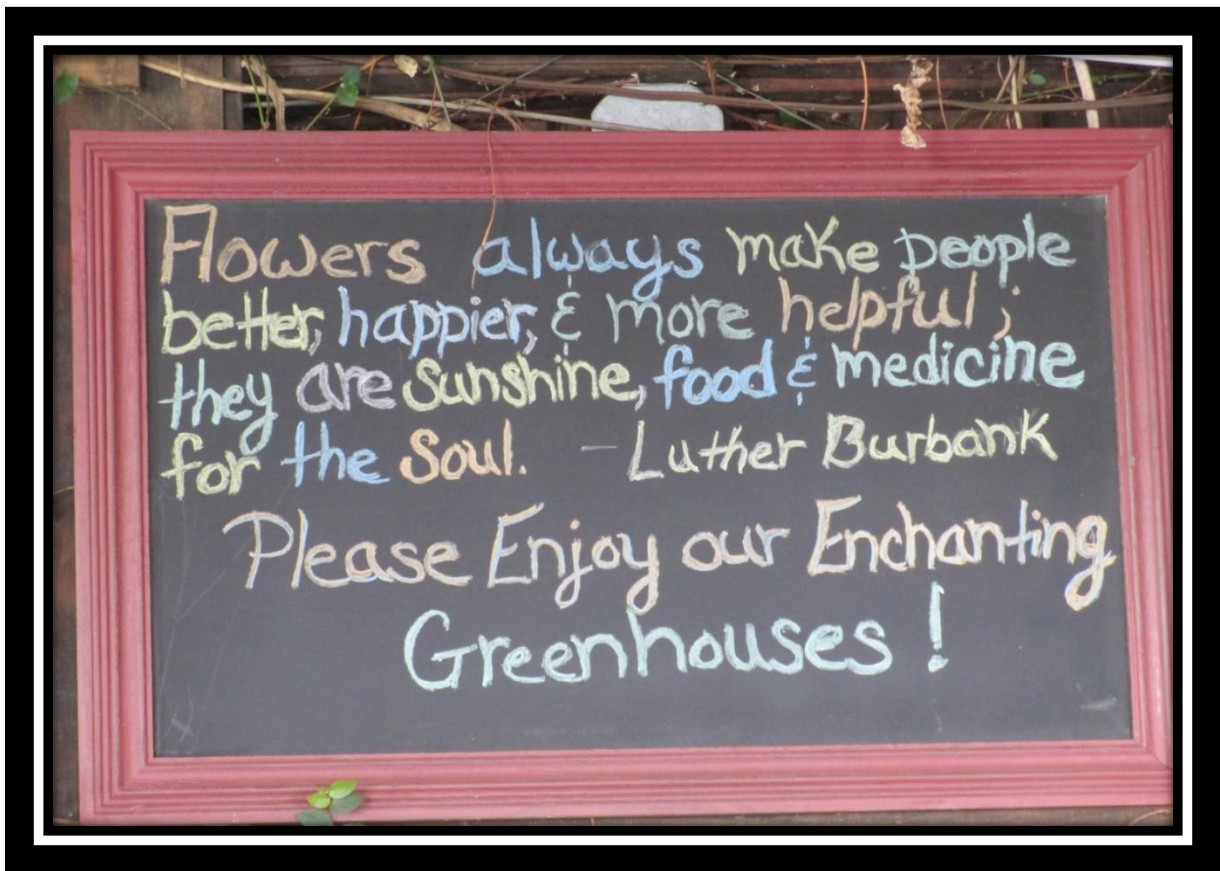
Find out the best time to make the cut.

<http://www.hgtv.com/outdoors/flowers-and-plants/trees-and-shrubs/hydrangea-care-to-prune-or-not-to-prune-your-hydrangeas>

I'm a
great believer
in luck
and I find the
harder I work,
the more
I have of it.

—Thomas Jefferson

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The above quote is from Logee's Greenhouse.

A friend recently passed and has left gardening items to Windsor Garden Club members. If you see something of interest, give me a call and stop by.

Be well. Cindy - 860-836-0280

- Assorted pots, ceramic and plastic, all shapes and sizes
- Very large green plastic container
- 10-10-10 perennial plant food
- Miracle grow granulated plant food
- Preen +fertilizer 7lbs
- 3 - 12pk peat pots
- 6 16 oz. Miracle Grow liquid plant food

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership renewal forms are available online. Individual memberships-\$20.00; Family \$35.00

Submission Deadline for April 2018 Earthworm: March 25th, 2018 - 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

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade. ~Charles Dickens (1812-1870), *Great Expectations*