

Omeme & District Horticultural Society

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Our February Meeting

The photo below may look as if our February meeting featured an alien theme! No way! This is just Joe Cook dressed to show us that proper equipment and clothing is important when working with tools! Safety first!



Our February meeting was both informative and entertaining. A big thank you to Joe and his sidekick Hazel for providing us with such a memorable evening filled with information and many laughs. We learned what supplies we needed and how to clean and sharpen our tools for best results. Our gardens are off to a great start after attending this presentation!

Congratulations to Norma Evans, Debra Runco, Bobby Fillier, Ron Muscutt, Christa Marton, Audrey Wristen, and Ruth Arndt -our lucky door prize winners for the evening! Marie Bell won the Lug-a-Mug draw prize!

Our March 21st Meeting - Square Foot Gardening

Have you spent the last few months checking out the seed catalogues? Do you stop to check out what is new every time you pass a seed package display in the stores? Well ... you are not alone!!! We can hardly wait to get out into the gardens and start planting.

This month's speaker is going to tell you about a unique way to garden. It is called **Square Foot Gardening**. This method allows you to garden above ground, in a smaller space and if you would prefer you can use this method to garden at waist height, without having to bend or kneel. It also eliminates extensive weeding! You can use it for vegetables or flowers. Come out and join us to hear Joyce Higgs tell you why she finds this method of gardening so wonderful!



Joe & Hazel setting up the many tools!



Welcome President Heather



Welcome to our new President Heather Grassie. Heather is full of enthusiasm and is eager to make this the most exciting year yet!

District 4 Spring Get Together - March 19th

Horticultural members from the various societies, are invited to get together to share ideas and to find solutions to problems facing their societies. The speaker for the afternoon will be speaking on Volunteerism. This is open to all members, at no cost. The location is the Peterborough Library (downstairs) 1:00 - 3:30 We have 5 or 6 members going from Omemee, If you wish to attend and would like to carpool, phone Heather @ 705-328-0342

Griffins “Spring Fling”

Those who were at our on-site meeting at Griffins last June, will remember all the lovely plants. Griffins are hosting a “Spring Fling” on March 19th. The actual flier will be sent to you by separate email since we won’t have another meeting before that date. If you decide to attend, please note that if you give them our hort society name when you cash out, 10% of any purchase will come back to our club in the form of a gift card. Last year, this gift card was used to purchase the door prizes at our pot luck supper. Even if you don’t want to buy anything, a visit to their greenhouse is like a breath of spring!! Look for the Spring Fling details in a separate email.

Welcome new members
Bobby & Peggy Fillier

Yearbook and Bookmarks

Those who attended the February meeting will now have a copy of the beautiful 2011 Yearbook. Thank you to Diane Webber and her helpers for this beautiful book. The picture on the cover was taken by Gladys Goodin and it won 1st prize in the Coronation Hall category of our November Photography Show. Well done Gladys!

The 2011 bookmarks (advertising our meeting dates) are ready for distribution and can be obtained at any meeting. Please feel free to take a few to keep in your purse or car, to be given to anyone that you think might be interested in visiting or joining our group.

NB: The date of the Plant Sale was incorrect. Please make sure your copy has been changed to Saturday May 7th (not 8th)

The Peterborough Garden Show

Thank you to all who volunteered to help in the Judged Flower Show area of the Show. The spaces were all filled! You will be contacted by phone to remind you of the date & time you chose.

Even if you aren’t volunteering, don’t miss this wonderful show! It is even bigger and better!

Friday Apr 8 - 6 pm to 9 pm

Saturday Apr 9 - 10 am to 6 pm

Sunday Apr 10 - 10 am - 4 pm

Location: the Evinrude Centre - Cost \$6 per day

Flower Show Entries

Wanted: Entries for the Floral Competition

Do you have a house plant or a Design that you could enter in the Peterborough Show? Please try to help. To see the categories: Go to

<http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca/>

At the top, Click on [Garden Show](#) and then [Floral Competition](#). Just phone Donna Hunter 705- 799-6656 to tell her what you will be entering.



OHA Convention July 15-17th

This year's Convention is being held in Sudbury from July 15-17th. Information can be found at <http://www.gardenontario.org/index.php> If you would like to attend, please contact Heather Grassie asap. Registration should go in very soon.

District Celebration Event

District 4 is planning a luncheon for interested gardeners to get together in a social setting. It is open to all horticultural members, and will be held in Peterborough at Trent University on Wed June 15th. The guest speaker will be Terry Sprague from Prince Edward County. He is a born story teller, interested in birds and nature. Times and cost will be announced after the April 19th meeting. So mark your calendar and plan to join us for a great gardening afternoon!

The Kawartha Lakes Garden Show

For the second year, this show, hosted by the Lindsay Rotary Club, will be held at the Lindsay Armoury Friday evening April 29th 6 to 9 and Saturday April 30th 9 to 5. There will be both indoor and outdoor exhibits. Currently the organizing committee is interested in hearing from anyone wishing to have a booth or with an interest in doing a speaking presentation. If you know of anyone, please contact Sharon Chambers at highpoint@xplornet.ca or at (705) 887-3782.

Yummy Snacks

Thanks to those who have already signed up to help out with snacks for our monthly meetings. You will be phoned prior to the meeting with a friendly reminder. If you have not signed, but are interested in helping out, Barb Muscutt will have the list at the March meeting.



A Plant Sale Report

The 2011 Plant Sale Committee is hard at work planning this year's event! They are currently working on brand new signage and are printing labels for the many anticipated plant donations!!

Here's what you can do to help: Think about your gardens and make a list of several plants that you know you should divide this spring. At the next meeting we will ask you to list those plants. This will help us anticipate what might be coming and we can even have labels made up in advance if you request them.

You are not limited to digging only those plants!!! This is just to get everyone thinking and ready to go.

If you know anyone needing help digging plants, we ask you to let us know that as well.

As you plant your seeds or start your cuttings... remember to do a few extra for the sale.

For questions or more information, call Suzanne Seyck 705-277-9590

Upcoming June Silent Auction

Something new is happening this year. At our June meeting, we are planning to hold a Silent Auction of special plants and garden related objects. We need your help to make this a success. We are looking for donations suitable for the auction. Suggestions are: any type of garden art or garden signs (you talented people out there!!) Other suggestions: interesting pots, jewelry, enlarged photos etc. If you have an item that isn't garden related but you think might sell, let us know. All donations, whether re-gifted, hand made, purchased or grown (special plants) are gratefully accepted! Suzanne Seryck or Norma Evans are accepting non perishable donations now.



Up & Coming Events:

Local Horticultural Society Meetings:

Peterborough

Wed. Mar 23rd at 7:00 at the Peterborough Library:
Grasses - John Strathan

Lakefield

Tues. April 12 at 8 p.m. Lakefield Marshland Centre: Hardy
Gems for the Southern Garden -Marion Jarvie Cost \$5
order tickets at 657-3072

Bobcaygeon

Thurs. Mar 17th - 7:00 Knox Presbyterian Church: One
Kind of Rock Garden - Linda McLeod

Apr 21st- Inspirations from Gardeners Around the World -
Marjorie Mason Cost \$5

Millbrook Garden Club

Wednesday, April 7th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church
Hall, Centre St, Millbrook – Growing Vegetables : Paula
Anderson - \$2 Admission at the door.

Lindsay

Tues, March 15th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Parish Hall
(45 Russell Street West) Frank Kershaw

Tues April 26th_ Growing Dahlias With Success -Malcom
McDonald

Garden Shows and Events in Southern Ontario:

Garden Show Season is here - so check out
these events and mark your calendar.

March 13 - Peterborough Seedy Saturday will actually
be Seedy Sunday this year.

It will be held is on Sunday, March 13 from 1:00 – 4:00
p.m. at St. James United Church, 221 Romaine Street.
For more information contact urbantomato@gmail.com.

**March 19, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m., OHA District 4 Spring Get
Together at the Peterborough Public Library.**

March 15-20 – Canada Blooms at the Direct Energy
Centre Exhibition Park, Toronto. For more information
go to <http://www.canadablooms.com/>

March 31 – April 3 – Successful Gardening Show at
The Toronto International Centre, 6900 Airport Road –
Toronto. For more information [http://www.home-
show.net/successfulgardening/swg4show.htm](http://www.home-show.net/successfulgardening/swg4show.htm)

Saturday April 2nd: Seedy Saturday Lindsay will be
held from 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Queen Street Church
Lindsay

Peterborough Garden Show: _April 8, 9,10th -
Evinrude Centre \$6 (see pg 2 for more details)

**Friday April 29th -Sat April 30- Kawartha Lakes
Garden Show** at the Victoria Park Armoury Lindsay
Sponsored by the Lindsay Rotary Club

April 30, 10:00 a.m. –6:00 p.m. Green Expo at the
Evinrude Centre for more information
www.greenexpo.ca

May 24th -31st - Lindsay Lilac Festival

Sunday May 29th - Kids Day at the Lilac Festival

Would you Like a Recipe for Flower Arranging? Check out Bloemen

At the OHA Board meeting in October it was decided
that a beautiful book called Bloemen would be sold as
a fundraiser for the OHA 2011 Convention. It is a
lovely, colourful book of recipes to create floral
designs. On one page there is a beautiful design; on
the facing page is the list of what to buy to make it,
and how to make it. The book is being sold for \$20.00
while the bookstores are selling them for \$25.00. The
books will be available at the membership table or
from Carol Mitchell.

Don't forget to Lug -a- Mug.

*A Bulb : potential flower
buried in Autumn, never to be
seen again.*

- Henry Beard

*Keep watching! Those sure signs of spring will
be popping up sooner than we think!!*

