



Omeme Blooms Garden



Issue #2
March 2016

President: Carol Mitchell
705-799-6282
carol@aflowergeek.com

<http://www.omemeblooms.ca>
omeme@gardenontario.com

Secretary: Barb Morrison
705-745-8738
lakehouse@eastlink.ca



March 21st: Growing Unusual Veggies: Sweet Potatoes, Garlic etc

Don't miss this meeting! Paula Anderson is back - with all of her enthusiasm and exciting information.

Paula Anderson runs a 2 acre market garden chock-a-block full of organic vegetables. The vegetables are sold at the Peterborough Downtown Farmers Market and to By the Bushel Community Food Cooperative in Peterborough where people can access weekly and

monthly baskets of fresh local food produce and other farm products. Paula is working on her PhD focusing on Indigenous Food Systems and Food Sovereignty and also teaches in Trent University's Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Program.

By the time Paula is finished, you won't be able to wait to get into your garden and plant something unusual! Come out and join us and be sure to bring a friend or two!

March Madness!!!

It's St Paddy's Day again. So pull out your green and let's celebrate the season! You never know what might happen when those mischievous little leprechauns begin to celebrate. So get into the spirit! Wear something green! And don't forget your lug-a-mug. Be sure to get your lucky draw ticket when you enter!



Snacks! Snacks! Snacks!

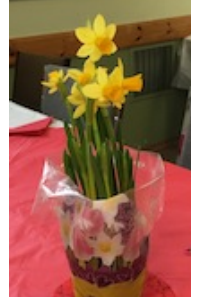


Everyone enjoys our social time from 7:00 to 7:30 and our members make such wonderful treats. So please try to help out. Barb Muscutt will be passing around a sign up sheet. You can either choose a definite month or add your name to the "contact me later" list and she will phone you closer to a date when help is needed. Please try to help. Omeme is known for their friendship and SNACKS!



Reporting on our February Feb. 20th Pot Luck

Once again our Saturday afternoon lunch/meeting was a huge success. This year Mother Nature co-operated and the weather was mild with little to no snow. A huge difference from last February! 36 members joined together in the lower hall of Trinity United Church. The room was decorated in a cheery red and white with 18 pots of beautiful spring mini daffodils decorating the tables. A social time began at 11:30 with the meal at 12:00. Following the Blessing, given by Rev Paul Grassie, everyone dug in. Half of the room started with main course, while the other half began at the dessert table! What fun was had. Once again, the whole meal was amazing! Following the delicious lunch, the tables were cleared and everyone was eager to listen to our speakers of the day, Marg and Bob Burley from Burley's Gardens in Peterborough. The Burley's brought an assortment of tropical houseplants. They shared the secrets of how to grow these beauties successfully in our homes and answered an assortment of houseplant questions. The Burley's also invited our group to visit their gardens and to see Marg's beautiful orchid collection sometime over the summer. *Do I hear a hint about a possible day trip this summer???* :)



The business part of the meeting consisted of a series of announcements and reminders. President Carol reminded everyone that more details about each of these announcements is found in the newsletter each month.

We are now officially : "Omeme Blooms Garden Club"

An important part of the meeting was having our membership agree to our name change. President Carol explained the history and reasons for a more informal name, (as listed in the February newsletter.) Moved by Norma Evans, seconded by Marie Doyle, that the Omeme and District Horticultural Society re-brand their name to a more user friendly version - "Omeme Blooms Garden Club." The official and legal name will continue to be "The Omeme and District Horticultural Society." Carol called for further discussion and hearing none, a vote was called. The result was unanimous approval of the motion by the paid up voting eligible members. The motion was carried. None opposed.

The meeting ended with draws for the daffodil centrepieces and some garden related items. The plant of the month, a streptocarpus, was won by Barb Morrison. The Burley's also kindly donated some items for the draw. The meeting adjourned at 3:15. A huge thank you to my February Pot Luck Committee and to all others who pitched in for setup, clean up or helped in any way.

This report submitted by Carol Mitchell, Committee Chair



It's Almost Peterborough Show Time!

www.peterboroughgardenshow.com provides the details of the "For the Love of Gardening" 2016 Peterborough Garden Show which is fast approaching! - April 8th to 10th at the Evinrude Centre. This is the 16th Garden Show! Mark your calendars now!



Advance tickets & rack cards are available at our meetings. \$8 for a full day of fun, shopping & learning! \$12 for a full weekend pass. Buy now and avoid standing in line, with your own special entrance. Volunteer to help and you will get free admission. Avoid parking hassles. Take the shuttle bus from the Kinsmen Centre which runs every 15 minutes. Advance tickets are available at our March meeting or from Joan Harding 799- 5378 or Heather Grassie.

At the District 4 Level:

Spring Get Together Mar 12th: Our District 4 OHA met in Peterborough this past weekend for some fun and information. Omeme was represented by four members of our garden club. This Spring Get Together is a chance for members of all the societies in our District to get together to share the wonderful ideas that are happening in their grass roots society. Our 2016 goal: Updating our Constitutions.



The District 4 Annual General Meeting : Saturday April 2nd

Help needed: Omeme and Ennismore are co-hosting the 2016 District AGM. (approx 100 guests) this year. We need your help!



1. Volunteers - to set up, greet, clean up
2. Baking: Finger Square Desserts
3. Baking: Muffins, tea biscuits, scones, loaves (for the morning snack)

If you can help out in any of these areas, please phone Heather, Carol, or Barb Morrison (numbers on Pg 1 header) Heather:328-0342 A sign up sheet will be circulated.

In Memoriam

It is with much sadness that I pass on the news that John Sellers passed away early this month. John was a member of District 4 and had a membership in several of our societies. He was our Director for several years and then he moved on to serve at the OHA level, moving through the chairs until he became Provincial President in 2013. John visited our society several times over the years and loved our pot lucks. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.



The Junior Garden Club of Omemee

The year 2016 marks the 70th anniversary of the Omemee Junior Garden Club. There will be a small celebration to remember this milestone year. (1946-2016)

The Garden Club usually meets 3 times a year.

The first meeting will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016, the time and location are to be confirmed. At this first meeting the Juniors receive seeds to plant, seedlings to transplant and do some nature related craft activities.

The Juniors (along with their parent's guidance and support) plant and tend their gardens throughout the summer growing season. They harvest their vegetables and gather some flowers from their hard work and bring them in to display them at the August 15, 2016 Show.

The third meeting is usually a craft activity centred event held in October.

Our Junior Gardeners are divided into 4 classes. **Sprouts** are Pre-K, JK and SK children. Next comes the Grade 1's and 2's called the **Sprouts**, followed by the Grade 3's and 4's who answer to the **Buds**. Lastly are the Grade 5's and up and they are called the **Bloomers**. Each group has different tasks to accomplish according to their age and ability.

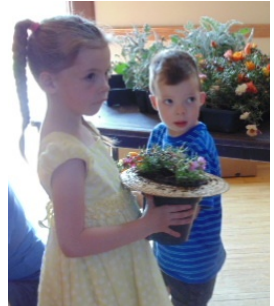
Our Aim and Goal: *"To give the children of the Junior Garden Club the opportunity to learn, to enjoy, and to appreciate the skills of gardening for life through hands-on-experiences."*

Contact the Leaders for the Junior Garden Club for information.

Linda Jenkins 705-749-0019

Heather Grassie 705-328-0342 hgrassie@cogeco.ca

The registration forms and contact information will be posted on the website www.omemeeblooms.ca and in Lady Eaton School, Scott Young School and St. Luke's School offices.



Photos taken at May 2015 meeting.



Coming Sooner Than We Think: Our 2016 Plant Sale in it's new Location at the Omeme Legion



It's March and finally the sun is stronger and the temperature is rising slowly (although not quick enough, in my opinion.)

The Plant Sale, our major fundraiser of the year, is already well into the planning stages. Again this year: the sale will be held on the Saturday of the long weekend (May 21st), New this year is the location. This year we will be in the Legion, on the main street. We will be opening the doors at 9 a.m. sharp, with the closing time still at 11am.

The success of this fundraiser depends on the participation of you, our members. Funds raised by this sale are used to support our community projects, fund the costs of our fabulous speakers, and in general help the club to continue to be the fun and friendly club that it is. There are many things that we can do to help make this sale the most successful ever! Please volunteer your time - we need lots of bodies: Thursday evening set-up; Friday – receiving, labelling, pricing, sorting etc.; then Saturday morning helping with the actual sale and cleanup. Let's all put lots of time and effort into the selection, quality and quantity of plants that we donate to the sale – together we can make this the best sale ever!

I am your plant sale chair again this year – please feel free to contact me with questions, suggestions, or to be put on the volunteer list. My phone is 705 745-8738, and my email is lakehouse54@bell.net. *Regards, Barb Morrison*



MASTER GARDENER CORNER



GETTING YOUR GARDEN READY FOR SPRING

Last year MG Joanne Windrem wrote a wonderful article on this topic. It was on Page 5&6 of our March 2015 Newsletter which is posted on our website. To read this article, you can either go directly to our website: www.omemeblooms.ca and in the newsletter section choose March 2015 or cut and paste the link below. Happy reading.

Please note the changes to our meeting format. **Same** 7:00 Social, and 7:30 Meeting. **Different** :
-we will now begin at 7:30 with the **speaker first**, followed by announcements at approx 8:45.

