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# Omeme Blooms Garden Club

Announcements  
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Our February Meeting/Pot Luck Lunch - Sat Feb 23rd 2019:  
What a wonderful time we had at our first meeting of the year. This year, Mother Nature gave us sunny clear weather! The tables were in bloom with a multitude of cheerful pots of spring bulbs. Thirty Nine members and friends met in the Trinity United Church basement with the promise of good food, good friends and stimulating entertainment. It was a wonderful afternoon. Thank you to all that helped to make this happen. This year we had two themes. The first was "Getting to Know our Friends" with members wearing or bringing something to help us recognize these interests. Members wore special hats, clothing and signs. Conclusion: we have members with a multitude of interests and we enjoyed discussing these hobbies with them. Our second emphasis of the day was the kick off of our 80th year of gardening fun. VP Kelly had lovely balloon decorations with 80 Years signage adorning each pot of flowers. Each member also received a table favour of lettuce seeds, ready to be planted this spring. The speakers of the day were Liz and Nick Case from Minden. We enjoyed their photos, knowledge and humour as they shared with us, their insightful secrets and successes when planting veggies in the Minden area. Thank you to the committee organizers: Heather Grassie, Joan Harding, and Kelly Hiscock and their many helpers for giving us such a wonderful start to our 2019 Gardening Season. 80 Years of Gardening Fun! What an accomplishment!

.....And now, - announcements rising out of our March Board meeting.....

Sunshine Committee: Mary Read sent the following cards: Get Well: Ron Muscutt, and Barb and Gerald McGregor. Sympathy: Diane Webber  
Thinking of you: Jean Sadler



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Awards: The Awards committee with convenor, Barb McGregor, continue to update the award records and history. Since Volunteer Service pins were not presented in 2018, a list of 2018 and 2019 recipients meeting the established criteria, is being prepared. Heather has ordered the required number of pins. The Volunteer Service Pins will be awarded later in the year.

Yearbook: Diane thanked everyone for their help on the 2019 yearbook, and she is already working on the 2020 issue. There will be two extra pages of colour next year, which will contain colour pictures of 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary happenings. These pages will be in the centre of the book.

Peterborough Master Gardener's A Day for Gardeners: Several of our members attended this event and had a wonderful time. Enthusiastic speakers, delicious food and an amazing sharing of knowledge and camaraderie makes this a "Not to be Missed Yearly Event". If you have never attended, consider doing do next year. You won't be disappointed.

Our 80th Anniversary Celebrations: Your Board has been busy finding opportunities to promote our Anniversary and our work as a club. Here are a few that we have decided. Norma Evans Bench & Dedication, Feb. mtg. – "Getting to Know You", March mtg.- Birthday Party with cake, "A moment in History" at each mtg. Artist & Executive member Barb McGregor is designing "Thank You" cards.

**Easter Fun - Sat April 20:** an Easter event is being held, through Omemee Unites, to promote village activities. By participating, we will share our Anniversary at the same time. Events for adults (booths, information sessions etc.) and crafts etc. for the kids are planned. Joanne Windrem has plans for our booth, and has pansies on order as a craft for the kids – teaching them how to transplant a small plant.

**July 13: "Christmas in July Craft Market"** Hosted by the Omemee Lions. We have reserved a table for this event, the cost of which goes toward Lion's service projects. We will promote our club's anniversary, and perhaps sell some plants while at the same time supporting this event.

**New Garden Club Shirts:** Carol Mitchell and Kathy Hewitt will go to Mark's Work Warehouse to set up ordering information. Then anyone interested can go into the store, try on shirts for sizing, and place their order. More information on colour, and price will be sent out as finalized.



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Public Library Room: Heather has checked out the little room at the library, and has found it perfect for us to promote the club throughout the year. The plan is to host mini garden related events for the public. The head librarian is very eager to hold events like this. More information to follow.

OJES Books: The judging books will be ready for pickup this summer

Toronto Dominion Bank: The Omemee Branch, is closing in August 2019. Treasurer Darlene will choose a new bank/credit union that will give us the best options and one that has the most convenient location for her to use.

Other Committee Reports:

**Membership** - Donna Hunter reports that we have 39 members to date, including 2 new members.

**Newsletter** - If you have something you would like included in our monthly newsletters, please send the information to Carol Mitchell.

**Social** – Barb Muscutt will be sending around a signup sheet for snacks at the next meeting.

**Plant Sale** – Contract has been signed, and Legion has been given a Deposit. The Sale is being held May 18, 2019 Legion 9-11am. Start thinking about what you can pot up. Spring IS coming! (soon hopefully!)

**Tours & Day Trips – Some suggestions from members for day trips are:** the Hamilton Chrysanthemum Festival in late October, the Peony Gardens at the Warkworth School House, and the Dahlia Farm. There are also the new Botanical Gardens near Belleville & the Branch Ranch. If you have any other suggestions, contact Joan. Decisions will be announced when finalized.

**Flower Shows** – Christa advises that the “Design Workshop” will tentatively be held on July 27, 10 a.m. start time, at Trinity United. She is hoping to get Toni Sinclair to lead this. All members will be welcome – Christa is hoping this will increase the design entries at the monthly meetings. Cost to be announced when finalized.



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**Omeme Downtown Revitalization** – Chris Miller attended the last meeting. A local prominent music producer, James McKenty, indicates that he will actively promote Omeme, and help to bring first class entertainment to Coronation Hall. A new garbage bin has been donated to the village, location to be determined. 2019 will see work begin on the Omeme Street Scape Project, and the next meeting will be March 13 at Coronation Hall, 7pm.

Omeme Unites - the Feb meeting had to be cancelled due to weather conditions so no new news. The Easter Event will go ahead (as listed earlier under 80th Anniversary happenings) At the March 27th meeting these details will be finalized and plans for the Canada Day Celebrations will be discussed. It has been suggested that our garden group do something similar to last year, (self guided walking tour of our gardens) since the very hot weather discouraged visitors coming to our booth and very few got our map.

## **March List of events and upcoming outings for 2019**

**(see Heather for more details if interested)**

**Thurs. Mar. 21, 2019** - An Invitation from Ennismore Hort. Soc., to hear John Shaw Rimmington talking about dry-stone walls and structure building at the Optimist Hall below the Ennismore Library located in the Robert E Young Complex. The meeting starts at 7pm with social time at 6:30 pm. everyone is welcome---there is no fee.

Wed. Apr. 3, 2019- Norland Hort. Soc.- to hear Jon Falknor-“Starting Seeds & Constructing a Hoop House” at 2:00 pm, Pioneer Baptist Church, Norland. Prizes, Light Refreshments---see Jon Falknor on his own You Tube videos.

**Sat. Apr. 6, 2019** -D4--Spring AGM in Colborne--Cramahe Hort. Soc.-Guest Speaker- Leslie Abrams, “Small Creatures in Our Gardens” –great photography -- \$25.00 – deadline to register—**Mon. Mar. 25, 2019-** (meal choice-- Quiche & Salads—Veg. Quiche & Salads –GF Frittata & Salads)

**Tues. April 9, 2019-** Lakefield Horticultural Society - Paul Zammit- \$10.00  
Barbara Mc G., Barbara Mor., Diane, Kelly, Joan, Christa, Carol, Heather, Donna, Susie R, Lorraine, Erin, Ron, and Barbara Mus. (14 attending)

**Mon. Apr. 29, 2019-** Fenelon Falls Hort. Soc. –Guest speaker- Julie Moore “Healing Gardens” Modern Landscape Designs

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List of events and upcoming continued:

**Thurs. June 13, 2019** -Peterborough Horticultural Society- a Day Bus Trip to Meadowview Gardens, Roseneath-more details to follow.

**Sat. June 22, 2019**- Pollinator Garden Tour- City of Kawartha Lakes

**Sat. July 6, 2019**-Lindsay Garden Club- Garden Tour-10:00 to 4:00

**Tues. & Wed. July 9 & 10, 2019**-Peterborough Master Gardeners Bus Trip to Hamilton area- (Joanne & Heather, Lorraine & Susie, Cathy L. & Barbara Mor., Carol & Barbara McG, Diane & Donna , Christa—needs a partner)

**Sat. July 13, 2019**- Bobcaygeon Hort. Garden Tour-10:00 to 4:00

**Sat. July 13, 2019**- Christmas in July Lions at Coronation Hall-community vendor event

**July 19-21, 2019** - OHA #113 Convention held in **Windsor** “Come to the Deep South Where Everything Grows”-enter competitions of Creative writing, Essays & Poetry

**Sat. Oct. 26, 2019** - D4 Fall Seminar- Fenelon Falls Soc. (100th Anniversary)-Paul Zammit –Guest Speaker

### **Coming This Meeting:**

Speaker: We welcome Peterborough Master Gardener, Mary Jane Pilgrim, She will be speaking to us about: Landscape Design: The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly. So plan to come and have a great time with fellow gardeners! Don't forget to bring a friend.

A Touch of Green: This is also our March Meeting so maybe you have a touch of Irish in your blood and would like to wear a little green!

Happy Birthday: This is also the official Celebration of the first meeting of our Garden Club. 80 Years ago this March, the Omeme Horticultural Society began. So this meeting is also a Birthday Party! Come prepared to celebrate!

*Remember to “Lug Your Mug”*

