**Windsor Garden Club Monthly Photo Contest Rules**

*Each month, the Windsor Garden Club will host a Photo Contest to feature garden, landscape, and nature photos taken in Windsor or resident town by members of the club.*

*Submitted and accepted photos will be emailed to the club before and on display during the social hour of each meeting. In-person voting will occur by written ballot during the social hour of each meeting.
Voting will be blind; members will not know the photographer. The Executive Board will not participate in the vote.*

*Voting will close at the start of the meeting program. The executive board will tally ballots, and the winner will be announced at the meeting, featured in a social media post, in the Earthworm Newsletter, and used for other WGC marketing purposes.*

**Submission Rules and Guidelines***(any submissions not aligned with the following will be disqualified subject to an executive board review)*

* The photo can be submitted by/for a current member of the Windsor Garden Club only.
* The photo must be taken in Windsor or the member’s town of residency.
* The photo content must be a garden, plant, landscape, nature or natural element.
	+ Non-domestic animals/insects/birds are OK.
	+ No photos of pets or people.
* The photo must be taken within the contest month. (e.g., the January contest can only be photos taken in January, February photos in February, etc.)
* Members can submit only one photo per month.
* Submissions will be accepted digitally, or printed photos can be mailed to the P.O. box to be received by that month’s submission deadline. (A member can submit a photo on the behalf of another member)
* With the photo, the member must include the following details:
* Photographer’s name. (Indicate if the photographer is different from the submitter)
* Date photo was taken.
* Location the photo was taken.
* Plant/animal/insect names, if applicable
* Title the photo and write one sentence about the photo – for example, what made you take this photo? What is your favorite part about the photo? What else do you want others to know about the photo?
* Executive Board members can submit photos, but they cannot vote.
* Votes can only be made by current paid members.
* The winner does not need to present at the meeting to win.
* Each month the winner will receive a prize TBD

**Submission Dates and Information**

*Photos will be emailed to* *windsorctgardenclub@gmail.com* *or printouts mailed to P.O. Box 233 Windsor, CT 06095. Photos must be received each month by the below deadlines.*

January Photo Contest Submit by **January 31** (voting at Feb. meeting)

February Photo Contest Submit by **February 29** (voting at March meeting), March Photo Contest Submit by **March 31** (voting at April meeting), April Photo Contest Submit by **April 30** (voting at May meeting), May Photo Contest Submit by **May 31** (voting at June meeting), June Photo Contest Submit by **June 30** (voting at July meeting), July Photo Contest Submit by **July 31** (voting at August meeting), August Photo Contest Submit by **August 31** (voting at September meeting), September Photo Contest Submit by **September 30** (voting at October meeting), October Photo Contest Submit by **October 31** (voting at November meeting), November Photo Contest Submit by **November 30** (voting at Holiday Luncheon), December Photo Contest Submit by **December 31** (online voting only)