

# Omemeë & District Horticultural Society



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## Newsletter

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### June & July are Very Busy Months!!!!

- On-Site June meeting - Mon. June 16
- Presentation of Art Sculptures & Garden Party Sat. - Sat. June 28th
- Omemeë's Garden Tour - Sat. July 5  
(tickets should be purchased in advance)
- Volunteer's Garden Tour & Pot Luck - Sun July 6th (no charge)
- July 21st meeting - garden related demonstrations by talented members

*As a result of all these happenings - June's news editor is "snowed under" (in spite of the nice warm weather)! So..... the June newsletter will be in the form of announcements of the things that you need to know (sorry no photos or clip art this month!) :)*

### **Our Monday June 16th meeting**

We are delighted to be able to spend this meeting at Gardens Plus. Owner and operator, Dawn Golloher will begin by telling us about her business as well as a few tips on growing her specialities - daylilies and hostas. There will be a short business meeting and then everyone will be set loose to tour the beautiful display gardens and of course ... SHOP!!!!

Check out Dawn's website:  
<http://www.gardensplus.ca>

As in previous years, we will meet at Trinity Church and carpool. We thank those, in advance, who are willing to drive. We ask that those sharing a ride, please give your driver a small donation of approximately \$5 to help out with gas.

**6 p.m. : Meet in Trinity parking lot and cars will leave as they are filled (-no later than 6:15)**

**7:00 - meeting will start**

If you would rather meet us there,

#### Directions:

136 County Road 4 (Donwood), Peterborough. Gardens Plus is located 2 min east of Peterborough on County Road # 4- formerly known as Warsaw Road (and is an extension of Parkhill Road East). Donwood is on most Ontario maps. For those using a GPS - try postal code K9L 1V6 or try township Douro-Dummer

Things to Remember:

- a folding lawn chair
- insect repellent
- money for purchases
- gas money

*See you on Monday!!!*



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## Presentation of Garden Art:

### **Saturday June 28th**

This is a copy of the invitation that was sent to the dignitaries involved:

**In honour of our 75th Anniversary, the Omemee & District Horticultural Society are presenting two artisan crafted garden sculptures to the Community of Omemee. One commemorates 75 years of Volunteerism and the other honours the Presidents that served from 1939-2014.**

**Please join us for this presentation, on Saturday July 5th, 2014 in the Coronation Hall gardens, following the Pioneer Day Pancake Breakfast (approx 12:00 noon)**

**The presentation of the sculptures will be followed by cake and lemonade in the gardens. In case of rain, we will meet in the hall.**

**Now Omemee Hort, you are also invited to join the fun!**

## Our Garden Tour - Sat July 5th:

**10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

This is a major fund raiser for our Anniversary Year! We need your support to make it a success.

**Past History:** In the past, each July we have offered a mini tour of 3 or 4 member's gardens. This was offered free of charge to our members, **as a bonus**, & part of your membership fee. It was also meant to give members who had never experienced a garden tour, a little taste of the fun involved. It was for our members and not open to the public.

**Our 2014 Garden Tour:** This is the real thing! It involves a possible 14 open gardens for you to explore! These gardens were chosen as examples of what could be done on a large country acreage, or a smaller town/village lot. Some are on the water, some have water features. Some are situated on dry soil and others in more moist conditions. These gardeners have gone to a lot of time and energy preparing their gardens to be opened to the public. It is also a fund raiser! Yes, it costs \$20 but it will entertain you for an entire day and it includes a light

lunch! Where else can you get a complete day of entertainment with food for that price! There are many local garden tours each season. If you have never been on one, this is your chance to see what you have been missing!

**ALSO: We need your support to make this a success. We are appealing to every member to either 1. buy a ticket (and possibly bring a friend, relative or neighbour with you) or 2. volunteer to help out for part of the day (and then you get to view the gardens free of charge on Sunday - followed by a pot luck)**

Don't miss out on the fun! Tickets will be available for purchase on Monday night. Bring your cash or cheques!

## **Volunteers Needed!!!!**

Barb Morrison will be circulating a clipboard on Monday night for the sign up of volunteers. We need help for the following times / jobs.

**Sat July 5th - 9 - noon:** (Includes set up of table, and getting everything ready for the buffet lunch. Any men available to help with lifting, would be greatly appreciated.)

**12-3** - refreshing the lunch buffet table, tidy up,

**3-5** - clean up & break down of tables & chairs - lifting involved again so men welcome! :)

All volunteers get to see the gardens free on Sunday and then are invited to join in a pot luck supper & fellowship time!

*Please try to help! Sign up to volunteer or buy a ticket.*

**If you can sell tickets at your workplace, church or to other social group members we would appreciate it. Don't forget friends, relatives and neighbours! For information or tickets, contact Donna 705-799-6656, or Barb, 705-745-8738**



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## Our July Meeting: Monday July 21st

Because we've already had a garden tour, we are offering you a different bonus for this year! You are invited to the Omeme Curling Club to attend an evening of mini, garden related demonstrations. We have many, many talented members in our group. Under the organization of Sue Lajeunesse, some of these members will be presenting a step by step demonstration. Talents include - glass art, concrete mushrooms, & floral design to name just a few. So bring a pen and notebook to jot down ideas and join us in July for something new and very exciting!!!

## **Please note: location is the Curling Club.**

## **Our Junior Gardeners hit the news!**

If you are in the village, be sure to stop and have a look at the butterfly garden in the planter in the open area outside the doors of Foodland. It is bright, colourful and packed full of perennials and annuals that butterflies will love to visit. Our junior gardeners had a wonderful time preparing the soil and planting it on Wed evening. The surprise of the evening happened when a Peterborough Examiner reporter stopped to see what all the excitement was about. Their photo and an article appeared in yesterday's (Thurs June 12th's edition) of the Peterborough Examiner.

The funds for this project were provided by District 4 of the Ontario Horticultural Society. Each year one lucky group receives funds to sponsor a hands on gardening project with a youth group! The muddy trowels and the dirty fingers proved it to be a truly "hands on" learning experience for these young gardeners! Thank you to District 4 OHA for encouraging this wonderful adventure.

## **Up Coming Garden Tours:**

**Just in case you missed them last month .... Here are some "Save the Dates" and wonderful experiences! Mark your calendar.**

**June 21st - Peterborough Master Gardeners Tour**

**June 22nd - The Heart of Northumberland Big Brothers, Big Sister's Tour**

**July 5th - "Omeme Blooms" Garden Tour**

**July 12th -Bobcaygeon Garden Tour**

**July 12th -Campbellford Garden Tour**

*Happy belated 50th Anniversary to Pat & Hugh Burritt and also belated, 61st Anniversary wishes to Life members-Alice and Robert Burke.*

*A Thinking of You greeting goes out to another life member - Gladys Goodin.*

*Congratulations to Hazel and Joe Cook on their amazing success at the American Peony Society Convention ! Best in Show!!! Wow! Good luck in the upcoming Canadian Peony Society Convention as well. Joe and Hazel are hosting an open house on July 5th. After you have seen all our gardens, stop in there for another treat! :)*

*June 21st: If you are interested in attending the Master Gardener Tour and would like some company -contact Carol 799-6282.*

*OR*

*- I think they are still looking for volunteers. Volunteer for half of Saturday and get to attend a free tour and pot luck on Sunday. Call Carol or Sue 799-1970 if you can volunteer.*

