

## *The Earthworm*



### *October 2013 The Windsor Garden Club*

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### *President's Message*

*Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom. -Marcel Proust*

Hello All,

I hope you all enjoyed our first official meeting of our 76<sup>th</sup> year! Matt Opel gave us a wonderful presentation on "Secrets of Succulents" and an unusual and beautiful selection of succulents to view. Congratulations to Rose Byerly our lucky winner of the succulent arrangement and to Rose Stepnick for asking a great question and receiving a plant from Matt Opel.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Diane Bernier for chairing our 1<sup>st</sup> outreach program at Northwest Park Country Fair and all our volunteers. Our next outreach program will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> on the Windsor Town Green.

From now on the agenda will be emailed to you separately from the Earthworm. I am looking forward to seeing you all on October 14<sup>th</sup>!

*Laura*

Laura Jary,  
WGC President

### *FOR YOUR INFORMATION:*

**1. Next meeting:** The Club will feature a program entitled, **Attracting Birds and Butterflies to your garden.** This presentation will explain the importance of native plants, flowers and shrubs in making your garden alive with birds and butterflies.

Our presenter, Faith Geist, a graduate of Potsdam State University, is an interesting and knowledgeable presenter with years of experience. Faith is a Master Gardner and a longtime volunteer

at the CT Audubon Society of Glastonbury. While at the Audubon Society, Faith has created the Monarch Waystations, and many gardens to provide suitable habitats and food sources for songbirds and wildlife.

**2. Field Trip:** WSG will take a fieldtrip to Tower Hill Botanical Garden, in Boylston, MA, on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. We will leave LP Wilson parking lot at 8:00 am and return at approximately 6:00 pm. If you have any questions or interest, please contact Cindy Daniels at 860-219-9489. Members and guests are welcome. We will try to carpool.

Cost: adults \$12.00 Seniors, 65 and older \$9.00

**3. Food Donations:** There will be a food donation box by the door as you come in. The donations were very successful when Erin hosted the meeting so members thought it be a good idea to continue this at our regular meetings.

**4. Windsor Garden Tour:** As recommended by the Club's Board members and approved by the membership of the Club and the September 9, 2013 meeting the annual garden/landscape tour is moving to a biennial schedule beginning in 2015. The date of the tour will be July 18, 2015. The move to a biennial based schedule is to ensure that the tour stays "fresh" and that we do not have to rely on past participants to make up the standard quota of eight gardens/landscapes.

As of now, Jim Bennett and Alice Lang have stepped forward to serve on the tour planning committee. Any member wishing to assist on the committee will be happily welcomed. The committee will develop a detailed time line in the near future. Look for this time line in a future edition of the Earthworm. However, as an initial step in planning the tour, the first step to be accomplished will be establishing a list of potential participating locations. Between now and February 1, 2014, the committee is seeking member recommendations. If you see a property that you feel is worthy of being considered-recommend the property.

**5. Miscellaneous:** Free to a good home: Ames Planter's Wagon, (large garden cart) large barrel type composter. Please call Cindy Daniels at 860-836-0280.

Valerie Allgrove is changing her gardens around and would like to invite anyone in the Windsor Garden Club, who is interested, to drop by on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm if you are interested in plants. You will need to bring a bucket and plan on digging up the plants you have an interest in. She has 4 different tall grasses, Korean cherries, raspberry plants, hops plants, balloon flowers, phlox, several different Rudbeckias, autumn clematis, and others. You can contact Valerie at [allgrove@hotmail.com](mailto:allgrove@hotmail.com) or stop by 10 am to 2 pm at 72 Pleasant Street. She asks that you park on the street and come around the back as she will likely be working on the patio behind the house. Please **no** calls.....she would like to offer the plants to anyone in the Club who is interested.

**6. Hospitality:** For the October 14, 2013 meeting the following members will bring food. Rose Stepnick, Donut holes; Lois Kelly, Baked Goods; Flo Barlow, Cider.

**7. Membership:** We are happy to announce the following new members to the Club: Kathy Wright, Rose Stepnick, Brad Moseley, Deborah Baker, and at the last meeting Randy Carpenter. **Welcome.** Please add the following names to your WGC New Membership Information page:

Deborah Baker, 846 Windsor Avenue, Windsor, CT 06095 [deborah846@comcast.net](mailto:deborah846@comcast.net)

Rose Stepnick, 9 River Bend Lane, Windsor, CT 06095 [rosenick10@yahoo.com](mailto:rosenick10@yahoo.com)

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