

THE EARTHWORM:
NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB
SUMMER 2017



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Welcome to Summer everyone, although still a little chilly!

I finished up with the garden program at Poquonock School. We gave certificates to the students and badges. We plan on having the program next year again. They were very appreciative.

Also we planted at the Wilson Public Library to beautify their back area near their entrance. The funds that were raised by two Sage Park Middle school girls were used for this. Thank you again Laurie, Joan, Jim, Laura, Dick for helping this project go so well.

Hope everyone has a safe summer and productive garden.

Diane Bernier,
Your President and Friend

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Windsor Garden Club Hosting Garden Tour

The Windsor Garden Club, celebrating 80 years as an organization has an upcoming Garden Tour. **"80 Years Down Memory Lane...and Still Growing"**, will take place on Saturday, July 15th, rain or shine.

Pre-sale garden tour tickets costing \$10.00, may be purchased by calling Cindy Daniels at 860-836-0280. Tickets costing \$15.00 are available on the day of the tour on the Windsor town green from 9:30-12:00.



2017 SUMMER MEETINGS : All are FREE. For more information call 860-298-9550.

JUNE 12th - 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The End of Year Wrap Up will be held at Valentina Champagne's house at **16 Washington Road in Windsor**. This is a great way to meet folks that have a mutual love /or interest in gardening. We also hope to meet our scholarship winner and present her award.

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REMEMBER: Summer meetings are informal and social, so bring your own chair and a treat if you can, and be ready to share the evening with friends in a lovely garden.

JULY 10th - 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

The July Summer Meeting of the Garden Club is an informal gathering of members and individuals interested in knowing more about the club. It will be held at Patty Crowley's house at **886 Windsor Avenue in Windsor**. Come and enjoy meeting gardeners and enjoy viewing our host's garden and refreshments.



AUGUST 14th - 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The August Summer Meeting of the Garden Club is an informal gathering of members/individuals interested gardening and viewing two gardens. You start at Lorrie Gallo-Donahue's house at **64 Belmont Avenue** then you will visit Florence Barlow's house at **18 Douglas Street**. They are next door neighbors. Enjoy meeting our hostesses and viewing their gardens and refreshments.

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 (August begins at 6PM)** 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.

SEPTEMBER 11 – 6:30PM

Our new Club year begins on **September 11th** with Dr. James LaMondia who will be speaking about the 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.

80 Years Down Memory Lane...and Still Growing, a Garden Tour on July 15th, celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Windsor Garden Club is fast approaching. Tickets will be available at both our June and July club meetings, for advance sale cost of \$10.00 Please see Laurie Durant.

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, along with committee member Debbie Baker, would like to **thank** all who brought refreshments this month and all year long. Your generosity is what makes our club welcoming. Thank YOU!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Best Deal In Town!

2017-2018 Membership renewal forms will be available in May, and are due by the end of June. Have your checkbooks ready! A link to the forms will be on the website. Individual memberships are still \$20.00 while family memberships are still \$35.00.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Windsor Garden Club Scholarship recipient will be announced on June 1st at the Windsor High School Awards- a surprise! Makela Michelle McDonald will then be invited to attend our June 12 meeting with her parents to receive the check for our \$700 scholarship.

Submission Deadline for September 2017 Earthworm: August 25th - 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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

[REQUEST CLUB ASSISTANCE](#)

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.

Dear Windsor Garden Club Members,

This is the usual reminder to PLEASE remember to bring non-perishable food items 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. **Thank you!**



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 [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!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MAY 8th – MEMBERS ONLY MEETING



Honorees Tom Graywacz and Al Stalb

Our Windsor Garden Club, now celebrating 80 years of growth, took time to look back and recognize two individuals who have promoted this growth. Al Stalb and Tommy Graywacz express the love of gardening, welcoming attitude and the willingness to change to help our club. Cindy Daniels presented special gifts to reflect the Club's gratitude.

Tommy served as president from 2010-2014. During which time he promoted and developed our garden tour, shared his beautiful yard with Garden Club members and the community as a Garden Tour host. Tommy shares his vast knowledge with us all.



Al, a Garden Club member since 2005, has welcomed the community to his lovely yard, tended by him and Suzie, as part of the Garden Tour. Al and Suzie pot up between 100-150 plants for our Garden Mart each year. He said this year he only has 75 plants to share. Al readily welcomes new faces to our club, is always ready for a challenge, and shares his true love and knowledge of gardening with us all.

Betty Jo Davis and Suzanne Urban presented us with an overview of what they are hoping to achieve on the river trail with adding plants to attract butterflies. They also went to Louise Michaud's house to dig up plants that she was donating.

Finally, the members enjoyed refreshments and the FUN member only Plant Swap.

Our business meeting saw the election of the 2017-18 Board. Congratulations and thanks to all!

Windsor Garden Club – 2017-18 Officers

President – Diane Bernier
Vice President – Maureen Vagnini
Treasurer – Lieba Bernstein
Recording Secretary – Laurie Durant
Corresponding Secretary – Erin Bourdon
Past President – Laura Jary

Hi everyone,

I just finished a phone call with a woman from East Hartford who needs 5 tickets for our upcoming Garden Tour. She wanted the tour committee to know that Windsor Garden Club tour was the "best". She and friends go all over the state. I will meet her in Glastonbury to deliver tickets. Wanted to pass on something so nice. Cindy



Save the date!

Saturday, July 15th. 2017 [rain or shine]

Garden Club Representative/docent responsibilities

Thank you for your support of our Garden Tour celebrating 80 years of our Windsor Garden Club.

- Arrive for your shift 15 minutes early.
- Find and introduce yourself to garden host.
- Look over info on clipboard. Identification Garden Club tags are available
- Greet all visitors to garden. View tickets. Tally visitors.
- Draw a line through the garden # as tickets are shown to you.
- As visitors leave garden, try to gain and write down any comments about tour. [this information helps future tours]
- Check with garden host during your shift to offer bathroom and water breaks
Cindy 's cell, 860-836-0280



Windsor Garden Tour, July 15, 2017 [rain or shine] Information for snack folks

Thank you for supporting our snack stop with finger foods cut into small pieces, cookies, muffins, crackers or cheese. We do not need cups or napkins.

Please deliver your items to Helen Davenport's home , 1058 Plymouth Street

Wendy Mitchell will check you off the snack list.

9am Saturday, July 15th. Thank you so much.

MAY 13TH — THE WINDSOR GARDEN MART

Despite the threatening weather forecast, the 2017 Garden Mart was a huge success! There was a very diverse inventory of plants made available for sale. Business was very brisk during the morning hours to an extent that the available plant inventory was fully depleted by early afternoon.

The funds raised from this event are used to finance the Club's civic endeavors as well as the annual scholarship award.



Above: Kathy Wright in the Garden Tour booth. Left: Pricing and sorting at the Garden Mart.

HOLD ON TO YOUR POTS

Hi everyone,

I have heard from folks that more pots are needed. So to be ready for next year, please save all pots from your annuals. Bring them to any summer meeting. I will sterilize them to be ready for Spring 2018. Cindy



WGC Benefits from a Sixth Grade Environmental Project!



These young ladies, standing with President Diane Bernier, held a bake sale on May 13 to benefit the garden club as a project for 6th grade. Saige Dehaney and Sage Hollie, students at Sage Park Middle School in Windsor, were doing an Environmental Project. They chose our group because we have a desire to beautify Windsor and we are a nonprofit. They researched us online and saw the things we do. With the funds they raised, we were able to add plantings at Wilson Public Library.

What lovely young ladies. **Thank You!**

GARDEN MART



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