



Omeme Blooms Garden Club



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Tip Toe Through the Tulips

Monday April 18th - Are colourful bulbs one of your favourite parts of Spring? Join us for an evening of humour and a new look at these colourful "Heralds" of the elusive Spring Season. Dianne and Gary Westlake will tell of their travels to the Netherlands and to Washington State where tulips are grown. They will also share tips on growing other spring bulbs in your garden and maybe they will even have some hints on discouraging the pesky squirrels. Don't miss this evening of fun, laughter and socializing with garden friends. 7o'clock social & snacks, 7:30 speaker. Bring a garden question for discussion.

We welcome new members so call up a friend or neighbour, and bring them along.

Bring A Friend Incentive: As part of our Membership Drive for 2016, **bring a friend and receive a gift.** **If your friend becomes a member, both your names will be entered into a draw to win a free ticket on our planter door prize at our plant sale.** This is a photo of last year's planter - sitting in a wheelbarrow, ready to be claimed. **This also applies if you bring back a former member who was not registered in 2015!**



April Meeting - Design Category

A miniature arrangement. Definition: **A miniature: not to exceed 5" in any direction.** - this is the last monthly design category offered until September so try your hand at this "teeny tiny" design. (pg 10 yearbook)

April Meeting - Photography Category

"Trying Hard" -emerging growth or colour in Spring (pg 11 yearbook)

Next photography chance is at the June Show - "Horizon" - your interpretation. So get those cameras out and let's see lots of entries. (pg 14 yearbook)



Last Month's Meeting (March)

Our March Meeting was a little Topsy Turvy! Due to a misunderstanding, our speaker, Paula Anderson was unable to attend. So at the last minute, Aron Muscutt filled in for a question and answer time - Topics covered were: heirloom tomatoes, saving seeds, favourite kinds of tomatoes, and dos and don'ts of growing vegetables. Many questions were answered. A huge thank you to Aron (who now runs "Muscutt Seeds"). Also, thank you to Jill Cockerell (from "Franklin Farms") who told us about her favourite varieties of tomatoes and why. Jill sells plants (and other great things) at her business and Aron had heirloom seeds for sale at the Peterborough Show & Seedy Sunday. It is truly wonderful to have such knowledgeable members and we thank them for sharing. A short period of business followed this presentation. The meeting broke up around 9 p.m..



Welcome new members: Amie Elliott and Brenda Lepine.

Last Meeting's winners!

Results of the Photo Competition: "Frozen"

1st Annamarie O'Neill 2nd Christa Marton

Draw Winners: Plants of the Month: Dorothy Edwards, Carol Mitchell, and Colleen Hughes.

Highway of Heroes:

The OHA will be supporting a new Project "The Highway of Heroes". This involves the planting of 117,000 trees along Highway 401, between CFB Trenton and Keele Street in Toronto to honour our fallen Canadian soldiers.

This will entail soliciting donations from interested Members, Societies and Districts to help create this living tribute. For every dollar donated, the OHA will match donations, up to a maximum of \$2,500!!

The deadline to participate is June 30, 2016. The amount raised will be announced at this year's Convention in Waterloo.

Note that all donations will be applied to tree planting costs as administrative costs have already been paid by a private donor. A variety of native trees have already been selected and are being grown in nurseries now.

For more information, please check out the gardenontario.org website or www.hohtribute.com.

We will be discussing this topic further at our April General Meeting. Our Board decided to make a group donation, using some of the money given to us by the Legion. You as an individual will be given an opportunity to also make a donation to this worthy cause if you wish. We will pass a hat at our June meeting if you wish to contribute! Your donations, small or large will also be matched. Pocket change or cheques - all will be gratefully passed on to this wonderful project.



The District 4 AGM - Co hosted by Ennismore and Omemee

I have included a letter from Pam, the District 4 Assistant Director that works with our society. I think it sums up the tremendous success of the April 2nd AGM event in Ennismore. My special thanks go out to our members for volunteering time, talent and snacks or desserts to help out with this event. I have heard nothing but good comments! Thank you all! Now...a word from Pam



Thank You!

Dear Carol and the Omemee Board:

This is just to say thank you for providing us with such an entertaining, informative and pleasant day last Saturday. It takes a lot of time and commitment to pull off a district meeting, and your Society did it beautifully! The venue was perfect the morning and dessert treats were wonderful, your skit hit home well, and the speakers chosen were informative and interesting. I realize you were part of a greater team, and that in itself is commendable!

Thank you so much for a great day. It was most appreciated.

Pam Chellew, Assistant Director, District 4

The Peterborough Garden Show "For the Love of Gardening"

Many, many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who took time out of their busy lives to once again give back to the community. The Peterborough Garden Show welcomed Spring in grand style.



"For the Love of Gardening" had everything imaginable for gardeners of all ages. Those requiring more knowledge in the horticulture world had many topics to choose from planter boxes and raised beds to Bonsai and Peonies. Very young children learned about butterflies and their life cycle. It was a shopper's paradise with lots of "garden retail therapy" so most of us came home with lighter pocketbooks.

Most important of all, our volunteers shared their friendliness & helpfulness in getting people where they needed to go. Year after year, people say we have the best volunteers anywhere!

Thank you for whatever part you played in making the Garden Show another success. We couldn't do it without you!

Joan Harding

The Rest Station decorated by Omemee



GARDEN COMMITTEE

Mother Nature has been a bit unpredictable this April but I am optimistic that Spring will arrive any day now. I know we are all anxious to get out in the gardens and do our spring clean up. The Garden Committee is hoping that it will be mild enough and the flowerbeds will be dry enough that we can start our spring clean up the first week of May.

In anticipation of the Spring Plant sale we are planning to divide and pot some of the “named” hostas in the Legion Memorial Garden as well as plants in other gardens that need dividing. We always have a fun time at our potting parties and the club benefits from many beautiful plants to sell to raise money so that we can continue beautifying the village.

Please consider coming out to help in the gardens. I hope to see as many people as are able, come out to help in the gardens this year especially for the spring clean up, dividing of plants and planting of the annuals. If your schedule does not permit a full time commitment even a few hours would be appreciated.

At our April meeting there will be a sign up sheet if you can give some time. Gardening days will be posted on-line with time and day once the weather cooperates and we are able to get out in the garden.

Garden Committee Chairperson Joanne Windrem

The District 4 June Celebration - English Tea Time & Awards:

The next District 4 event will be the June Celebration held on June 15th. The theme this year will be English Tea Time so start thinking about a costume that you could wear. The talk will be on English Gardens. Even the food will be theme oriented! There is no business that day - just special awards and lots of friendship. The cost is \$25 but the club will subsidize \$10 of that to anyone who attends - so cost is only \$15 for a great day! Save the date and plan to attend!

Coming in May: Our “On Site” meeting!

This year we are visiting a Turtle Trauma Centre and Woodland Garden. So stay tuned for more details!



Our Junior Garden Club

The first meeting for the Junior Garden Club will be held on Sat. June 4, 2016 at Trinity United Church from 1:30 to 3:30.

The Registration Forms will be available soon at the following schools: Lady Eaton, Scott Young and St. Luke's and online at www.omemeeblooms.ca

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Junior Garden Club-(1946-2016).



Coming Sooner than you think!!

Our Annual Plant Sale: May 21st

The Long weekend at the Omemee Legion - 9-11 a.m.



Well, the plant sale is less than 6 weeks away, so let's hope that spring arrives soon! We are looking forward to having our sale at the Omemee Legion this year for the first time – it's a good location, and promises to be a great event! It's on May 21, which is the long weekend, so mark it on your calendars!

As usual, we are counting on you, our members, to

volunteer your time and plants to make the sale another success. Start looking thru last year's photos of your gardens – what can be divided, or what are you are tired of? Make a list – dig them later, and donate them to our sale. Ask your neighbors if you can help them “thin” out their garden – let's make this the best sale ever! Start some extra seeds for the plant sale – last year we had two fabulous donations of heirloom tomatoes (thank you Jill Cockerell and Aron Muscutt) and they went like hotcakes!!! We are known as the best plant sale in the area – let's raise the bar again this year.

Feel free to contact me with questions and ideas – I'd love to hear from you! *Barb Morrison* 705 745-8738 or lakehouse54@bell.net



Memories of the D4 2016 AGM.

Thank you for all donations & to our wonderful volunteers!

