

The Earthworm



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The Windsor Garden Club

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President's Message

“Gardening is about enjoying the smell of things growing in the soil, getting dirty without feeling guilty and generally taking the time to soak up a little peace and serenity.” ~Lindley Karstens

Dear Garden Club Members,

Our final meeting of the 2014 – 2015 year will be held at LP Wilson and will take place on May 4th. For new members this meeting is being held on the 1st Monday of this month due to our “Windsor Garden Mart” which will be held on Saturday, May 9th on the Windsor Town Green near the Eagle Monument. Please think of donating some of your extra plants to our upcoming garden mart. We are hoping for each member to donate at least six plants. It is really important that members pot up plants now so that our plants look really great! Those that do not have plants may donate \$25.00. This is one of our two major fundraisers this year which helps support our programs.

Don't forget that after our regular business portion of the meeting we will hold our Annual **“Member's Only” PLANT SWAP**. If you would like to participate, just bring a plant (or plants) you are willing to swap with someone else! See you May 4th! I might suggest putting the name of the plant on the pot and if it is a Sun and Shade plant. All those participating will receive a “raffle” ticket. Once your number is called you are to review the plants and pick one. If you have brought in more than one plant to swap you will receive another ticket. Please see me when you come in with your plants.

Please do not forget to sign up for a volunteer slot for both the upcoming Windsor Garden Mart and the Windsor Garden Tour. We need everyone's help....many thanks.

Laura

Laura Jary, WGC President

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. **April Meeting:** State Representative, Tami Zawistowski from the 61st District gave a brief speech on the problem of invasive plants in Connecticut. There has been a new rural caucus added to address agricultural issues that will include invasive plants which is a huge concern. Just a reminder that Maureen Vagnini has invited the WGC members to attend her “Neighbor to Neighbor” event this Saturday April 25th from 10:00 am to noon at her home located at 40 Valley View Drive in Windsor.
2. **Next Meeting:** After the member’s only meeting there will be a plant swap which is always fun. Interesting to see the different varieties of plants exchanged.
3. **Windsor Garden Mart:** This will take place on May 9th on the Windsor Green. Set up begins at 7:00 am and plants can be dropped off at 7:30 am. Sales officially start at 9:00 am. The volunteer shifts are from 7:00 am – 9:30 am; 9:30 am – noon; and noon – 2:30 pm. Perennials, trees, shrubs, vegetables and herbs are welcome. The proceeds from the Garden Mart supports the WGC Scholarship Program as well as continuing Community Projects. Please remember to sign up for a shift at the May 4th meeting.
4. **Garden Tour Committee:** The committee held a brief meeting after the regular WGC meeting. As of April 15th there are seven committed locations with an eighth one to be confirmed. The Tour will be on July 18, 2015. It is planned for tickets to be available at the Garden Mart to sell. There will be a sheet available for advanced sales. Other locations to buy tickets are as follows: **Jordan’s Florist, Snelgrove Florist, Bill Selig Jewelers and Ashley’s Distinctive Jewelry & Gifts.** Also the following Restaurants/Bakery (Luncheon Locations): **Dom’s Broad Street Eatery, Diner 75, Union Street Tavern, Get Baked.** The price of the tickets is \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 the day of the Tour.
5. **Beautification:** Diane Bernier has changed the date of the Town Beautification of CRIS Radio to May 2nd with a rain date for the next day, May 3rd. The May 2nd date will start at 9:00 am. If it has to be rescheduled to May 3rd it will start at 2:00 pm. Club members will be planting shrubs around the main sign as well as planting perennials at the main entrance of the building.
6. **Scholarship Committee:** This year only one incomplete application was received for the Scholarship so other options are being pursued. In the past the Committee has given to the Windsor Elementary Schools, Northwest Park, and the Life Skills Program at Windsor High School.

Ideas for this year's placement include giving to the library to fund books or software related to gardening; and the Windsor High School greenhouse which is in need of plants and supplies. Members are encouraged to bring other ideas to be considered. At the May 4th meeting the club will vote on where the scholarship money should go.

7. **Field Trip Possibility:** On July 10-12 2015 there is a field trip available to Lancaster, PA to the Longwood Gardens. The fee is \$350.00. Contact Post Road Tours at 860-644-3484 with any questions or to reserve your space.
8. **Northwest Park Country Fair:** Laurie Durant said that the basket themes for this year will be a Breakfast Basket and a Gardening Basket. She asks that members get their contributions to her in advance. The Fair takes place in September.
9. **Summer Meetings:** The following members have volunteered to host WGC's summer meetings. June 8th, 2015 - **Florence Barlow, 18 Douglas Street, Windsor;** July 13th 2015 – **Maureen Vagnini, 40 Valley View Drive, Windsor;** and August 10th 2015 – **Deborah Baker, 846 Windsor Ave., Windsor.**

Once again members are being asked to bring a snack or dessert for the meeting.

Also please remember to bring a non-perishable food item for the Windsor Food Pantry.