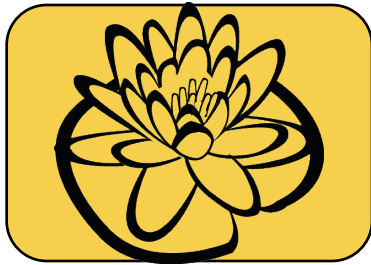


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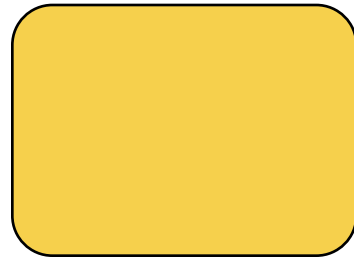


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It's hard to believe that it is June. In this month alone, we have had some very hot humid days, and on the other extreme - a touch of frost in some areas! We have also experienced very strong "March Winds", and many inches of "April Showers". Our poor gardens don't know what to expect next! However, it is now June and our meeting on Monday night will highlight our "**June Flowers**". So check the categories -found in your yearbook and also a printable page can be found in the yearbook posted on our website



June has been a very busy month for everyone on your executive! As a result, this newsletter is going to take the format of ANNOUNCEMENTS. Hopefully this will give you the information you need in the quickest way possible.

June 15th Meeting

This is our Regular June meeting including our Spring Show: There are 39 categories of flowers, veggies, and photographs listed in the year book on pages 12-14. Look them over and try to choose one or two (or more) that you can enter. More participation makes a better show!

Also at this show, you will meet a uniquely talented artist, who is living in our area, and hopefully this couple will become members of our gardening group. Shea McFayden introduced herself at our plant sale and she told Heather about her husband Sean's talent - **Rock Balancing**. Now if you have ever tried to make anything with rocks, (let alone make them stand on their edge) you know this is not an easy task - yet Sean does amazing things with rocks! If you are a Facebook user, you can see some of his work at the following link. <https://www.facebook.com/SeanShaesRockGallery?fref=ts> Sean is going to set up some of his work at the curling club and hopefully he will be able to tell us about it and maybe answer some questions during the meeting section. So don't miss this meeting! Maybe you will learn how to make something unique for your garden!

Our May 18th Meeting

Those that joined us for the tour of the Millennium Park last meeting. Had a wonderful time and learned some fascinating facts. Cathy Dueck was as wonderful as ever and everyone came away having learned at least one new thing. As part of this tour we visited the Children's Garden that Linda and Richard Jenkins (Omeme members) care for. If you ever have plants that you don't know what to do with, Linda will take them for that garden and give them a good home! So if you are looking for an interesting walk on a summer day or evening - check out the Millennium Park.

Some photos on pg 4



Our July 20th Meeting

Our gardening group doesn't stop for the summer months. On July 20th we will once again be meeting at the Curling Club for an interesting evening of demonstrations: **Garden Art/Gifts for and from the Garden.** This evening is done totally by our own talented members. Stay tuned for more information.

Plant Sale Wrap-up

Our plant sale for 2015 is now over, and what a sale it was!!! At 8:30 am (when the doors opened) there were approximately 100 shoppers waiting in line!!! The plants were absolutely beautiful - the perennials were strong and large, and the geraniums and plants of the year were absolutely stunning. We also had a huge variety of herbs, houseplants and tomato plants (heritage – lots of them!!) for our shoppers to choose from. Once again, we had lots of hostas (many were named, as usual) and our “specials” table was full of exciting, different plants.

Once again we raffled off a lovely planter, which contained plants of the year. The winner this year was from Kirkfield - one phone call, and she was on her way back to pick up her prize!



Members of our Omeme Horticultural Club are magnificent in volunteering their time and plants, thus making this sale work. As chairperson of the sale committee, I would like to thank each and every one for their contribution in helping to make this sale a success.

And a special thanks to all of the spouses who were there both for support and to help - it takes everyone to make such a great event.

Let's all give ourselves a good pat on the back for another successful plant sale.

Barb Morrison

A huge thank you to Barb for her guidance in this very successful fund raiser. If you happen to be in a store that carries the “snapd” newspaper - pick up a copy of the June edition. It features our plant sale on the front page (above the fold) and also on page 4. Have to love the photo of our men at work! :) However, we all know that they did amazing things before and after that break!

Bobcaygeon Garden Tour

Sat. July 11th. \$15 You can get a ticket from Heather. This tour is always a very full and enjoyable day! You will see some amazing gardens. Grab a friend and make a day of it.

Pollinators: Bobcaygeon is also hosting a wonderful speaker on Thurs June 18th. Susan Chan is speaking on our pollinators. Knox Presbyterian Church. 7:00 Some of our members have heard this talk and say that it is very worthwhile.



Our Green Team In Action

For the past couple of weeks, the village gardeners have been busy cleaning up the gardens. Now they are planting them with their summer colour. A huge thank you to Joanne Windrem who is heading this up in spite of her moving in a very few weeks! You are truly amazing Joanne! Thank you to you and all your helpers.

Village Planters: We would be remiss if we didn't also thank the good elves and fairies who planted all the main street planters! As it turns out - this work was done totally by Darlene Hunter and her wonderful husband, Ken. Ken also puts up and then magically removes our plant sale signs! A huge thank you to both of you.

Bulb Fund Raiser:

Gaynor has now collected all the orders and they have been sent off. We can expect the packages of bulbs in the fall. Thanks Gaynor, for organizing this project.

District 4 June Celebration & Awards:

Those who attended this event, had a wonderful meal and a great time of fellowship with fellow gardeners. Dianne Westlake (who is a member of Omemee -among other groups) is now our District Director. Congrats Dianne.and our esteemed President Heather Grassie was presented with her 25 year pin. WOW! (She says she started when she was 10!) That is an amazing accomplishment Heather. (both the early start & the pin!) Congratulations!

Ongoing Projects:

As you know ... we always seem to have something on the go. This time it is the village beds. The huge shrubs have been removed from the curling club bed and the Green Team have planted it up with grasses, other perennials and annuals.

The Marina Bed and the Park Beds are currently undergoing renovation as well. The beds are receiving a new base of Amour Stone, followed by fresh soil and then the Green Team will plant them up with all the new perennials that were purchased on our last bus trip. Check them out the next time you are in the village.

Ontario Horticultural Society Convention: is quickly approaching. Omemee is sending 5 delegates to this event.

Northumberland MG bus trip to Niagara area: a very good time was had by all 8 Omemee members who attended. I understand that a few trunk loads of plants followed them home!

Garden Week Ontario: June 13th-21st - This is a way to highlight and publicize the great work done by the Hort members across Ont. Check out the gardenontario.org website to see what is happening that week.



Ontario Volunteer Awards

Each year, as a thank you, the Ontario Government awards up to 6 members of our Gardening Group, a special pin, representing the number of continued years of Volunteer Service to the Omeme Community. This year, the following members were honoured: Heather Grassie (25 yrs). Linda Jenkins, (20), Norma Evans (20) Diane Webber (15) Barb Morrison (10) & Audrey Wristen (5) Congratulations Ladies, and thank you for your years of service to our community.



Our May Meeting with Cathy Dueck



Barb & Suzanne



**An overview of the
Plant Sale**

