

The Earthworm



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The Windsor Garden Club

President: Erin Bourdon Vice President: Laura Jary

Director (Past President): Tom Graywacz Treasurer: Jim Bennett

Recording Secretary: Alice Lang Corresponding Secretary: Wendy Mitchell

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President's Message

"When April steps aside for May,
Like diamonds all the rain-drops glisten;
Fresh violets open every day:
To some new bird each hour we listen."

--- *Lucy Larcom*

Hello everyone,

Thank you to all who joined in on the April 13 garden cleanup at the Historical Society. We got it done quickly with so many workers. We have received a list of acceptable plants for this garden; let me know if you want to add to the garden.

Please accept my thanks for all your help and support over the past 2 years. Wow, time flies. It has been fun and I look forward to our group with the new officers and all the exciting times to come.

Don't forget: members plant swap at our NEXT meeting, Monday May 6. See you then.

Erin Bourdon
WGC President

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

1. At our **Monday, April 8, 2013** Erin welcomed all to our meeting. She 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. At 7:00 p.m. President, Erin Bourdon began the meeting with the Recording Secretary, Alice Lang, reading the minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read. Motion was seconded and passed.
2. **By-Laws:** President, Erin Bourdon passed out a revised By-Laws sheet which was discussed and then disregarded. Al Stalb stated other clubs do NOT include dollar amounts for dues in the By-laws. The executive board determines the new dues amount as needed. After a discussion it was decided a decision needed to be made so the new club booklet would NOT include the fee change information in the By-Laws. Tom Graywacz made the following motion for a change in Article IX A "FUNDS".

"Dues are payable by June 1st each year. The annual rate will be determined by the executive board. Any member in arrears as of July 1st shall be considered delinquent and may be removed from the membership at the discretion of the board." The motion was passed and seconded.

Erin Bourdon will get a sample proposal for Article IX FUNDS A (Dues are payable by June 1st of each year. The annual rate will be determined by the Executive Board. Any member in arrears as of July 1st shall be considered delinquent and may be removed from the Membership at the discretion of the Board.)

The proposal is to remove the dollar amounts from the booklet.

This is the notice that was either emailed or mailed out to entire membership before we vote on May 6th.

3. **Election of officers** was held on our April 8th meeting. Thomas Graywacz reported on the slate of members for 2013-2014:
 - President: Laura Jary
 - Vice President: Cindy Daniels
 - Treasurer: Jim Bennett
 - Recording Secretary: Alice Lang
 - Corresponding Secretary: Wendy Mitchell
 - Erin Bourdon will become our Director (past presidents)

A motion was made to accept the slate of officers. The secretary cast 1 vote for the proposed slate. Membership accepted. New officers will take over as of June 1, 2013.

4. Just a reminder that on **May 6th** we will hold our "WGC Garden Mart Prep Meeting" (and Member Plant Swap). Please note that this meeting is to be held on the **FIRST Monday** of the month, the Monday **BEFORE** the Garden Mart. This is a **MEMBER ONLY MEETING** to go over last minute details in preparation for Saturday's Garden Mart. In addition to finalizing plans for the Garden Mart, we will be having a member's only plant swap. Bring a division of one, or more, of your favorite or unique plants to swap with another member.
5. **Windsor Garden Mart on May 11th: the sale starts at 8 AM.** The committee met and we are well on our way. The Sign-up Sheet was distributed at our April 8th meeting. Reminders: As you know, we are asking for **each member to donate 6 plants with a minimum pot size = 4"**. Plants should be potted at least **2 weeks prior to the sale**. Please label your plants on large popsicle sticks (committee will supply) with Sun or Shade/Type/Color. The club will need extra boxes, trays & bags for customers to take plants home. Janet Giannetti will buy 10 potted tomato plants. Left over plants will be donated or used for the Post Office project. There are still a few time slots that need to be filled for the last shift. If you were unable to attend the April 8th meeting but are able to volunteer for a couple of hours please contact Laura's cell # 860-305-7306.
6. **Welcome New Member:** We would like to welcome Halyna Povrozyk to the Windsor Garden Club. Halyna lives with her husband, Miroslaw, at 800 Stone Road here in Windsor. Her telephone number is

860- 967-8333 and their email address is mpovrozyk@gmail.com. Please add this information to your membership booklet.

7. **The Windsor Garden Tour is coming - July 13, 2013!** Laura reported that we are still on the search for more garden hosts to show off their gardens. Prior tour owners made comments about why they offered to be on the tour or stories on how they changed their garden:

Dick Rozman: likes to show off his day lillies and hostas

Al Stalb: makes you get your garden ready early and rewarding; you meet many nice people

Heidi Kraushaar: makes you maintain your garden

Tom Graywacz: likes to show off beautiful plants

Cindy Daniels and new member, Halyna Povrozyk, have volunteered to host. Thank you so very much. The committee has been driving around town looking for possible gardens and a couple of Windsor residents have contacted us about referring gardens that they feel should be on the tour. We will be sending 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.

8. **Treasurer's Reports:** Jim Bennett gave us the March treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve and was seconded. Motion passed.

9. **Program Committee: Cindy Daniels is accepting ideas for next years programs.**

10. **Scholarship Committee:** Janet Giannetti reported that we have not received any applications from a high school senior who lives in Windsor. **DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS WAS EXTENDED TO: APRIL 15, 2013.** If no applications are received Janet therefore needs to consider other ideas/projects. She suggested the club review the topic next year since she is resigning from this committee as chair. It has been suggested that next year our group will look into other locations that have Windsor Residents attending schools with the intentions or to continue furthering their studies.

11. **Civic Beautification Locations** – Diane Bernier mentioned that The Windsor Postmaster has requested that the Windsor Garden Club consider their Windsor Center location as a beautification location. She and Laura Jary reviewed the area and had a discussion with John Fynn and their role. It was suggested that blooming shrubs, an ornamental tree and perennial plants, like asters, sedum, astible, rudebeckia & Shasta daisy be utilized. The soil will need to be amended and the town has offered to dig up the soil. Diane will look into design and plant types and schedule a committee meeting with folks that volunteered. Volunteers: Florence Barlow, Tom Graywacz, Dick Rozman and Laura Jary. The Windsor Post Office budget is \$500.00. More details to come.

12. **New Business:**

Alice Lang mentioned that the regular impatiens plants are developing a downy mildew fungus disease.

Val Allgrove stated she has of lots of ticks in her yard and is keeping silky black chickens to control the tick population.

Windsor Garden Club Summer (informal) Meeting Schedule: Suzie Jacques and Al Stalb will be hosting our June 10th meeting, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Nancy Champlin will be hosting our July 8th meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m. and Erin Bourdon will be hosting our August 5th meeting, 6:30– 8:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.