

Omeme & District Horticultural Society

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Our April Meeting

On April 18th, we filled the hall with 66 members and guests eager to hear Dianne and Gary Westlake's presentation on Planting Container Gardens. Everyone enjoyed the snacks, the fellowship the humour and the many tips on planting containers. The Lug a Mug was won by Mary Read. Gadys Goodin and Joan Harding won pots of pansies. A great evening was had by all.



Heather
promoting the Bee
Pollinator Project

Our May 16th Meeting

This meeting will be on site at the residence of Steven's Landscaping and Custom Landscape Lighting - a little north of Fowler's Corners. Steven Charest and his wife, Anne Sanger love to landscape. They have been on their property for only one and a half years, but they are setting up display gardens that reflect their landscaping and lighting talents. It is a work in progress. Steven is going to speak to us about the principles of landscaping and then give us some ideas about using effective lighting.

In 2011, Ann and Steven designed and constructed the new Sun Dial Garden in Lakefield and members of the Horticultural society have nothing but praise for their work! So come out and join us for will prove to be an interesting night.

website: www.stevenslandscape.ca

Housekeeping Information Re This Meeting:

- this is an outdoor meeting **so dress for the weather**
- bring a **chair** and **bug repellent**
- snacks will be provided as usual
- we will be car pooling from Trinity at 6:30 or you can meet us at Lawrence St N a little before 7 if that is more convenient.
- **Directions:** at Fowler's Corners go North on Frankhill Rd (# 26) to 19 Lawrence St **North (on the East side)** there is a south as well -make sure you are on North. Lawrence St is just a short distance from the Country Time. There is lots of parking on the street or their yard. Phone # is 799-2897 if you get lost.

In Case of Rain

If it is pouring hard, we will have to cancel and hopefully re-schedule. If weather is questionable, check your email before leaving. You can also phone Carol 705-799-6282 if in doubt.

Think "Nice Weather" everyone!!!



A Message re our Plant Sale

There is no doubt that Omeme and surrounding area will have beautiful gardens in 2011. Hundreds of plants were purchased at The Sale by new and returning customers.

We owe a big "Thank you" to the plant sale committee for organizing our wonderful annual event. Our new chair person Suzanne Seryck along with Colleen Hughes, Cathy Sheehey, Diane Webber, Carol Mitchell and Heather Grassie put their experience and enthusiasm into the planning and organizing to ensure the success of this major fund raiser, and what a success it was!

Many busy hands prepared the signs, printed labels, dug the plants at home and elsewhere, potted hundreds of plants, trucked them to the Curling Rink, set them up and organized them efficiently with the new signage for the sale. All of you are part of this amazing team! THANK YOU!

All the preparation and planning paid off on the day of the sale as customers swarmed in to find treasures for their garden. Horticulture members and Master Gardeners were on hand to give advice and answer questions.

Allium bulbs were ordered and paid for. Brochures were handed out.

Despite the cool, wet weather we were able to have a huge variety of healthy desirable plants (approximately 1,800 were donated)

When the bills are all paid, we should see a profit of approximately \$3000!! Well done everyone! Income from the plant sale allows us to continue with the Beautification Projects around the Village.

We had approximately 400 plants left which were divide up and donated to the following future plant sales: Omeme Lioness, Mount Horeb, Peterborough Hort and Lindsay Hort. All of these groups have members within our Hort Group.

Once again, to everyone who contributed plants or helped in any way a most sincere "Thank you" and remember to recycle your pots so we can do this all again in 2012!!

Happy Gardening to everyone in nice warm weather!
Suzanne Seryck, Chair Person



Our Youth Group's 1st Meeting

Don't forget that our youth group will meet for it's spring meeting on Saturday morning May 14th. They will receive their garden seeds as well as participate in many crafts and garden related activities. This year, we have approximately 29 eager young gardeners participating in the program. With that many children, all help is appreciated. If you are available to help supervise crafts or planting; or would just like to drop in for a visit, please show up at the Coronation Hall around (9:30 for instructions). You will be finished by noon and you will be amazed at how much fun you will have. Please contact Heather if you are available. 705-328-0342 or just show up!

The Village Gardens and Planters

For the next few weeks, the gardening group will be meeting on Thursday mornings to tidy up the beds, prune, and to eventually plant the annuals. Many hands make light work and we can use all the help we can get! If you are available for any or all of these sessions, we welcome you. Later, we will also run and evening session on alternate weeks. If every member could come out even once or twice it would ease the overall workload. Please try to make our village an eye-catching sight! For information, phone Joanne 799-5685

Welcome new members: April Meeting

Andree Dupris, Joan Harding, Victoria Ryce, Jane English

New Family Members each with a youth member(s): the Kirby family, the Smith family, Tina Ellins & daughter Brooke, Philip McMaster & son Dylan, the Kennedy Family, Traces Haldane & daughter Thyme, the Darling Family



Our June 20th Meeting ...

All new and exciting!!!

For our June meeting, we are trying something new! We'd like to have a Silent Auction of Special Plants and Unique Garden Items! Because our spring was so late, many plants weren't up for our sale. Thus, we are also going to have a plant sale table for special plants that you are willing to share. Read on for more information.

Unusual or Special Plants! For Silent Auction or for the Plant Sale Table

We will be holding a silent auction of special plants as well as a plant sale table. **We only need a maximum of one or two special plants per person-quality, not quantity.** Do you have a plant that you KNOW others would like? Do you have a special phlox, daylily or hosta that you would be willing to share. Do you have an unusual plant that others have admired? Dig it now, pot it up and bring it with you on June 20th.

The auction committee will pick a certain number of plants to go on the silent auction table and the balance will be for direct sale. We are looking for plants that will get a good price at an auction or would sell for approximately \$5 and up on the sale table. The Committee will price them but if you have a suggestion -stick it on the tag. Please label all plants with as much information as possible.

A Hosta Table

Due to the late spring, the hostas were smart enough to not stick up their heads too early!! However, this made dividing them for the sale an impossibility! Several of us have named hostas that we intended to divide this year. Divide it now and pot up a piece for the auction. You can even buy some new ones for your garden. All donations are appreciated! Please try to include the name if possible.

Hosta "Patriot": As an experiment, we purchased 25 "Patriot" bare root hostas, to see if they would be ready for the sale. They weren't, so we will also

have them at the June meeting. Patriot is one of the most striking green and white hostas available. I can pick mine out from anywhere in my garden and it stands up to the slugs much better than the common green & whites.

Garden Related Items (new or gently used)

We will also have a silent auction of Garden Related or other suitable items. We will be accepting gently used or new items that you have no further use for. Garden pots, planters, troughs, concrete toadstools, stepping stones, tools, books, crafts, signs, jewellery are just a few suggestions. Donations could be re-gifts or something that you have purchased or made. We have many talented members who create beautiful things. If you would like to contribute something to this fund raiser, we welcome it! To date, we have received some beautiful one of a kind 8X10 photos, ready for framing and hanging, a large metal butterfly, and the promise of some garden signs.

What to do with you donations? Read on!

Plants: we would like to have them as early as possible. They could be dropped off at Carol Mitchell's, or Cathy Sheehey's (Omeme) or Suzanne Seryck if you are near Bethany - a few days prior to the meeting, or you can drop them off at the Coronation Hall when you bring in your flowers for the show. If neither of these work, bring them with you before 7:00.

Non perishable items may be brought in to our May meeting. Please give them to Carol Mitchell. (also any questions) 799-6282 or drop them off with the same options as above.

Remember the meeting is at the Coronation Hall. Bring your money and plan for an exciting evening. Come to the June meeting prepared to purchase something special-in plant form or other.

4:30 - 5:30 - Drop off flowers and auction items

6:45 - 7:00 - Drop off items

7:00-7:45 - Social time, snacks, bids and sales

7:45-8:00 - Flower Show Report

8:00 - 9:00 - Speaker & results of auction



Up & Coming Events:

Local Horticultural Society Meetings:

Peterborough

Wed. May 25th at 7:00 at the Peterborough Library: Care of Roses - Cecil Lamrock

Lakefield

Tues. June 21st at 8 p.m. Lakefield Marshland Centre: Rose Show

Bobcaygeon

Thurs. May 19th - 7:00 Knox Presbyterian Church: Rites of Spring- Linda Friend & Queen of Topsey-Turveys -Elaine Fritz

June 16th - Demystifying Flower Shows - Diane Hearse & Joe Ramssens

Millbrook Garden Club

Wednesday, June 1st at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St, Millbrook – Grasses - John 's Garden, Uxbridge- \$2 Admission at the door.

Lindsay

Tues, May 17th th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Parish Hall (45 Russell Street West) Growing Organically: a Home for all Creatures - Sylvia Keesmaat

Garden Shows Tours & Festivals:

Lindsay Lilac festival: May 24th - 31st

Kids Day at the Lilac Festival: Sunday May 29th

June 25 – 26 – **Garden Route Second Annual “Art in the Garden”** event. Local artists set up displays at each of the Garden Route locations. often working on a new piece of art right before your eyes. During this free event, art can be purchased or simply admired. For more information, contact Brenda Ibey (743-0068). Visit the website at www.gardenroute.ca

Bobcaygeon Garden tour - July 9th, 10 to 4 Cost \$12 There are 6 gardens on show. Tour Passes may be purchased at the following locations in Bobcaygeon: My Favourite Things, Chamber of Commerce, Strangs Valu-Mart Garden Centre and in Fenelon Falls at Stokes-on-Trent and Kawartha Lakes Winery.

**Thank you to
Griffins Garden Centre
& Carol Fee
for their monetary support of our main
street planter beautification!**

Upcoming Plant Sales

Sat May 14th -Lindsay Hort Sale -Kent St beside Reeds Value Mart - 9 a.m.

Sat May 14th -Peterborough Hort Sale - St Alban's Church 9 a.m.

May 14 and 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Plant Sale **Ander-Vale Farm, Art Gallery and Country Gardens**, 937 Webster Road, (705) 652-6637 – Farm grown including some rose varieties and heirloom tomatoes. More information at <http://www.ander-vale.ca/Plant%20Sale.htm>

Sat May 21st - Lakefield Hort - Cenotaph area 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Sun May 22nd - Ecology Park Ashburnham Drive- 1:00 - 4:00

Sat May 28th -Bobcaygeon Hort - Curling Club - 9 a.m.



Allium Sales

You can still order allium bulbs at our May meeting. Mary Read will have forms to fill out and she will be collecting money for those bulbs ordered at the April meeting. Our orders have to be in by the end of May so be sure to order now. If you can't be at the meeting, phone Mary at 799-7968 to order or to arrange payment.

OHA Celebration Luncheon

Tickets are still available for the special buffet luncheon at Trent University, June 15th, 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Terry Sprague “Keep it Simple and they will Come” www.naturestuff.net District Awards will be presented. The cost is \$30. Omeme currently has 10 members attending. If you would like to join us, please contact Heather Grassie 705-328-0342 for a ticket.

