



Omemee Blooms Garden Club

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Happy 70th Anniversary Junior Gardeners! And Wasn't it a Party!!!!



Omemee Blooms Junior Garden Club celebrates (1946-2016)

At the 77th annual Flower & Vegetable Show, the Junior Garden Club took centre stage with their 70th anniversary celebration. 16 Junior Gardeners placed 82 entries in 30 different categories. The children received money prizes for their entries and some were recognized with medallions for having the most entries and the most points in the show. Over the years, a few changes have taken place to update the Junior Garden Club and this anniversary year, 2016 some significant changes have been put into place. The large award plaques and trophies have been retired and put into storage.

Following the presentation of the prizes, Heather Grassie introduced **Matthew Hutchinson**, a certified balloon artist, and known as **Super Twist**, wearing his Super Hero Costume. Matthew is a former Omemee Junior Gardener. The children were spellbound as he worked his magic. He had the undivided attention of the adult crowd as well! The excited children each took home an amazing balloon creation. It is going to be difficult to top the excitement of this meeting! **Matthew's website: www.theballooningcompany.ca**

Heather then announced that an edible 70th Anniversary display had been set out on the food table. Thank you to Joanne Windrem for decorating a large cake board to hold the 70 mini cupcakes (which were made, decorated and donated by Joanne Windrem and Carol Mitchell) arranged in the formation of a large 70. Cheese, crackers, fruit, and cold lemonade accompanied the cupcakes. It was a perfect celebration party snack.

Door prize winners: Linda Jenkins and Jen Routledge

Linda Jenkins and Heather Grassie long time youth leaders would like to thank the juniors, parents grandparents, senior Omemee members and Joan Harding (a judge-in-training) for their support and help this past year. *Submitted by Heather Grassie*



Our August Program

At our June meeting Sue Lajeunesse had arranged to have various members of the Board speak about “A Favourite, Must Have Plant” that each grew in his/her garden. Due to technical difficulties, this was held over until August. This time everything went smoothly. It was a great time of sharing and learning. Thank you to Sue for organizing this for our members.

Our August Flower Show Results

Adult Results: 21 adults brought in 183 entries in 55 classes. Top awards went to: Best Speciman in Show: Lynda Krishnan for her Hydrangea, Best Vegetable in Show: Kim Gunn for Tomatoes, Best Design in Show: Felicity Lukace (visiting judge in training) for “Weathered”, Judge’s Choice went to Kim Gunn for Miniature rose spray. Recognition and money prizes for the seniors will be presented to the “Senior Bloomers” at the September 19th meeting.



Don't Miss our Up Coming September Meeting!

‘An Apple a Day’: Everything you ever wanted to know about Apples

Heidi Brehan will be joining us to share her knowledge about a favourite fall fruit: the apple. Be sure to join us on Monday September 19th, in the Trinity United Church, lower hall, for another fun filled get together. 7:00 Social 7:30: Guest Speaker followed by a few short announcements and prize money.

Garden Show Awards: The results of the flower and edible competitions will be announced and prize money distributed.

Design Competition: This month’s topic is “Focal Point” an arrangement with a floral focal point.

Photography Competition: This month’s topic is: ‘My best specimen in the garden’. Please identify specimen name on tag. This meeting is your final chance to win points toward the 2016 Photography Trophy! (next month’s big show will kick off the 2017 competition.)



Changes in Our September Award Presentations:

Once again, times are changing and these changes dictate revisions to some of our past practices. The most recent changes affect our trophy presentations. The cost of engraving has risen and storage of the trophies was problematic, as was getting trophies returned on time. A survey of our members showed that receiving the trophy/hardware wasn't as important as achieving the win. An Awards Committee was formulated to review our award system.

The final result was as follows: Effective 2016: 1) the physical garden trophies have been retired and each category (same as in the past) will now receive a prize of \$5 which is approximately the past engraving cost. We hope that the winners will find this more practical while the honour of winning most points in a category will remain the same. Over the next year we will continue to examine the trophy categories and using the questionnaire that Christa handed out, the Show Committee will evaluate the current categories. If you have any ideas for different categories (floral or edible) please see Christa.

Ennismore/Omeme Get Together

On September 7th, the Omeme/Ennismore committee members that planned the Spring District 4 AGM, met in Ennismore for a social time. On probably the hottest day of the year we toured the Ennismore Public Gardens and enjoyed every minute of the tour. For a group in the early years of operation, they have achieved miracles! What a day! When we had finally had enough of the heat, we went to Jesse's (the restaurant that catered the AGM meeting) and had a great visit and social time. The plan is for Omeme to host Ennismore in our village gardens in the future.

A Social Tip: when the ladies had us sit in the restaurant, the groups sat on alternate chairs so that we had a chance to meet and talk to 2 people, on either side of us, from the other group. What a great idea! We each came away knowing more about at least 2 new friends!

Thank you to all the members who provide our delicious snacks each month. At the August meeting, our snacks were provided by Maya DeMaria, Amie Elliott, and Lynda Krishnan. Thank you ladies!

See Barb Muscutt if you would like to donate to a future snack table.

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.



A Message From Our Green Team

What a gardening challenge this summer has been. Day after day of blistering heat and no rain. The gardens of the village have suffered as much as our own gardens but we have been fortunate to have Ken and Darlene Hunter as well as several other volunteers to water to keep the gardens thriving. Thank you everyone for your help.

The gardens were mulched in August by the dedicated gardening volunteers in order to keep the weeds under control and in an attempt to retain some of the moisture. A special thank you to Paul Grassie for helping on two very hot days to pick up the trailers of mulch and deliver them to the gardens. A huge thank you also to Jim and Carol Mitchell for the use of their trailer as well as the small but dedicated group of volunteers who helped with this task.

Submitted by Joanne Windrem

OHA District 4's Fall Seminar

This year's fall meeting will be hosted by Bobcaygeon Hort Society with the Theme: "The Witchin' Hour"

Date: Saturday October 29th, 2016

Location: Dunsford Community Centre

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Speaker: Anna Mizyn: "Winter Hardy Cacti & Succulents"

Cost: "\$20 - includes snacks, beverages, lunch, speaker, (& helps with the rent of the hall)

Please see Heather Grassie if interested in attending.

A 2017 - 18 month OHA Calendar

We are taking orders now for an 18 month calendar, January 2017 to June 2018. It is 8.5" X 11" when closed and 11" X 17" when opened up. It has the Canadian holidays marked as well as OHA events and deadlines with room to mark your own important dates. At the back of the calendar is a "Seed Tracker" page and a "Notes" page.

Last Spring each District submitted a collage of garden photos of their district as part of an OHA contest. The calendar is made up of all of the OHA's 19 Districts' collages. The glossy cover page is District 14's winning entry judged by two Lee Valley representatives during our July Convention. January 2017 is District 6's winning entry & February 2017 is District 7's 3rd place winner. The rest of the calendar pictures are randomly placed but pretty much placed as they were received.

Please contact Carol Mitchell if you wish to pre-order a calendar. The cost is \$20 and must be submitted with your order. Orders & money must be in to Carol before Oct 8th (Thanksgiving Saturday) Fund raising moneys go toward development of the new OHA website.



Points of Interest & Things to Remember:

- Needed: Ideas for 2017 Speaker Topics! See Carol
- Please turn in any unpaid bill to Darlene. Our 2016 books close at the end of September.
- Wanted: helpers to help with set up and clean up for our October Pot Luck. Please sign the clip board if you can help and Joanne Windrem will contact you with times! Thank you
- Gaynor is organizing a Santa Claus Parade float for this year's parade. If you would like to help with this project, please let her know.
- Linda Jenkins is collecting for the youth meetings:
 - 1) For This Fall: the heads of dead annuals/perennials/edibles i.e. beans, peas, zinnias, dahlia tubers etc. She want to show the children where seeds come from for next year's plants
 - 2) For Next Spring: empty toilet tissue rolls and small yogurt cups for next spring's meeting. Please keep her in mind.

Save the Date: for our Christmas Luncheon Buffet

Our efficient Social Director Barbara has booked a lovely lunch buffet at Chemong Lodge. So save the date Thursday December 9th at 11:30 a.m. Significant others are welcome.

A sign up list will be circulated at the Sept & Oct meetings for you to sign up if interested.

Coming Next Month: Our Annual Fall Pot Luck:

Good food, fun, door prizes - and special recognition awards

Date: Monday October 17th Where: Trinity Church lower hall
Time: 5:30 Social, 6:00 Dinner Families & guests welcome

Please bring a plate, cutlery, & mug and a generous portion of a favourite food to share.

Program: a sharing of Summer Successes and Failures.

