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Coming This Month :

As much as we lament the fact, I'm afraid that summer is a thing of the past and the autumn months are here to stay! Our gardens are in need of some tidying up and our pots are looking a little tired! I don't know about you, but I am ready for something new.

On Monday Sept 15th, Victoria Whitney from Griffins Greenhouses in Lakefield is going to tell us how to do this! Join us to watch Vikki work her magic while producing an autumn pot that will give you a fresh new "POW" at your front door. Vikki is always entertaining and full of wonderful information and tips. This is a **do not miss** meeting!

September is also a time to share some of your plants with fellow gardeners. So divide a nice hosta; pot up a piece of a favourite Phlox; or share a piece of something entirely new! We all love to bring home a new plant! Please label with as much information as possible and only bring one or two of your favourite plants. Weather permitting, the plant sale will be at the front door from 7 to 7:30.

Our monthly competition is "A Thanksgiving Centrepiece". So let your imagination run free and bring in an entry.

The photo competition this month is "An Old Fence".

September is Garden Award Night as well. The winners of our many garden trophies will be announced and any award money won to date will be distributed.

Our September meeting promises to be another fun filled evening with fun, fellowship, laughter, awards, new plants to purchase, and a great speaker thrown in! Come on out and join the fun. Don't forget to bring a friend! (...and some money to purchase plants!)



Also Happening...

There are often many exciting things happening at neighbouring garden groups as well. We try to let you know about them and if you would like to attend any of these evenings, contact Carol (705-799-6282) or Heather and we will arrange car pooling.

Monday Sept 22nd - Fenelon Falls celebrates their 95th Anniversary. Their speaker is Marjory Mason talking about gardens around the world. The cost is \$5. Please let us know if you would like to attend so that we can reserve a ticket for you.

District 4 Fall Seminar:

On Sat Oct 25th, delegates from all over our District meet for a day of fun and information. Lakefield members are hosting this day and they have many surprises planned. The theme is 'Autumn Leaves'. We already have several members attending and we would love to have you join us. The cost is \$20 and this covers your lunch, the speaker and rental expenses. The speaker is Peter Green from 'The Greenhouse on the River.' (we visited them on site in 2013) Peter's topic is 'How to Keep Colour in Your Garden in the Fall' For more information, contact Heather or Barb.

Please take note!

November 17th is our AGM. At this time your 2015 Board will be elected. If you wish to put your name forward for any of the positions, please let Carol or Heather know. We welcome all new members. Being on the executive or acting as a Director is not only a learning experience, it is also a lot of fun! Please consider joining. You don't have to have any experience. If you are shy, just ask someone else to nominate you! LOL

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

-Henry Beard



Our Juniors in Action!

The Spring Report

The Junior Butterfly Garden



This garden is located at the Foodland Store in Omemee. It came about because of a special grant of money given by District 4 to be used in a gardening project involving Omemee's Junior Gardeners. And thus evolved this wonderful learning experience. A special thank you to the District 4 Board for providing this grant.

How it All Began:

We spoke with the Manager, Max Foster to see if we could move a large planter, 5' by 6', from the back of the parking lot to the front of the store. He thought it was a great idea.

On June 5th, Casey and Keegan McGregor helped empty the planter, move it to its new location and then refill it.

On June 11th, seven boys and girls came with gloves and trowels to plant a variety of plants which would attract butterflies. As they were planning and planting, a reporter drove by and stopped to take a picture, which then appeared in the Peterborough Examiner paper the following day! The children not only got to learn and plant but they also got their picture in the paper. What fun!

The Fall Report

The Junior Butterfly Garden outside the Foodland Store has surely outdone itself! The perennials have been wonderful and the zinnias have burst open with magnificent colour. Next year we will have a permanent sign and the children will look for the perennials and plant the annuals again.

The August Flower Show

The flower show was a great success. We (Linda Jenkins and Heather Grassie - leaders) visited 13 gardens in seven locations -ranging from farms to condos. In spite of the weather and critters, there were 102 entries from 14 children.

Trophies were presented to:

Angus Teefy - 1st Year Garden C
Cecelia Darling - Best Garden C
Releigh Darling - Best Garden D
Cecelia Darling - Most Points in Show C
Trevor Kennedy - Most Points in Show D
Taylor Drake - Unusual Garden

Judge's Choice - Cavelle Lefter A
- Jace Byrne B
- Jocelyn Kennedy C
- Trevor Dennedy D
Best In Show - Casey McGregor D

We would like to thank the children, parents and volunteers for a great show!

The next Junior Garden meeting will be on Sat Oct. 18th at Trinity United Church from 1:30 to 3:30. Adult volunteer helpers are needed as well.

**Submitted by the Junior Garden Group Leaders - Linda Jenkins and Heather Grassie.*

A huge thank you to Heather, Linda, and the volunteers that help them, for working with and encouraging the gardeners of tomorrow. Editor

The August Show for the Adults:

According to organizer Christa Marton, the 2014 Show, (although smaller in entries) was a great display, quality wise. There were 21 participants with 202 entries.

It was nice to see some of our newer members picking up more ribbons and awards. Congrats to those people as well as all who went to the effort of entering and making it a good show.

Christa also thanks the volunteers who helped with the set up and Barb thanks all who brought snacks!

Some of the Awards were as follows:

Best in Show Specimen: Kim Gunn for Phlox
Best in Show Vegetable: Renee Cowels for Peppers
Best in Show Design: Donna Hunter for "Newfoundland Joins Canada" design
Judge's Choice: Heather Grassie for a Patio Pot and Brenda Latulippe for a perennial over 15"



Things Arising from our September Board Meeting:

- the District 'News 4 You' was forwarded to you by Donna via e-mail - it is interesting to see what other societies are doing
- the Provincial newsletter 'The Trillium' was also forwarded to you by Donna (it is also available on the gardenontario.com website)
- 'Snapt' newspaper for September featured photos and a short write up about our Garden tour- check it out
- we received a generous cheque from the City of Kawartha Lakes to help with our Anniversary Celebration in June, and our lovely iron tree
- Annual reports are due to Sue by the Nov exec meeting
- a new Community Newsletter is being launched on Sept 15th. We hope to be able to send it out to you via e-mail
- if you have any volunteer hours to report, please see Carol Mitchell
- two new Limelight Hydrangea Standards have been purchased - one for the Coronation Hall and one for the Park bed. The one at the Coronation Hall is being paid for and dedicated to the memory of Life Member Ruth Bailey

A New Award for 2014

A unique award will be presented at the October Pot Luck this year. The idea came about when Director Rose Odell made a memorial donation and asked that it be put toward a "fun award". The new award will be in memory of Life Member Ruth Bailey. It will be called "The Fun and Gardening Award" and will be presented to someone that demonstrates camaraderie, friendship qualities, or humour at meetings. As you may remember, Ruth enjoyed the fun of all our social events and she always had a great sense of humour. She would have been a good candidate for this award! :)

Our Green Team Update:

The members of the Green Team have been active this year. The team was smaller in number than we would have liked so maybe you could consider helping out a few times next summer. All help is appreciated and the members have fun doing it. Thank you to those members that did volunteer their time. It was appreciated.

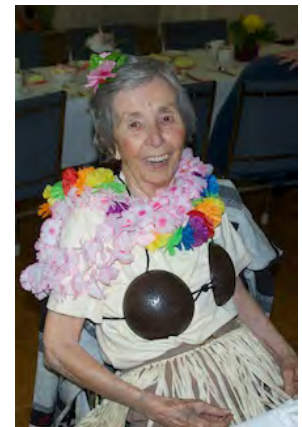
Under the leadership of Joanne Windrem with assistants, Joan Harding and Heather Grassie, the gardens were kept neat and beautiful. The abundant rains eliminated having to water and this helped the gardens and the planters. Having Dragon Begonias instead of Geraniums, meant less dead heading! A bonus!

In mid August, they had a trimming party and all the trees and shrubs got a good pruning.

If you haven't seen the gardens lately - please do so and then tell Joanne how lovely they look!

Remembering a Gardening Friend

Ruth Bailey: Life Member and friend, passed away peacefully on Aug 14th, 2014. Even at the age of 92, Ruth attended special Horticultural events whenever possible. Here she is dressed in her Hawaiian theme costume at the June Celebration. She also attended the plant sale, the spring flower show and the 75th Anniversary Presentation of the Iron Tree. In her younger years, Ruth was an avid gardener and at one time raised flowers for commercial sale for Decoration. In her later years she kept Carol company when weeding. Ruth will be remembered for her sense of humour, the twinkle in her eye and her belief in the importance of friendship.



Remembering Our August Meeting

Following the success of the July meeting, Sue Lajeunesse, once again organized a group of our own Master Gardeners as speakers at the August Annual Flower and Vegetable Show.

All the guest speakers had knowledgeable, thought provoking and very humorous presentations.

Joan Harding presented a lot of unusual information about some old and new ideas about composting.

Joanne Windrem talked about the “how to method” of Lasagne gardening.

Norma Evans shared her success with growing the vegetables: spinach, golden beets, carrots and sweet potatoes in a raised bed of 14 inches.

Gary Westlake introduced us to a new idea of “Hugelkultur”. He created a berm by covering a wood pile with soil to experiment growing some plants in a new method.

Dianne Westlake showed us her favourite Gardening tool. It is a Lee Valley Japanese Hori Hori Knife. Many gardeners love to work with this very handy tool.

Sue Lajeunesse wrapped up the evening with her presentation of some very handy garden hints. She showed us several good tips including a shovel on which she had marked some measurements on the handle; recommended a book called “The Well Tended Perennial Garden” by Tracy DiSabato- Aust; and told us a quick way to dry herbs is to put them in a hot car.

It was another wonderful meeting!

Submitted by Heather Grassie



Our October Meeting & Pot Luck

Our next meeting will be held on October 20th at Christ Church Anglican (*note different location). This is a very full meeting! We have to fit in time for socializing, good food, special awards, and an amazing speaker! How will we ever make it all fit!!

Because it is our 75th Anniversary we will have some special guests as well. Please make them feel welcome.

Because of all the extra happenings, we are going to start a few minutes earlier than in the past. For those of you who work and are pressed for time - never fear, come when you can and you KNOW that there will still be lots of food! We need time for the slow food lines!! If we know that you are coming and may be late, we will even save a seat with your name on it. Just let us know!

Times: Social: 5:30 Dinner: 6:00 (some will get to start with dessert again!) Awards: 7:00, Speaker 7:45

This year our speaker is Past President of the OHA, James Graham. He is a humorous and dynamic speaker so be sure not to miss him. Remember, spouses, and friends are welcome.



The Flowers in the bed in the LCBO parking lot.

My husband said that if I buy more plant he will leave me!

Darn! I'm going to miss that man.

