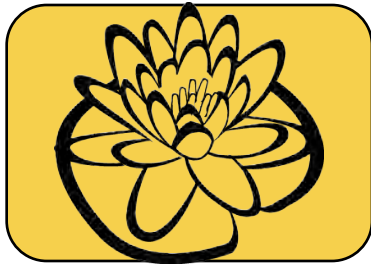


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Words From Your President



"Mother Nature: I guess we will never be satisfied and you will always be the main topic of our conversation. That makes us truly Canadian from coast to coast to coast!"

May arrives bringing many celebrations of birthdays, anniversaries, showers, family gatherings, barbecues, and cottage openings as well as the BUSY GARDENING season!

Our annual Plant Sale has a new date this year, Sat. May 16th, of the LONG WEEKEND. Under the Superb leadership of **Barbara Morrison**, the changes for Plant Sale have been well organized and the advertising is everywhere. After such a cold winter, and such a reluctant spring, you will be amazed to see such healthy and desirable plants ready for your gardens. Do plan to help on the Friday and shop till you drop on the Saturday! Tell your family and friends!

The road trip on Monday, May 18, 2015, will take us to Tour the **Millennium Park** in Peterborough. Look for the details of this event, further on in the Newsletter. **Cathy Dueck** is directing this tour and she is so knowledgeable and passionate about her topics she will have you so inspired "to think outside the box" with your approach to gardening! A bonus for Omeme Hort. Soc. is to also visit the **Butterfly Garden** established in 1998. Here, **Linda Jenkins** (our Youth Leader) and her husband **Richard Jenkins** have volunteered their time faithfully for the last 10 years. Do plan to join us.

Heather Grassie, President

Free: Large Pots - various sizes (10, 12 & 14 inch) See Cathy Sheehy or contact Heather Grassie and she will connect you with Cathy.

Below: See what you could do with some of these pots!

Growing Potatoes In A Pot

Last year some of the Jr. Garden Club children planted seed potatoes in large pots.

A small amount of soil was put into a large pot.

As the potatoes grew, more soil was added to the pot around the potato plant.

As they grew again more soil was added.

This method of planting would be like hilling the potatoes in the ground.

Check this out on the net.



Important Plant Sale Information

Memo to: All members of the Omemee Hort Society

Regarding: Upcoming Plant Sale

When? Saturday, May 16, 2015

8:30 to 11ish (or when plants are gone!!)

Why? Our biggest fundraiser of the year!!!

What? We need lots of plants!!!

- Plants grown from slips, cuttings etc.
- Vegetables and fruit plants sell well
- Divide perennials (it's good for them) and pot up now. Use 6" pots please (altho', if you need a bigger pot – go for it!)
- Ask your neighbors if they have plants to donate.
- Attend one of our "pot parties."

What else?

We have pots available, as well as potting stations.

- Make sure your plants are labelled when you bring them in. We will make computer labels for each plant, but we need to know what they are!!!
- Best time to deliver your plants is on Friday, May 15, between 9 am and 1pm (the earlier the better, tho'!) FYI – after the plants are delivered, we ensure the pots are clean, sort them, label them, put them on the proper table, then price them. Whew – lots of work to do after they are delivered!!! If necessary, they can be brought in on Thursday night around 7pm. Call Barb (or text) 930-0195 if you need to make alternate arrangements.
- If you have plants but no way to deliver them, call Barb.



What else?

Volunteer to help!

- Many of you have already indicated on the signup sheet when you can help. We can use all the volunteers we can get – please call Barb if we have missed you.

Come out and join the fun! It really is a great social event and, of course, there are usually great snacks.

Feel free to contact me anytime before the plant sale – together we will make this fundraising event another success!!! Barb Morrison, Plant Sale Chair: cell 705 930-0195, home 705 745-8738 or email lakehouse54@bell.net

Our Junior Gardeners In Action!

The Omemee Junior Gardeners gathered at Coronation Hall on Saturday May 9th, for their first meeting of 2015. Youth leaders Linda Jenkins and Heather Grassie lead 26 children, 10 boys and 16 girls, through an action packed afternoon of crafts, plants and learning.



With the help of volunteer parents/grandparents and hort members, juniors, ranging from preschool age to teens, rotated through centres where they learned how to plant seeds, create their own seed tapes, transplant ornamental plants and make a variety of garden inspired crafts. The most resoundingly popular of these was an insect glove puppet that, once made, had the juniors flying and buzzing after each other, while they waited for parents to return.

In addition to the centres, our juniors were given projects to work on at home, including the planting of a variety of flower and vegetable seeds. They were also given information on insect identification and safe pest management techniques.

All-in-all it was a fun-filled afternoon, brimming with information for juniors and parents alike. Linda and Heather did a fantastic job of planning and organizing our first Junior Gardeners event.

Jenn Rutledge, Committee Helper

News From the Green Team!

Due to the busy schedule relating to the plant sale, all village garden work has been put on hold until after the long weekend. Beginning the week of May 19th, emails will send you information about planting the village planters and cleaning up and then planting the village gardens. Please try to help out whenever possible. Together we will keep the village looking amazing!



For Our Next General Meeting - May 18th We're On the Road Again !

Each Spring we take one meeting off site. We try to visit a local green house, or garden related business or event. This year we have a unique evening planned for you! Thank you to Sue Lajuensee for organizing this evening.



Car Pool -It's Fun!

Here is What is Happening!

Monday May 18 - On-Site Tour of Peterborough Millennium Park with Cathy Dueck who will give us some insight into the history of the park including tree and plant varieties.

Cathy now works for the City of Peterborough's Parks and Forestry Division. Cathy is the founder of Ecology Park, which she directed for more than 20 years. She is a graduate of Trent University in Environmental Science with a passion for sharing her knowledge, whether teaching at Trent or speaking to local societies.



Instructions for the Evening

We will leave Trinity Church at 5:45 pm, carpooling to downtown Peterborough.

Tour of Millennium Park to begin at 7:00 pm.

Directions if you are meeting us there -

Millennium Park is located at Water and King Streets. There is a fee for parking at that location. I suggest you take Charlotte Street past Water Street and park in the downtown mall shopping parkade on the left. Parking is free after 6 pm. Walk out onto the trail and go right. Watch for the fountain. We will meet there.

Snacks will be available **but we ask that you bring your own water bottle.**

Any questions, call Sue 705-799-1970.

Re: Our July 20th General Meeting

Again this year we will have our members doing demos of Garden Art/Gifts for and from the Garden.

If you are interested in sharing any projects you may have done from canning to fairy gardens, we would love to have you. Please call Sue at 705-799-1970.





The Master Gardener Corner

May's GARDENING THOUGHTS

Joan Harding MG

With all the sunshine we have been having, folks are tempted to plant too early during the month of May. Sometimes they win, sometimes Jack Frost does ! While waiting for Mother Nature to insure us that Spring is finally here, there are a few other garden tasks that can be completed.

Harden off seedlings bit by bit outside. Tender summer-flowering bulbs such as dahlias, glads, and cannas can be planted now. Wait until at least the last week of May to transplant tender annual flowers and vegetables.

Tulips and daffodils can be deadheaded. Be sure to leave the foliage on and let it die back naturally as it nourishes the bulb for next year's growth. This is a good time to take pictures and notes of your bulb plantings so you can make changes in the garden if required later in the year.

Peonies can be caged while clematis and other vines, shrubs and trees can be staked and tied as required.

Weed gardens and apply mulch. Lawns can be top-dressed and weeds can be hand dug.

While enjoying all the blooms on the flowering trees and shrubs, check them for tent caterpillars and other insects.

Take a break and stroll through the garden centres and enjoy all the beauty! The month of June will soon let you plant to your heart's delight!

