

# THE EARTHWORM:

NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB  
SEPTEMBER 2016



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **Dear Windsor Garden Club Members,**

Welcome everyone to our 79th anniversary year of the Windsor Garden Club.

Again, a thank you to Laurie, Janet and Tom for having our summer garden social meetings in their beautiful yards.

We have many wonderful speakers this year that will be very educational to us all.

At our first meeting I will have 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.

Our October meeting will feature Ford Parker, manager of Northwest Park. He will present, through the lens naturally, a discussion on how to prepare for a nature photography experience.

Welcome everyone. I am very honored to be your president but most of all to be your friend.

*Diane Bernier, President*

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## **AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING AT TOM GRAYWACZ'S GARDEN - FUN AND FESTIVITY FOR ALL!**



*"Summer afternoon - summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." - Henry James*

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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The hospitality committee wants to remind our members that we are not having pizza at the September meeting. We will be looking for donations of goodies for this meeting and for future meetings.

### SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> MEETING - 6:30PM - L. P. Wilson Community Center

#### Preparing Your Garden for the Winter

The 2016-2017 business year begins on September 12th at 6:30PM with a social gathering, and then at 7:00PM we will welcome Betty Lou Sandy as our guest speaker.

Betty Lou began her own business over 20 years ago as a gardening consultant. She teaches several gardening classes at MCC as well as gardening seminars at several local nurseries. She is passionate about Organic Gardening and sustainability from your own backyard.

Betty Lou will be speaking to us about preparing the garden for the winter. She will also speak about how to do winter vegetables and to get an early start on spring vegetables.



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### OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING

Our October meeting will feature Ford Parker, Director of Northwest Park. He will present, through the lens naturally, a discussion on how to prepare for a nature photography experience.

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#### MEETING INFORMATION

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- For additional program information, please call 860-219 1419, or search [windsorgardenclubct.org](http://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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#### Food Bank Donations:

Please remember to bring a non perishable food item 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.

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## FIELD TRIP NEWS

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**The Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme, CT. – September 10<sup>th</sup> – 9:30AM**

**Sign up Deadline – September 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Maureen Vagnini at [maureenvagnini@gmail.com](mailto:maureenvagnini@gmail.com)**

The deadline will provide time for Maureen to advise the museum of the number of people visiting. Admission to the museum is \$8 if there at least 10 people in the group

The field trip is to see the exhibit called ***The Artists Garden, American Impressionism and the Garden Movement 1887-1920***. Organized by the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, The Artist Garden tells the story of American Impressionists and the growing popularity of gardening as a middle-class leisure pursuit at the turn of the 20th Century, bringing together paintings, sculpture, books, and stained glass.

Participants in the field trip **should meet at the L.P. Wilson Community Center at 9:30 AM to arrange car pools**. Arrival at the Florence Griswold should be approximately 10:45 AM. We will have an hour to walk the grounds and then we have a **noon reservation at the "Cafe Flo" which is located at the museum**. If a sufficient number of people are interested, we can reserve a docent to give us a tour (there is an additional cost for this)at 1:00 PM. If not, then we can have another hour or two to roam the grounds.

**For more information see the link here:** <https://florencegriswoldmuseum.org/exhibitions/artists-garden/>  
The Artist's Garden was nominated for a Global Fine Arts Award. Twenty-eight of the best exhibitions produced from around the world during the past year were selected by a prestigious jury of art professionals.

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## COMMITTEES:

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*All Members are encouraged to participate in one committee. Please sign up and help.*

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## CIVIC ENDEAVORS

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### INVASIVE VINES AND PLANTS COMMITTEE AT WINDSOR FARMER'S MARKET

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After losing our summer spot to a paying customer (!!), First Town Downtown will provide us with space at the Farmers Market in September. As before, we could use some volunteers to set up and distribute information on Invasive Vines and Plants in Windsor to our citizens on the early shift from **3:15 to 4:30PM**.

Please contact Maureen Vagnini if you can help. Thanks!

Please see the **Invasive Plant Information Page** on our web site.

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## HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

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Hospitality Co-chairmen Wendy Mitchell and Joan Lynch, along with committee member Debbie Baker, are **asking for volunteers** to bring goodies for our first meeting in September. The hospitality committee wants to remind our members that we are not having pizza this year. There will be sign-up sheets for future meetings.

Please contact them by email or a quick call. **Thank You in advance!**





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## 2017 GARDEN TOUR COMMITTEE

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The theme for the garden tour hosted by the Windsor Garden Club on July 15, 2017 is:

### 80 Years Down Memory Lane....and Still Growing

Thank you to all the members that suggested gardens for the committee to view. Members will be signing up at upcoming meetings to welcome garden tour visitors and to provide snack items. On behalf of your Garden Tour Committee, thank you. Cindy Daniels

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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**2016-17 Membership renewal forms were due by the end of June.** A link to the forms can be found on the website. Individual memberships are still \$20.00 while family memberships are still \$35.00.

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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### Windsor Club Logo Clothing Ordering for FALL

Anyone wishing to order clothing with the Windsor Garden Club logo should do so at our upcoming September 12th meeting. Orders can be placed thru Suzi Jacques. We will have order forms available at the meeting.

Any questions call Suzi at 860-298-8935.

Long and short sleeve t-shirts are available in adult sizes. Also available is a fleece vest in Men's and Women's sizes.

The NEXT ORDER will take place in the SPRING 2017.



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### Northwest Park Country Fair - Flower Competition - September 17<sup>th</sup> (Rain date 18<sup>th</sup>)

During this year's annual Northwest Park Country Fair, Garden Club members Linda Alexander and Laura Jary will be serving as judges for the annual flower competition. Categories within the competition are as follows: 1) mixed bouquet, 2) single stem, and 3) triple stem.

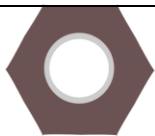
**Additional information can be obtained from the park's web site.**

[http://northwestpark.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Country\\_Fair\\_Program.pdf](http://northwestpark.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Country_Fair_Program.pdf)

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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A friendly reminder and request from Jim Bennett that he is still seeking clear plastic jars such as 16 oz size peanut butter jars, 16 oz dry roasted peanut jars and 16 oz apple sauce jars. These containers will be used to hold and sort, the Bradley Air Museum's vast inventory of nuts, bolts, screws, washers and spacers.

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Jane from Windsor Locks is interested in **indoor herb gardening** and would like to meet with people that do it. She would like to meet with like minded people and learn more. Diane has contact information.

*The first supermarket supposedly appeared on the American landscape in 1946. That is not very long ago. Until then, where was all the food? Dear folks, the food was in homes, gardens, local fields, and forests. It was near kitchens, near tables, near bedsides. It was in the pantry, the cellar, the backyard. — Joel Salatin*

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**Submission Deadline for October 2016 Earthworm: September 28<sup>th</sup>** - 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](mailto:Rosenick10@yahoo.com)



“My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece” — Claude Monet

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## GARDENING TIPS

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Planning for next year? Look around for these suggestions.

### Fall Blooming Perennials for Late Season Color

**Aconite** *Aconitum* - Zones 3 - 7

**Autumn Crocus** *Colchicum speciosum* - Zones 4 - 9

**Balloon Flower** *Platycodon grandiflorus* Zones 3-8

**Black-Eyed Susan** *Rudbeckia* (various) - Zones 3 - 9

**Boltonia** *Boltonia* - Zones 3 - 9

**Frickart's Aster** *Aster x frikartii* - Zones 5 - 8

**Goldenrod** *Solidago* - Zones 3 - 8

**Hardy Mum** *Chrysanthemum x morifolium*-Zones 4-9

**Heath Aster** *Aster ericoides* - Zones 3 - 9

**Japanese Anemone** *Anemone x hybrida* - Zones 5 - 8

**Joe Pye Weed** *Eupatorium maculatum* - Zones 2 - 8

**New England Aster** *Aster novae-angliae* - Zones 3 - 8

**Peach-leaved Bellflower** *Campanula persicifolia* -  
Zones 3-7

**Phlox** *Phlox paniculata* - Zones 3 - 8

### **Read more here:**

[http://gardening.about.com/od/gardendesign/a/FallBloomers.htm?utm\\_content=7337446&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=cn\\_nl&utm\\_campaign=gardening&utm\\_term=](http://gardening.about.com/od/gardendesign/a/FallBloomers.htm?utm_content=7337446&utm_medium=email&utm_source=cn_nl&utm_campaign=gardening&utm_term=)

### Watering Plants While on Vacation

You may like to take your vacation in the peak of summer, but being left alone for a week or two is hard on your garden. Hopefully you've planted mostly drought tolerant plants and you've mulched and got your garden down to needing only 1 watering per week... You can always pray for rain, but here are some more practical ideas for watering your plants while you are on vacation.

**For more read here:** [http://gardening.about.com/od/gardenmaintenance/tp/Watering-Plants-While-On-Vacation.htm?utm\\_content=7440591&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=cn\\_nl&utm\\_campaign=gardening&utm\\_term=](http://gardening.about.com/od/gardenmaintenance/tp/Watering-Plants-While-On-Vacation.htm?utm_content=7440591&utm_medium=email&utm_source=cn_nl&utm_campaign=gardening&utm_term=)