



Omeme Blooms Garden Club



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Coming to our June 20th Meeting.... Something for everyone!

1) A Judged Flower Show:

View the beautiful blooms that our members have contributed to the display. Or better yet, plan to enter a category or two yourself. Our flower show is only as good as we make it so do your part and **“strut your blossoms”!** **Flowers from your garden** that is... There are 38 categories to choose from (found on pages 12-14 in your yearbook) If everyone enters 2 categories, (or more), it will be a wonderful show. Exhibits can be placed between 4:30 and 5:30. The doors will be locked until judging is complete but will be re-opened by 6:45 in time for our social time. So choose a flower and enter it. Don't be the person that looks at the displays and says “I had a better one than that in my garden!” ...but didn't enter it! Thank you in advance to those that make our show great!

2) A Special Social Time: From 7:00 - 7:30, we will have the usual beverages and snacks while you walk around and enjoy the wonderful floral show. But there is a rumour that later in the program, in honour of **Summer**”, there will be an extra treat. So definitely skip dessert and have it with us as part of this amazing evening!

3) A Loonie Auction:

There are many different names for this type of auction but basically everyone donates a plant division. A cup is put in front of each donated plant. The membership buys tickets using their loonies. Tickets are 10 tickets for 2 Loonies or 20 tickets for 3 Loonies. This high price won't break anyone's budget but it will provide lots of fun and a little bit of a fund raiser. You print your name or initials on your tickets and drop them in the cup in front of the plants you would like to win. At the end of the night you get to see what you have won. When selecting the plant you are going to bring, please choose your plant wisely. We would like a healthy plant that is a little special. No invasive, hard to control plants please. Choose something that you would like to win. Please give full name and any growing conditions that might be helpful. It also would help if you could pot up your plant early so that it is settled in and looks healthy and perky. Droopy plants are not appealing! So bring your plant and you loonies and be prepared for some retail therapy in the plant world!

3) Our June Meeting:

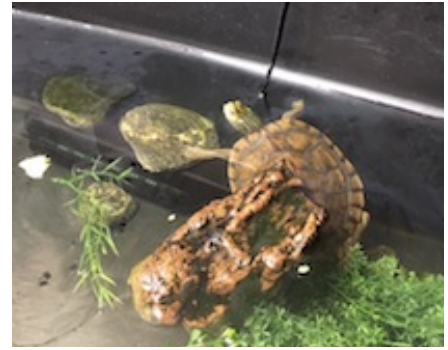
Along with everything else that is happening, we will also be having a short session of information sharing. We have contacted a few of our members and asked them to tell us about a favourite plant in their garden. They will provide the name, growing conditions, a picture or pictures and the reasons why they chose this as a “must have” plant in their garden.

So there you have it. A social time with wonderful snacks! A judged flower show that promises to be amazing! A loonie auction where you will quite likely take a new plant home with you and finally a sharing session where you will learn about some favourite “must have plants”. Don't miss this meeting!



Last Month's Meeting - at the Turtle Trauma Centre

A great time was had by all when we gathered at the Turtle Trauma Centre in Peterborough for our May meeting. We all came away knowing SO much more about our native turtles and why it is important to protect them. We also found out about the wonderful work happening at Peterborough's Centre. Volunteers are always needed if you are interested in this worthwhile program. We should make special mention about our youth member who attended with his mom and dad and outshone us all with his interest and knowledge about the turtle world. If you didn't get to this meeting, you missed a wonderful night! We would be amiss in not thanking the May snack committee for their wonderful contribution to the meeting and to the Muscutt's for once again, doing a wonderful setup!



Volunteers "The Heart of Our Community"

Award Recipients for the 2016 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

Each year, Service Groups in Ontario are encouraged to submit the names of up to six members that have volunteered for 5, 10, 15, 20 or 25 years of **uninterrupted/continuous** volunteer service for that group. This year our six worthy recipients were Ruth Arndt (25 yrs), Joe & Hazel Cook, and Christa Marton (15 yrs), Mary Read (10 yrs) and Jill Cockerell (5 yrs). Each was invited to a special presentation in Lindsay, where they received a Certificate, a Service Pin with the # of service years, and a delicious reception following. Unfortunately, Ruth, Christa and Jill were unable to attend but Joe, Hazel, Mary, Gord and I had a wonderful evening.



2016 - Another Great Plant Sale!

Our new location (the Omemee Legion) proved to be a good choice for our plant sale. It was a tad tight at times, but rest assured, we already have the traffic jam problem addressed (next year shoppers will be entering thru one door, and checking out via a different door.) It's all a learning curve!



Thanks to our fabulous volunteers, set-up (Thursday evening and Friday during the day) went like clockwork. The selection was amazing, and the plants were large and healthy. For those of you who have not attended our yearly sale, each plant has a tag chock full of information. As well, there was a huge selection of heirloom tomatoes, and our usual "plants of the year" were absolutely gorgeous.

Doors opened at 9am on Saturday morning, and the shopping began. Our volunteers were everywhere, helping with carrying plants, keeping things organized, answering questions, etc. Kudos to Omemee Blooms Garden Club members – they were awesome - 2016 was certainly one of our best sales yet!



Again this year a lovely planter was raffled off – lucky winner was Heather Grassie.

We so appreciate our patrons – both those faithfuls who return year after year (thank you!) as well as the new shoppers that we continue to attract. You are the reason for our success!!!

Hey – come to the Omemee Legion on **Saturday May 20, 2017**, and we'll do it all again!

Bobcaygeon Hort's Garden Tour, Tea and Market - Sat July 9th - 10 to 4

Gardens...Gardens and food...Gardens and food and shopping! Visit 8 uniquely beautiful gardens enhanced with music, refreshments and local art for sale. Displays include pottery, basket making, bees and honey, culinary herbs, organic and scree gardening. Ask questions of our Master Gardeners. Enjoy lunch at one of the fine village restaurants offering discounts to tour participants. Free admission to Kawartha Settlers' Village for tea and treats. Also at KSV, local growers and crafters will display their wares in our special "gardeners' market". Bring your favourite garden tools for sharpening by Robbie The Scissors Man.

Tickets: \$15, children under 16 free, (includes admission to Kawartha Settlers village - a \$7 value) tickets available at our June meeting from Heather Grassie or Joan Harding. (or call Heather 328-0342)



Green Team Report June 2016

May and June are very busy months for the Green Team. Every year I have to plead with the members to please come out to help beautify our village. The mandate of the Ontario Horticultural Society is to beautify our communities and the Green Team of the Omemee Blooms Garden Club has been working hard to accomplish this **but we need your help. Everyone can be part of the Green Team.**

Please consider coming out to garden in the village! For the dedicated few who do come out to help - a huge thank you.

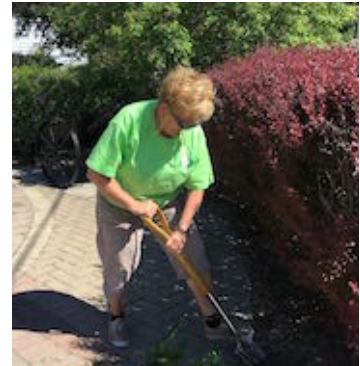
Joanne Windrem Chairperson Garden Committee

... and here is what has been happening this month!!!

This May we did a spring clean up, weeded, and edged the gardens, and cleaned out the main street barrels. Two days were spent planting the gardens.

An 'Exclamation' London Plane tree was researched, purchased and planted by our very own horticulturist Aron Muscutt.

Darren James Construction very generously supplied equipment and men to plant the tree May 25th at the green space behind the Post Office. Due to lack of rain it is necessary to water the tree every day. Thank you to Barbara McGregor and Ken Hunter for keeping the tree watered and filling the watering "tuxedo" surrounding the tree.



On June 18th Omemee Blooms will hold a Tree Dedication and Garden Party as part of Garden Ontario Week. The 'Exclamation' London Plane tree will be dedicated to Gerald McGregor for his support of the Garden Club in their efforts to beautify the village.

Following the tree dedication a Garden Party with cake and refreshments will be served at the renovated historic Tri-School Garden. Joanne Windrem

As President, I too encourage you to please help to support Joanne in her endeavors to keep our gardens looking beautiful. Some members come out every week but for those who can't, - even a couple times a month helps! Carol

The Village Planters

Each spring there is a rush to remove the now ugly winter greenery; to top up the planters with fresh planting mix; and to get all 21 planters planted. Just picking up the hundreds of plants and getting them sorted is an adventure! This year we had 8 members arrive to help with the job of planting. In a little under an hour we had them all looking beautiful! Many hands make for instant beauty! A huge thank you to Ken and Darlene Hunter for taking on the job of giving each planter a good watering to assure a good start. Thank you to the members that came out to help with the planting (and the weeding along the sidewalk beside the planters in some cases!) Also a huge thank you to Omemee Heights Staff for their help and for providing us with such wonderful healthy plants!





Special Junior Garden Club Report for Sat. June 4, 2016

The Junior Garden Club met on Sat. June 4th at Trinity United Church from 1:30-3:30 pm.

Twenty-three children eagerly arrived with parents and grandparents in tow, carrying boxes to take home all their treasures. They were divided into 4 groups: Sprouts-Seedlings-Buds-Bloomers.

Four stations were ready to teach the following hands on activities:

- A) How to plant and grow seeds-Beans, sunflower seeds etc
- B) How to grow Microgreens for food-ie: Radish sprouts
- C) How to make a Dish Garden- with plants and ornaments
- D) How to plant a colourful pot/container with annuals

After each task the children put a sticker on matching pages in their individual passports.

We talked about what it takes to grow a healthy garden and the children were very aware of all that is needed.-sun, water, good soil etc.

Each child was also given a Canna Lily Rhizome and a pot to plant it at home. (One little girl was not impressed by the “ugly looking root”, but she did take it home to give it a try).

Half way through the two hour session, we stopped for a snack of cookies and a drink.

A big thank you goes out to the following Senior Hort. members Diane Webber, Jen Routledge, and Gaynor McMullen who assisted at the stations.

This year 2016 marks the 70th Anniversary of the Junior Garden Club, from 1946 to 2016.

We hope to see all the Junior Gardeners at the August Flower Show at the Legion in August with their many exhibits.

Soon we will organize a date for children to put flowers in the Planter Box at the Foodland Store in Omeme.





Omemee and District

Horticultural Society

founded 1939

*Omemee Blooms Celebrates
Garden Ontario Week*

*Tree Dedication and Garden Party
Saturday June 18th 1pm*

*You are invited to a Tree Dedication to Gerald McGregor for
his support of the Omemee Horticultural Society in our
efforts to beautify the village of Omemee.*

*Tree Dedication at green space on Mary St behind the
Omemee Post Office*

*Garden Party to follow at the renovated Tri-School Garden at
the Omemee Beach Rutland St.
Cake and refreshments will be served*

Please bring a lawn chair

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