

Omeme & District Horticultural Society

Newsletter



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Our May Meeting

Unfortunately Mother Nature didn't co-operate, and the night of our on-site meeting was cold and wet. Our planned **landscaping and lighting** visit was cancelled and a surprise program was held in our regular meeting hall instead. The outside weather was cold, but inside, we enjoyed a warm, laughter filled evening as Aron Muscutt entertained us with three of his photography slide shows, put to music. As usual, the audience was spell bound with his talent! Well done Aron and thank you for filling in for us.

Thank you to those who provided snacks for the evening.

June 20th Meeting - Coronation Hall

Flower Show, Silent Auction, Plant Sale Table, Speaker

This meeting promises to be great fun! There will be lots to buy or bid on and a great speaker: Glenn Pleasance, speaking on the topic of : Drought Tolerant Plants and Grasses.

Throw in a fun filled social time and some good natured bidding and you have the makings for a great evening.

There will be no business that evening so please read the announcements in this newsletter. Any further information will be forwarded via email or phone tree.

Time Line for the Evening:

- **4:30 -5:00** - Drop off Show entries (see your yearbook for the list of what you can enter) You can also drop off donations for the auction or plant sale
- **5:00 - 6:45** - entries are judged (doors are locked)
- **6:45-7:00** -please bring any plant or auction donations at this time
- **7:00 -7:15** -let the fun begin! Plants for sale will be available and sheets will be out for you to start your bidding at the auction tables.
- **Remember: do not feel that you have to be kind!** Don't be afraid to bid for what you want!!! All bids must be increased by a minimum of 50 cents per bid
- Between 7:00 & 7:45 you will be free to buy plants, bid at the auction tables, view the flower show and socialize over juice and snacks
- **The auction tables close at 7:45** and Christa will report on the Flower Show and give tips for our next show. There will also be a report on the success of the auction and sale.
- any remaining plants will be used as door prizes
- **8:00** we join to hear Glenn speak about drought tolerant plants and grasses



Things to Remember:

This month's meeting will be at the Coronation Hall and will begin at our regular time, except for drop offs of show entries or donations. Please enter!! Let's make this a great flower show!

We need donations - either special plants or donations of garden related or other items for the auction (remember quality not quantity when it comes to plants -only 1 or 2 special ones are needed) Don't forget labels and as much information as possible.

Re-read your May newsletter for more details about the Sale and Auction. If you have deleted it let me know and I can send it to you again.

Arrive with your plant allowance in pocket and be prepared to have some fun.

Our On Site Meeting Re-Scheduled to June 27th

As before, this meeting will be on site at the residence of Steven's Landscaping and Custom Landscape Lighting - a little north of Fowler' 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.

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 7:30 or you can meet us at Lawrence St N a little before 8 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 parking on the street or their yard. Phone # is 799-2897 if you get lost.

In Case of Rain

Hopefully it won't happen twice but with this Spring's weather we need a back up plan!! If it is pouring hard, we will have to cancel and hopefully re-schedule again. If weather is questionable, check your email before leaving. You can also phone Carol 705-799-6282 if in doubt.

This time the weather will be great!

Our Youth Group's 1st Meeting

Heather reports that a great time was held by all attending, including the parents and helpers! They arrived to find the hall decorated for a baby shower but as any gardener will tell you, if there was a problem you find a way to solve it. They did!

There are approximately 29 children taking part in the program this year so it should be quite a Flower Show in August! It is also the 65th Anniversary of the Omeme Youth Group which is an amazing accomplishment. Plans are in the air for a special celebration at the August Show.

A huge thank you to Heather, Linda and all their helpers for providing such a great experience for our gardeners of tomorrow.



The Village Gardens and Planters

In spite of the rain and the high temperatures, the village planters and gardens are beginning to take shape. Thank you to all who were able to help out. The new planters are filled and planted and the village is now radiant with over 100 Orbit Glow geraniums!! Joanne is busy planning a beautiful memorial garden which is slated to go in behind the Legion in the next few weeks. Thank you to all who have helped in any way! Every volunteer hour makes our village that much more beautiful!

Help Wanted

We realize that our members lead very busy lives, especially in the spring. We appreciate all the help that you give. Unfortunately it always seems to be the same people turning up to help in the gardens. We are in desperate need of some new helpers to lighten the burden. If you can spare a couple of hours a week, or even once a month, your help would be appreciated. There is a group that meets regularly on either Thursday mornings or evenings. This works well for some. However, we are aware that Thursdays are not good for everyone. If you would be willing to help but need a different day, we would like to know. We have a couple of members that would like to do a different day and a few that would rather take full responsibility of weeding and watering one particular garden (on their own schedule). If this applies to you, please email back to me carol@flowergeek.com or 705-799-6282 and let me know of your preference. We will see what we can set up. Many hands make lighter work and we would be very thankful of any time you can offer.

There will be no newsletters during the months of July or August.

All important information will be sent out via e-mail or by phone tree.

A Few Memories of our Plant Sale



Up & Coming Events:

Local Horticultural Society Meetings:

Peterborough

Wed. June 22nd at 7:00 at the Peterborough Library:
Growing Clematis, Peter Keeping

Lakefield

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

Bobcaygeon

No meetings in July or Aug. See Garden tour information below.

Millbrook Garden Club

Wednesday, June 21st Garden Tour of Paul and Joanne Lemette of Garden Hill -for further information contact Joan Harding 705-799-5378

Lindsay

Tues, June 21st at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Parish Hall (45 Russell Street West) It's a Snap! Great Garden Photography with Kyle Griffin

Garden Tours & Festivals:

Manvers Garden Tour: June 18th: Cost \$10.00

Tickets available at Willam's Art Studio

Millbrook Garden Tour: June 21st -see above meeting information.

Anna's Perennials: June 26th - 9-5 Open Garden with tours at 10 and 2. You are free to wander on your own at other times. 63 Shoreview Rd (15 minutes South of Bobcaygeon 799-0062

Garden Route, Art in the Garden Event:

June 25th -26th - 10 - 4. Visit www.gardenroute.ca or phone Dawn 705-742-5918 or info@gardensplus.ca for more information.

Peterborough Volunteer Appreciation: June 29th

6:30 - 8:30 for the volunteers that helped at the Peterborough Show. If you helped out and wish to car pool to the event, please contact any executive member for information.

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.

Allium Sales

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Allium Sales fund raiser. We ordered 74 packages of bulbs. The bulbs are to be delivered in September. You will be notified when they arrive. In case you haven't noticed, President Heather loves purple! She is very excited that the surrounding area will reflect her favourite colour next spring!!

OHA Celebration Luncheon

The first District 4 luncheon was a tremendous success. Approximately 50 people enjoyed socializing with garden friends from our many societies in District 4. Following lunch, our Omeme members entertained the group with a humorous garden song. Once again, Heather's "bee hat" was enjoyed by all!! Terry Sprague's presentation on naturalization was much enjoyed. Everyone attending seemed to agree that this luncheon was the beginning of a tradition that should be continued.

In Memorium

Sadly, Angie Clark, President of our neighbouring Lindsay Horticultural Society, passed away on June 15, following a two year battle with cancer. Angie was an enthusiastic gardener whose energy was reflected in her leadership of the Lindsay Society. Angie will be greatly missed by family, friends and fellow gardeners. A service will be held at Cambridge Street United Church here in Lindsay at 2pm. Sunday 19th.

Our condolences go out to her family and friends in the Lindsay Society.

