### The Earthworm



### November 2013

### The Windsor Garden Club

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# President's Message

Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you. ~ Princess Diana

## Hello Everyone!

Thanks to all that came to our October meeting. It was so nice to see so many of our membership in attendance, as well as visitors from the Enfield Garden Club and a prospective member from Windsor Locks. I'd like to welcome our 3 new members that were at attendance: Randy Carpenter, Laurie Durant and Susan Zorro.

It is almost November and we should be really taking a look at what we should be doing in our garden and try to schedule a little time outdoors before the holidays claims us. In general, it is time to rake leaves and make a leaf mold or compost, clean, sharpen and oil garden tools, finish winterizing your water garden, start forcing bulbs and adding organic matter to beds or cover you flower beds with winter mulch so that the rain doesn't leach the nutrients and lastly keep weeding!

Don't forget to attend our November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting it is our last regular meeting for 2013. Jim Palmieri will discuss "Fall Floral Arts" and Erin Bourdon will have her sign-up sheet for our WGC Holiday Brunch scheduled for Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:00 a.m.

Laura Jary, WGC President

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#### **For Your Information**

1. **Next Meeting:** The November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Windsor Garden Club will feature a presentation by Jim Palmieri. In his demonstration, Jim will show how to create **Fall Floral Art.** Using a array of flowers, vegetables and wheat, he will focus on shape, form, and theme to create a basket table ready for the fall.

Jim, a third generation florist, with a background in retail and wholesale, has been teaching classes in floral arts at UConn since 2005. Jim also manages the campus flower shop called UConn Blooms.

Meetings of the Windsor Garden Club are held at the LP Wilson Center on 599 Matianuck Ave., from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Presentations are from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. More information is available on the Windsor Garden Club website.

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- **2. Food Donations:** A reminder to members that there will be a food donation basket as you enter the meeting room. Nonperishable food items will be donated to the local food bank.
- **3. Trip to Tower Hill Botanical Gardens:** The field trip was very successful. Ten members of the Garden Club attended. Lots to look at plus hiking through the woods. We were told that in the spring they have a fantastic showing of daffodils. Cindy will be checking to see about having another trip at that time.
- **4. Community Beautification:** Diane Bernier, Chair of the Committee, mentioned that there will be an application form available for organizations and businesses to apply for assistance in beautifying their property in town. She also noted that the improvement performed in front of the Post Office in Windsor is an example.
- **5. December Meeting: (Holiday Wreaths and Crafts)** Please note that this meeting is on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the first Monday of the month.
- **6. December Brunch:** Erin Bourdon reminded members of the Holiday Brunch at The Nutmeg on Route 5 in East Windsor. Please contact Erin for any more information. Her email address is <a href="mailto:ezbourdon@gmail.com">ezbourdon@gmail.com</a> or phone her at 860-687-9989.
- **7. Miscellaneous:** There will be volunteer signup sheets available at the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting for various committees. Make sure to sign up.

Also please note that the November meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup> which is the **first** Monday of the month.

If you have any item that you would like put in the December Earthworm please email the information to me before November 15<sup>th</sup>. My email is NHCT57@aol.com