

THE EARTHWORM:
NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB
SEPTEMBER 2017



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Dear Windsor Garden Club Members,

Welcome to our 80th anniversary year of continuous service to Windsor.

A thank you first of all to our summer garden hosts Val, Patty, Lorrie and Flo.

We had such great weather and turnout for these meetings.

This spring we had a very successful Garden Mart and raised funds for our scholarship. Thank you Gary for your years of chairing this event (Heidi too).

Our recipient was able to attend our June meeting with her mom to receive her award.

Another big thank you to Cindy Daniels who chaired our Garden Tour. Thank you to the garden tour committee and all the hosts who made the day so spectacular.

As part of our 80th celebration we will be filling the library cases at the Broad Street library with memorabilia, books and tools. We will also be having a reception on September 23 from 4 to 7 pm at the Walden Woods meeting house. Please let me know if you are attending so we can plan for food and beverages.

We have many different speakers this year that include Dr. James LaMondia, the head of the Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station right here on Cook Hill Road.

We hope you will consider volunteering for one of our committees. I will again have lists on a table of the various committees. Please consider joining one. We will need a new chair for the Strong House garden that does have many helpful members. Laura will be stepping down in October. Please speak to her about the position. Thank you for your years of service.

I look forward to serving you all again and hope you will invite your friends and neighbors to our meetings.

**Diane Bernier,
Your President and Friend**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

80TH Anniversary Gathering September 23rd, 4:00 - 7:00PM

On Saturday, September 23rd, from 4 PM until 7 PM, the Windsor Garden Club will be having a celebration of the Club's 80th anniversary. The celebration will be at the Walden Woods community meeting house at **5 On the Green**, Windsor.

Town officials as well as past presidents of the Club have been invited. Current and longtime member, Alice Lang, will give a presentation about the history of the Club.

As part of the evening we will have a raffle of donated items from local businesses.

We hope at this time, to renew friendships and enjoy meeting spouses and significant others.

This is a milestone that we should all be proud of. Final details will be announced during the September business meeting.



Contact: Diane Bernier, President Windsor Garden Club

SEPTEMBER 11th, 2017 MEETING – 6:30PM

Join us on September 11th with Dr. James LaMondia who will be speaking about the Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station located here in Windsor. He will be talking about the origins of the station and The Discovery and Education Garden that they have started.

Dr. Lamondia started as Assistant Scientist at the Station in New Haven in 1986, and moved to Windsor to become the Pathologist at the Valley Laboratory in 1987. He was promoted to Associate Scientist in 1989, to Scientist in 1998, and to Chief Scientist in 2003. His current research includes topics such as: management of boxwood blight and the management of pathogens and disease in small fruit and vegetable crops, amongst many other topics.

OCTOBER 2ND MEETING

Andy Griffin from RMS Growers will be speaking about the cultivation methods to produce high quality mushrooms.



NOVEMBER 6TH MEETING

Ceil Rossi from the Carefree Gourd Gallery will be speaking to us about History, Culture and Art of Gourds

In every gardener there is a child who believes in The Seed Fairy. ~Robert Brault

MEETING INFORMATION

- For additional program information, please call 860-219-1419, or search 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.

COMMITTEES:

All Members are encouraged to participate on a committee. *Please sign up and help.* At our meetings there will be 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.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

The Hospitality Co-chairmen Wendy Mitchell and Joan Lynch, **request snacks, desserts and appetizers** for the first meeting, and will start a volunteer list for future meetings. Your generosity is what makes our club welcoming. Thank YOU!



Enjoying the June social meeting in perfect weather!

Submission Deadline for October 2017 Earthworm: September 22nd - 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

WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HERB GARDEN COMMITTEE

Historical Society Herb Garden Committee Schedule for September and October Volunteers.

Thank you August Volunteers **Jim Bennett and Gary and Heidi Kraushaar**. A special thank you to **Maureen Vagnini and Dick Rozman** for their extraordinary work on eliminating the invasive Apple Mint. A job well done.

September Volunteers are: Patty Crowley, Barbara Kyer, and Cindy Daniels.

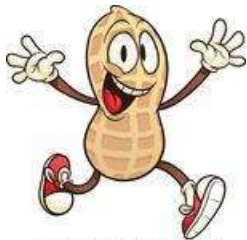
Please note that the entire Herb Garden Committee Volunteers will have the **Final Fall Clean Up on October 7th, 2017 starting at 9:00 AM.**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Best Deal In Town! 2017-2018 Membership renewal forms are available online.

Individual memberships are still \$20.00 while family memberships are still \$35.00.

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. Other size plastic jars are okay also. These containers will be used to hold and sort, the [New England Air Museum's](#) vast inventory of nuts, bolts, screws, washers and spacers used in the [Restoration Program](#).

Thanks to those of you who have already saved and delivered your jars!

GARDEN MART 2018



Now is the time for our members to use those left over plant pots to pot up fine specimens this fall for the 2018 Garden Mart. Find a place for the plants to over winter in some free space within your garden and make your spring easier by doing that dividing now. Thanks!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The WGC \$700 Scholarship was awarded to Makela McDonald of Windsor High School at the June meeting, with her mother, and many members and guests in attendance.



Makela's interest in becoming a Naturopathic Physician created much lively conversation and story telling in the audience.

Makela was wished much success in her future by all, and received a gift of a book on herbs by Adelma Simmons.

REQUEST CLUB ASSISTANCE (click heading for the link)

The Windsor Garden Club endeavors to use the resources of the Club to assist in the design of landscape beautification projects within our hometown of Windsor, Connecticut. For more information, please download the description document and application form using one of the two links provided on the web site. For your convenience, there is a Word format and a PDF format link provided.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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 11th 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 2018.



“SWAP SHED” - Sharing is GOOD!

Many of us have plants to divide and the rest of us have plant envy. We are going to see if we can find a way to make us all happy with a “Swap Shed”. Let's give it a try.

Many types of day lilies are available to share. Please contact, Cindy Daniels at 860-836-0280
Healthy Korean dogwood babies are available ASAP for you to nurture. Call Beth Gagnon - 860-688-6166



JUNE 17TH
ROSE GARDEN



FIELDTRIP

Chris and Dick Rozman, Anne Mazza,
Diane Bernier and Leiba Berstein.

Bev Lowe and Maureen Vanini.

Judy Linton, Bev Lowe, Margaret Lagan
and her sister Nancy.

On June 17th a wonderful day was enjoyed touring the gardens at Elizabeth Park, particularly the beautiful roses. Our strolls were followed by a fabulous lunch at the Pond House.

THE WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB GARDEN TOUR 2017

The Windsor Garden Club, celebrating 80 years as an organization had its Garden Tour, **“80 Years Down Memory Lane...and Still Growing”**, on marvelous Saturday, July 15th, 2017. <http://windsorgardenclubct.org/gardentourinformat/gardenclub/2017gardentourpic/> For more photos link here.



“This is a perfect example of an entire community coming together to have a great event”

Dear Garden Club Members,

This above quote was shared by a garden visitor from Wilbraham, Mass. He was very willing to let me know how impressed he was. Our garden tour, *80 Years Down Memory Lane....and Still Growing* is now a memory and an overwhelming success due to the hard work of our ***garden community***. Thank you to the garden tour committee, garden hosts, our docents, snack folks, Windsor High School, and those who purchased and sold tickets. Thank you for ***coming together***. What a great way to kick off the celebration of our club’s 80th year!



Fondly,
Cindy Daniels

