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Our September Meeting

The outside forecast may have been for frost -but inside, Trinity Church meeting hall was toasty warm and filled with laughter as members and visitors shared their summer experiences while sampling the tasty snacks.

President Heather, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone back to the fall season of gardening. A special welcome was given to our guests and new members. Following the announcements the membership approved payment of the new artisan-made obelisk for the LCBO bed and a digital projector for use at our meetings.

Heather & Diane Webber then presented the trophies for the winners of the garden related competitions for 2013. (see opposite)

Dianne and Gary Westlake then presented a humorous but informative talk on "Aging with our Gardens...Will They Ever be Finished". We realize that our gardens are continually changing -even more so as we make them easier to care for, as we ourselves age.

Results of the Monthly Photo Competition were as follows: 1st Christa Marton, 2nd Annamarie O'Neill, 3rd Carol Mitchell, Honorable Mention Aron Muscutt.

Heather wished everyone a safe trip home and a wonderful evening came to an end.



Flower and Vegetable Show Awards

Congratulations to the 2013 winners of the following trophies. A total of \$562 was awarded in prize money for this fiscal year (not including what was awarded in August to our Youth members).

Burke Memorial Trophy (Most points for Roses in Spring & August Shows) - Aron Muscutt

Moyer Memorial Trophy (Most Points in all Shows) - Carol Mitchell

Weir Award (Most points for Vegetables & other Edibles) Eila Marton

Sadler Award (Best Vegetable in August Show) -Eila Marton

Sanderson Award (Most Points in Spring Show) -Carol Mitchell

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

Dora Atwell Award (Best Specimen August Show) - Aron Muscutt

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

Photography Award (Most points from Nov 2012 to Oct 2013) - to be presented at November Meeting



(Left) Heather with Senior Life Members Robert & Alice Burke. They are holding the Burke Memorial Trophy 1st presented in 1990 in Memory of Robert's father Huber Burke



Diane presenting Aron with his trophy. "Getting down to one height!"



Our Next Meeting....

Don't Miss It

October 17th Meeting & Pot Luck

Please remember that our **October 21st 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 Diane Webber and she will be presenting a pictorial presentation of gardens of the Hudson Valley. Don't miss this meeting! **Social: 6:00 Dinner: 6:30 Speaker: 8:00**



Remembering 2012. yummy food with good friends

and lots
of special
awards!



Did you know that next year is our 75th Anniversary? Stay tuned for the many special events and activities being planned by our Anniversary Committee!

Greetings

From the Pres



We know that the harvest is happening when the days are getting shorter, the leaves have turned colours, the weather is cooler, and gardeners are busy gathering baskets of produce from their gardens. I have 3 containers of tomatoes ripening in the porch. Six months ago we carried out seeds and tiny tomato vines to plant. Now at Thanksgiving we are blessed with an abundance of tantalizing things to cook and eat.

Fall is the season to prepare, preserve and protect. Tender plants must come inside, jars full of goodies both sweet and sour appear on our pantry shelves and some ornaments and garden artifacts need to be gathered and stored away from the harsh winter elements.

Even the hole where an annual plant is removed may be the perfect place to pop in some fresh tulip bulbs. **Note to self:** The Omeme & DHS is selling some special new tulip varieties as a fundraiser for the Hort.'s 75th Anniversary. *Joanne Windrem will have them for sale at the next meeting.*

Also, many gardeners are now splitting up massive clumps of perennials, potting them up and tucking them into dry leaves to snuggle over the winter. They will be ready for the annual May plant sale.

This unusually warm fall has delayed the digging of the Canna Lily rhizomes and Dahlia tubers because they are putting on such an amazing show of colour. It always breaks a gardener's heart to pull out blooming plants.

Be grateful in this season of abundance and share your blessings with family, friends, and neighbours. Hope to see you all at the Oct.21st Potluck and meeting at Christ Church Anglican. *Heather*



What's Been Happening???

Omemee Hort. Goes to Pot (TWICE)

Two potting parties were held this fall. The first one was hosted by Suzanne Seryck, M.G. in the Janetville area. **A total of 257 pots** were planted by 12 very energetic gardeners. It was a perfect sunny, warm, afternoon to work outside and to be with friends accomplishing a group task. The plants will be stored in an outdoor sheltered spot buried in and under leaves and straw ready to be uncovered in the spring to start growing for the Annual May Plant Sale. Suzanne's mom, Joyce Forward, made labels and served us tea and goodies in glorious sunshine. She was assisted by her granddaughter Breanna. Alice Burke, Senior Life Member, was pleased to get her hands into the dirt. Thank you to Norma Evans, Gaynor McMullen, Joanne Windrem and Ruth Bailey for the plant donations.

Suzanne had **already potted 200** on her own and she continues to "go to pot"!

The second time we went "to pot" was at M.G. Joanne Windrem's home in Omemee. It was a sunny day but extremely windy at the farm. Nevertheless, **a total of 321 pots** were planted by 7 enthusiastic gardeners. Joanne served us a hot drink and goodies in her cozy farm kitchen. We had a chance to visit (out of the wind without shouting) and to welcome a new member Lorraine Lachapelle into the club. Ingenuity was the order of the day in creating a system to keep all the pots and labels from being blown away before they were filled and labelled. These plants will also be wintered over for the May sale. A big thank you to Joanne for the many plant donations she had dug up for the potters. A special thanks to Joanne's granddaughter Madison Bunn, Jr. Garden Club member, for helping us after a busy day in Gr. 2 at school.

If you are looking for any of the Gardeners listed here:



Joanne Windrem,
Christa Marton, Diane
Webber, Heather
Grassie, Lorraine
Lachapelle, Gaynor
McMullen, Mary Read,
Joyce Forward, Donna
Hunter, Chris Miller,
Sharon Cooley,
daughter of Robert &

Alice Burke, Breanna Seryck daughter of Suzanne Seryck and Carol Mitchell, you may find they have already **"GONE TO POT"!**

However, if you do see them please thank them on behalf of the Club for their volunteer potting service. *by Heather*

On the Road Again!!

Our Mission: Trip to pick up the Camassia Bulbs on Thursday Oct. 3/13

Seven Omemee Hort. gals in two vehicles travelled to Colborne to pick up one box of Camassia Bulbs! Naturally, the vehicles **just happened** to veer off at the following stops: (1) Brighton for coffee and shopping, (2) Colborne to eat our picnic lunches in the park (3) meeting OHA District 4 Director Rose Odell who then joined us **as we just had to** visit Strut Store in Grafton, Twindmills Antiques, Coach House, Clay Art, and of course we **had to stop** and enjoy an afternoon tea and dessert break after such hard work! (4) Finally, there was a roadside stop at Rutherford's to pick up apples before heading home. Oh yes ... we did pick up the bulbs! We brought back the Camassia bulbs for six Hort. Societies: Omemee, Peterborough, Fenelon Falls, Minden, Lakefield and Bobcaygeon.

Mission accomplished! (by Heather)



Road Trip to pick up Camassia bulbs -ends in an apple orchard!

John's Gardens Again!

Nine members and fiends travelled to John's Gardens for the 2nd time this year. Reason? Plants 70% off!!! What better reason is there than that? Oh what fun we had! What do we need? What do we want? What do we buy??? And after 2 hours shopping at a garden center, what better to do than have lunch at the Tin Mill in Uxbridge. Barb MacGregor and her daughter joined us there and what a lot of noise 11 women can make. All in all, it was another great day.

Thanks everyone who came, Sue Lajeunesse

