

Omeme & District Horticultural Society

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Our September Meeting

Our first fall meeting, attended by about 32 members and 2 guests, was filled with laughter, snacks, and lots of activity. Ruth Arndt and Norma Evans presented the awards and trophies for the 2011 Flower and Vegetable Shows. Christa Marton handed out \$629 in prize money, accumulated through participation in the various shows and monthly competitions over the past year. Details are included in a separate article.

Following the presentations, our guest speaker, Judy Kennedy shared her knowledge of butterfly cycles and the host plants needed to encourage these beautiful Flying Flowers to take up residence in our gardens. She also spoke of her goal to protect the Karner Blue and the struggle to save this endangered species. Many questions followed the presentation.

The door prizes for the evening were won by Justine Shaughnessy, Renee Cowels, Susan Morrison and Eila Martin. The Mug a Lug winner was Marion Wellman.

A great night was enjoyed by all.

Remember the Local Food Bank !

Bring a non perishable item to the October meeting. There will be a collection area just inside the front door.

Thank you for remembering others.

October 17th Meeting & Pot Luck

Please remember that our **October 18th meeting is held at Christ Church Anglican**, which is on the south side of Highway 7, just east of the village bridge. It is a pot luck, and those who have attended before know that that means great food! We ask everyone **to bring their own plates, cutlery and mug as well as their favourite dessert or main course dish**. We do have several visitors invited that we don't ask to bring food, so if you would remember to make your contribution generous in size, we will have lots for everyone! Our after dinner speaker is Erika Thimm and she will be presenting a lovely pictorial presentation of "Things To Be Thankful For" **Social: 6:00**
Dinner: 6:30 **Speaker: 8:00**

Ontario Horticultural Association District 4 Fall Conference

Our District 4 Fall conference is being held in Bobcaygeon on Sat Oct 22nd (from 10 to 4) with sign in at 9, and the meeting beginning at 10. The guest speaker, Victoria Whitney, is speaking on "Container Gardening: Transitioning to Fall and Winter". There will also be workshops on topics of Volunteers, and Attracting New members. There may still be a few spots left so if interested, let Carol Mitchell know immediately. Cost is \$15 to cover lunch and the speaker. To date, Omeme has 17 members attending.



Flower and Vegetable Show Award Night

Congratulations to the 2011 winners of the following trophies. A total of \$629 was awarded in prize money for this fiscal year. (not including what was awarded in August to our Youth members)

**Burke Memorial Award (Most points for Roses) -
Kim Gunn**

**Moyer Memorial Trophy (Most Points in Aug
Show) - Sue Lajeunesse**

**Weir Award (Most points for Veggies) Norma
Evans**

**Sadler Award (Best Veggie in Aug show) -Renee
Cowels**

**Sanderson Award (Most Points in May Show) -Kim
Gunn**

**Male Gardener of the Year (Most points all shows)
Aron Muscutt**

**Dora Atwell Award (Best Species Aug Show) -Sue
Lajeuness**

**Mabel Hill Award (Best Design in Aug Show) -
Diane Webber**

**Photography Award (Most points from Oct 2010
to Aug 2011) - Aron Muscutt**



**Award Winners for the 2011 Season
with presenter Ruth Arndt**

Village Gardens and Planters

Each fall, we have a general clean up of the gardens and planters. Following that, we have a great time decorating the village planters with winter greens. We spend one afternoon collecting evergreen boughs as well as dried plant accents i.e. sumac, galls, teasels, hydrangeas. A few days later, we do the decorating. Last year we had many helpers, so it went quickly and was great fun. You don't have to be experienced ...you will earn quickly! So plan to come out and enjoy the fall fun. It is a great way to end the gardening season! Dates: the goal is to clean out the planters the last week in October and to decorate them with greenery the first week in November. Dates for these events will be sent out by email & phone as soon as we have a break in the rainy weather.

Plan to join us for these afternoons. Bring snips, loppers, and gloves. Make sure your name is on them in case they get mixed up. On the day we gather greens- tarps are useful and when decorating the planters- a broom, watering can, wagon, or wheel barrel is also helpful. Don't miss out on the fun!

Wanted: Greenery for Planters

Wanted: Decorative Plant Material

If you have a source of cedar, pine or other greenery, that is accessible with a vehicle & trailer, please contact Donna Hunter 705-799-6656.

If you have, or can collect sumac, hydrangea, galls (on Goldenrod stems), empty milkweed pods, red or yellow dogwood branches or twisted willow ahead of time, please do so any time now. Contact Donna Hunter or anyone on the executive and we will arrange to pick up materials if necessary.

Remember the Photography Show is coming up in November! Check the categories and have your photo entries ready for display.



A Remembrance of the Summer past!!!

My apologies to Sue. Somehow her report of the August Day Trip didn't appear in the September newsletter. Those who attended certainly had a wonderful day and now you can share it with us!

Day Trip Thursday, August 18th, 2011

Fourteen members of the Society and friends from Peterborough went on an outing south on a very beautiful day in August to the following gardens:

Paul and Joanne Lemette, Garden Hill have an immaculate garden on a 1.5 acre paradise of stately trees, colourful shrubs and over 5000 perennials including a wonderful cactus garden.

Then on to Burns Water Gardens where Rowena Burns gave us a very informative tour of the water gardens and how to set up and what to plant.

Next was Crooked Creek, the home of Tom and Jo Kieser, where a multitude of plants were purchased at a very good savings, from 30 to 50 percent.

Finally we stopped at Happy Hollow, a cedar forest home to thousands of hostas and other shade loving plants. By this time we were all tired and ready to go home and get planting.

Reported by Sue Lajeunesse

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Dedication of the Royal Canadian Memorial Garden

On Sunday September 25th, the new garden behind The Royal Canadian Legion was officially dedicated in the memory of Corporal Mark McLaren MMV (Military Medal of Valor) and Private Michael Freeman. Those attending included members of the soldiers' immediate families as well as fellow officers and families of other fallen soldiers from the surrounding area. There were also representatives from surrounding Royal Canadian Legions, and the many service groups from the village. Guests were welcomed by President Heather Grassie on behalf of the Horticultural Society and President Jim Fairfield on behalf of the Legion members, Branch 497. Greetings were also received from the Mayor and Councillors from the City of Kawartha Lakes. Following a short service inside, conducted by Rev. Paul Grassie, the guests moved out to the garden for the dedication of the Memorial. Following the service, guests were invited back inside for a fellowship time of refreshments. Aron Muscutt showed his video presentation of the "making of the garden" and the families, the Legion and the Historical Society were presented with copies of the DVD.

Thank you to all our many volunteers who helped to make this day a success, and also to the City of Kawartha Lakes for their Special Event Grant which covered the expenses of the afternoon.

Committee Volunteers Needed

We need many volunteers to help carry out the many activities planned for 2012. We are asking you to help out by participating in an area of interest. Some of the committees which last only for a short term are: Plant Sale, Pot Luck, Winter Planters, Santa Claus Parade, Youth, Flower Shows, & Day Trips. The Public Garden group lasts all summer but only for approximately 2 hours a week (alternating mornings and evenings) whenever you are available. Many hands make light work and we need your help. If you haven't already signed up on the committee sheet,



Election of Officers

At our November Annual General Meeting, we will be holding an election for the 2012 Board. A slate of officers will be presented and nominations will be taken from the floor. If you are interested in serving on the 2011 Board, or know of someone you would like to nominate, please contact Carol Mitchell 799-6282

In Memorium:

Sadly, we remember two fellow gardeners and members of the Omeme & District Horticultural Society who passed away this fall. Our thoughts and prayers go out their friends and families.

Hazel Wilson



Hazel passed away on Thursday Oct 6, 2011 at Extencicare in Peterborough in her 94th year. Hazel was a charter member of our Society (1939) and was instrumental in the organization and running of the Society. Her father Wesley started and ran our youth group for many years and Hazel took over his interest in later years. Hazel was responsible for drafting our Constitution, recording our early history and in producing our first history book, as well as our first year book. She was an avid photographer and her photos record the happenings in the Omeme Society from the early days right up to the time her health failed. She represented our society at District 4 events for many years and went on to hold many offices of responsibility, including that of District Director. She received many awards for her work. Hazel was also a member of both the Peterborough and Lakefield Societies. She began the Peterborough Master Gardeners program and she was an accredited judge.

She will be long remembered by her friends and fellow gardeners.

Beth McMullen



Beth lost her battle with cancer on September 18th. Beth is best know to us as the cheerful greeter at the front desk at Omeme Heights. Beth helped with the selection of the plants for our village gardens and she and her husband Gary have been supportive members of our Society for many years. Beth's gardening skill and her helpful knowledge coupled with her generous friendship will be missed by all.

Up & Coming Events:

Local Horticultural Society Meetings

Peterborough

Wed. Oct. 26th at 7:30 at the Peterborough Library: Inspirations From Gardens Around the World, Marjory Mason

Lakefield

Tues. Nov 8th at 8 p.m. Lakefield Marshland Centre: Behind the Scenes: Preparations for the Growing Season, Peter Green

Bobcaygeon

Thurs. Oct 20th - 7:00 Knox Presbyterian Church: *Garden Design Experiences (creating Imaginative gardens in Minden)*

Millbrook Garden Club

Wednesday, Nov 2nd- Tool Maintenance, Joe Cook. \$2

Lindsay

Tues, Oct 18th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Parish Hall (45 Russell Street West) The Mae Wests of the Garden, Trish Symons

Nov 15th: Deck the Halls: A fresh Approach, The Kent Florist

