

Omeme & District Horticultural Society



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Those hazy crazy days of summer have moved on and left us the beautiful autumn leaves and some glorious Indian Summer weather intermixed with bouts of frosty nights. It is always sad to see the gardens come to an end but fall also brings lots of new adventures! Read what is happening and mark your calendars so that you won't miss anything!

Coming This Month :

This coming Monday is our October Fall Pot Luck! It is packed full of great food, special awards, and a **not to be missed speaker!** All this is intermixed with friendship and laughter. This also means that we are drawing close the end of our 75th Anniversary Celebrations. It has been a fun filled year with lots of exciting memories! So don't miss our end of year pot luck. Details below and also on the poster sent by Donna by email on Thursday. **Please note the different location!**

Date: October 20th

Location: Christ Church Anglican (south side of Hwy 7, just east of the village bridge)

Time: Social 5:30 **Dinner:** 6:00 **Presentations:** 7:00

Speaker: approx - 8:00

Please bring a plate, mug & cutlery.

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.



See
you on
Monday!

Remember,
spouses, and
friends are welcome.

Remember that we are inviting several special guests. When preparing your favourite food dish, try to make it extra generous in size. Yummm!

Next Month... On November 17th

Our Final Meeting for 2014

We have had a wonderful year, filled with amazing speakers! They certainly have been the oldies (in experience!) and the goodies (lots of fun!). Our final meeting is no exception. Back by popular demand ... Hazel Cook - and possibly Joe will add his expertise and humour as well. LOL

Joe and Hazel made their debut in the "Speaker Arena" in Omeme in Feb 2003. They spoke on the topic of "Growing at Blossom Hill - mainly in the area of Delphinium. They have come a long way in gardening experience, and their plants are now known throughout North America, as shown by their collection of Show Ribbons!

So next month, we welcome Hazel and Joe, with "Blossom Hill Then and Now". This will be an exciting night, adding a very fitting conclusion to our Anniversary Year. Don't miss it!

Also that night :

- Our Annual General Meeting with the election and the induction of our 2015 Board.
- The Presentation of our 2014 Photography Award Trophy.
- Our Annual Photography Show (and the start of the points accumulated for next year's trophy)

More information on these happenings
on the
following pages



Greetings from the Pres.....



Our beautiful Canadian Fall season is a bustling one, bringing a kaleidoscope of colour and beauty. With all the festivals and tours and celebrations of the season gardeners are juggling their schedules to find time to play and get the outside chores done. It is a perfect time to split, divide and share enormous clumps of perennials while we still remember their size and colour. Please think of the Omeme May Plant Sale when you have extras to share.

As we put away our planters, tuck away our garden ornaments, and fill our pantries and freezers we are thankful that we are truly blessed with the abundance of the harvest.

Now it is Thanksgiving and we are grateful in this season of abundance to share with family, friends and neighbours. Come and celebrate the special event for the Omeme Hort.'s 75th Anniversary at the Oct.20th Potluck and meeting at Christ Church Anglican 5:30pm Social and 6:00 pm Dinner. A little childhood song keeps running through my memory at this time of year called:

NOVEMBER TWILIGHT

*Frost's in the air, now; All the trees are bare now;
Gray shadows creep; Cold breezes blow;
Daylight is dying; Withered leaves are flying;
Soon they will sleep under the snow.*

Election of 2015 Officers

At our November Annual General Meeting, we will be holding an election for the 2015 Board. A slate of officers will be presented and nominations will be taken from the floor. If you are interested in serving on the 2014 Board, or know of someone you would like to nominate, please contact Carol Mitchell 705-799-6282

Our 2014 Photography Show:

On page 13 of our yearbook, you will find the list of categories for our November Show. You will also find the Photography rules. Please read them and try your hand at entering. It has been wonderful to see so many new exhibitors in our monthly competitions. Let's make this the best show yet. **NB Tagged exhibits must be placed between 6:30 and 7:00 pm (Judging begins at 7)

1. "Up Close & Personal" macro photo close up
2. "Play Misty for Me" your interpretation
3. "Reflection"
4. Photographers Choice
5. "Rocks": series of 4 photos

Also check out the list of categories for 2015 and plan to take some appropriate photos - especially "Cold Season Beauty" a series of 4 photos - Unfortunately that season will soon be upon us!

Our Design Category:

"Christmas" an arrangement/wreath/swag etc using mainly natural materials. Decorations, ribbons & candles are allowed. So start your decorating early!

Out and About.....

Fenelon's 95th Anniversary: nine of Omeme's members helped Fenelon Hort celebrate their anniversary. Marjory Mason entertained with her talk on gardens around the world. Cake and refreshments rounded off the night.

Coboconk's 30th Anniversary: Carol and Heather attended this celebration. Another anniversary cake was enjoyed by all.



Another Road Trip:

On September 25th, several cars full of “gardeners on a mission” headed off to John’s Perennials. There were lots of bargains at great prices! Once again, it was a competition to see how many plants we could squeeze into the vehicles?! The shopping trip was followed by a wonderful lunch and lots of socializing at the Tin Mill in Uxbridge. Twenty two people sure can make a lot of excited noise when put into one room! (Photo on Pg 4)

Our Junior Gardeners:

Our Juniors are having their fall activity day on Sat Oct 18th from 1:30 to 3:30 at Trinity Church. They will be participating in Fall & Nature like crafts while learning about fall gardening. One project is to have them collect bean seeds from dried pods to take home for planting next spring. The children will also be meeting at Foodland to learn how to clean up their butterfly garden ready for winter. They will pull the annuals and learn how to cut back the perennials. A huge thank you to Linda Jenkins for planning all the crafts and also to Heather and their faithful volunteers who provide this wonderful program for our youth.

Going to Pot Again.....

(Plants in Pots That is...)

It’s that time again and our members have once again been busy dividing their gardens and potting up the extra plants for our spring 2015 plant sale. Like anything else, it is always more fun when there is a whole group. So, for the past two Tuesdays, willing volunteers have met at Carol Mitchell’s for a pot(ting) party. Everyone brought their extra plants and the fun began! There were approximately 10 volunteers each time and the work times were fun. We even got to share some plants. We now have several hundred (maybe even as many as 300) plants all lined up in Carol’s yard, ready to be moved to their winter homes. (Unfortunately they weren’t all lined up nicely so Heather couldn’t count them!!! We had to guess! For shame! LOL)

Now we need your help. We need volunteers to winter over some of these pots. See the next page for details.



Wanted: winter homes for potted plants. You take the pots, and either trench them into your vegetable garden or place them in a sheltered spot, preferably out of the heavy winter winds and bury them under leaves and/or straw. When the warm weather returns next spring we will remind you to take them out and put them in a nice warm spot so that they will start to grow, ready for our sale. If you can help us out by taking some of these pots, please contact Carol Mitchell or Heather



Lots and lots of pots!

The Green Team in Action

I have mixed feelings this time of year with winter fast approaching. When I see the beautiful annuals that the garden committee has cared for all season touched by frost and in need of removal, it makes me sad. But in the next breath I breathe a sigh of relief. Much like the gardens that are ready for a rest, so are the members of the garden committee. The garden committee has done some preliminary work on both the Beach bed and the Marina/boat launch bed in anticipation of future renovations. The plants that were removed from these beds have been divided and potted for our 2015 plant sale. Great fun was had at the Garden Pot Party as we potted up hundreds of plants.

The gardens have looked spectacular all seasons due to generous rainfall and the work of the garden volunteers. We will be doing our **Fall Clean Up** over the next few Thursday mornings starting Oct 16th at 9:30. Please check your e-mail for the location where we will meet and please come out and give us some time to get flowerbeds cleaned up and ready for winter.



Joanne Windrem, Chair

Award Time!

At our September meeting, Heather presented the gardening trophies for the 2014 season.

[Burke Memorial](#) (most overall points in all shows)

Joanne Windrem

[Moyer Memorial](#) (most points in August show)

Norma Evans

[Weir Award](#) (most vegetable points in Aug show)

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[Sadler Award](#) (best vegetable in Aug show)

Renee Cowell

[Sanderson Award](#) (most points in May/June shows)

Carol Mitchell

[Male Gardener of the Year](#)

Aron Muscutt

[Dora Atwell Award](#) (best specimen in Aug show)

Kim Gunn

[Mabel Hill Award](#) (best design in Aug show)

Donna Hunter

Christa Marton handed out 27 envelopes containing cash prizes from all of the competitions during 2014.

[Congratulations to all of the exhibitors!](#)

District 4 Fall Seminar

This year's District 4 Fall Seminar will be held on Sat. Oct. 25th, hosted by the Lakefield Horticultural Society. It runs from 9 - 3. The cost is \$20 which includes lunch and a presentation by Peter Green, from Greenhouse on the River. If you would like to join us for this fun filled day, please contact Heather.



A day trip to John's Perennials in Uxbridge.

It's Winter Planter Time!

Wanted: Greenery for Planters

and/or Decorative Plant Material



If you have a source of cedar, pine or other greenery, that is accessible with a vehicle & trailer, please contact Donna Hunter 705-799-6656.

If you have, or can collect Sumac, Hydrangea, galls (on Goldenrod stems), empty Milkweed pods, red or yellow Dogwood branches, or Twisted Willow, ahead of time, please do so any time now. Contact Donna Hunter or anyone on the executive and we will arrange to pick up materials if necessary.

On Oct 24th at 10 a.m. we are looking for volunteers to help cut cedar. If you can help with this project, please contact Donna (6656)

Tribute to Gerald McGregor



A tribute to celebrate the career of Gerald McGregor will be held on Sunday October 19th, from 2pm - 5pm. There will be personal tributes at 3pm, anyone wishing to

say a few words in his honor is welcome to do so. Refreshments will be provided. All are invited to attend.

For further information please contact Chris at 705-799-0237.

Chris Miller, Organizing Chair

Please try to attend this special drop-in tribute. Gerald has been very supportive of our Horticultural Society and our many projects. He has also been instrumental in helping us procure the necessary money to make our gardens as beautiful as they are. Let's show our thanks in this small way. Editor Carol