



Omeme Blooms Garden Club



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Words from Your President:

The days are growing longer and we have had some frost. It's time to dispose of the rather sad annuals and to finally plant the last of those perennial plants (purchased this summer) still in their pots! OK! Hands up. Who has at least one plant still in it's pot!!! I do!

We have had some beautiful fall days and the leaves are at their peak. Take some time from your busy schedule and get out for a walk in this beautiful fall weather. If you haven't walked the 'Trail' which goes over the trestle bridge near Orange Corners, you should do so! The walk is wonderful and the views and colours are amazing. If you have never done this walk - go south, off Cottingham Rd onto Orange Corners Rd. The Trail opening is right there, or go north off # 7 onto Orange Corners Rd (which is just west of "The Swamp" chip truck on the north). Take the Trail and walk West. You won't be sorry.

There is a lot happening this month. Don't miss our Pot Luck this coming Monday at TRINITY CHURCH. More information on Page 2. The plants in the main street planters are not fully frozen yet but as soon as they are, Joanne and Darlene will be calling for help cleaning up those planters and any annuals in the gardens. Donna will then be organizing a group to beautify the winter planters before the soil freezes.

Stay tuned to your email announcements from Donna and please try to help out, while enjoying some wonderful fellowship. We always have fun!

Have a wonderful Autumn everyone!
President Carol

Our September Meeting:

On September 19th, many members filled the hall to learn about apples and Heidi Brehan from Moore Orchards didn't disappoint! She not only told us about the ins and outs of apple farming, but she had many humorous on site stories to share as well. There were lots of questions and some great answers. At break, we all sampled some wonderful fresh apple cider and everyone had a fresh 'from the trees' Honey Crisp apple. Yummy! There were some apples left and they just might appear on the table at the October meeting! Who knows?! Thank you to Jill Cockerell, Jenn Rutledge, Brenda Latulippe, and Kim Gunn for the wonderful snacks. It was quite a spread!



Garden Awards Presented at our September Meeting

At our September meeting, we honoured the winners of our special garden awards. As reported last month, we retired the wooden hardware, eliminated the cost of engraving and instead gave each winner a monetary prize. This year's "Show" Winners are as follows:

1. Awards Presentation : for entries in the August Show

- Best Edible in Aug Show: Kim Gunn (Sadler Award)
- Best Specimen in Aug Show: Lynda Krishnan (Dora Atwell Award)
- Best Design in Aug Show: Donna Hunter (Mabel Hill Award)

2. Awards Presentation: Points earned as a total of All Shows

- Most Points for Roses (all shows) Kim Gunn (Burke Memorial)
- Most Points for Edibles (all shows): Norma Evans (Weir Award)
- Most Points Spring Show: Christa Marton (Sanderson Award)
- Most Points in All Shows: Christa Marton (Moyer Award)
- Most Points Male Gardener: Aron Muscutt (award to be retired)
Due to the lack of Male Gardeners currently competing in our shows - this award will be retired in 2017, until such time as we have more male competitors.

October Fun : Don't Miss Our Next meeting

This Monday (Oct 17th) is our Fall Pot Luck! It is packed full of great food, special awards, and intermixed with friendship and laughter. It has been a fun filled year with lots of exciting memories! So don't miss our end of year pot luck. Details are below and also in the email sent by Donna. **Please remember that we will be meeting at Trinity United Church!**

Date: October 17th

Location: Trinity United Church, our usual meeting place

Time: Social 5:30 Dinner: 6:00 Presentations: followed by a sharing time

Please bring a plate, mug & cutlery. If you can't be here by 6:00, come when you can.

There is always lots of food and as you know, it takes a while to get everyone through the lines. You are welcome any time.

Following the presentations, we are hosting a 'Share Session'. Our topic is "This Summer's Successes and Failures". I think we all learned something new this summer - whether it be what DID survive the drought without watering or what you are not planning to grow in 2017 and why. Did you find new and creative ways to use your rain barrels, or to conserve water? Did you find a vegetable that grew successfully in a pot on your deck. Remember, - what you think of as "nothing much" might be the idea that someone else is seeking. This session will be led by Master Gardener Joan Harding. Please come with an idea to share.



Wanted: New Board Members: New Directors bring New Ideas

Heather is busy preparing a slate of officers for our 2017 Board of Directors. We are looking for new members with new ideas. The job is as involved as you wish to make it. You might start by serving on a committee. It is exciting and lots of fun. We meet once a month to take care of business and even that is fun and of course ... there are snacks involved! So if you have some time to volunteer, contact Heather. Why not give this a try! We have so much fun, no one wants leave!

Our Junior Gardeners in Action!

Oct 15th will be the next Junior Gardeners' Get Together. They will learn about house plants and growing herbs inside. Many dead flower heads will be brought in with the purpose of pulling them apart to find the seeds. Children need to know that plants do not just pop out of the plastic cell packs from the store. Seeds must be gathered and stored till the right time to plant. The day will feature crafts, learning and discussion, followed by snacks and a drink.

The group meets at Trinity United Church from 1:30 - 3:30. You are welcome to drop in and see what we can create (besides a mess! LOL) **Volunteers Needed!**

Linda Jenkins & Heather Grassie, Youth Leaders

If you saved seed heads for this Saturday's meeting, please drop them off at Trinity Church at about 1 p.m. or drop them off with Carol Mitchell & they will be delivered for the meeting.

Editor's Note: Linda and Heather spend a lot of time and energy planning and executing this day for our Gardeners of Tomorrow. They could use several more hands to help supervise the many activities. If you are available, just show up and volunteer your time for a couple of hours. You will have a great time! Omeme gardeners - both current and future - always know how to have a good time!

Santa Claus Parade

Gaynor is currently working on details for a float for this year's Santa Claus Parade. I have heard that there is also going to be a Village Tree Lighting Party on the Friday before the Parade. Christmas plans in the Village have begun!

Our Christmas Luncheon

Barb needs to know how many plan to attend our Christmas Luncheon at Chemong Lodge on Friday December 9th at 11:30 a.m. She will be passing a clip board. She needs enough signatures to reserve the **large** room, so if you plan to attend, please sign.

Did you hear?

We have a new Certified Horticultural Judge in our Group! Congratulations Joan Harding!



Coming to our November 21st meeting:

1) Our AGM and Election of officers & President's Report:

This is very fast, maybe 15 minutes tops so it doesn't have time to get boring! All Committee Reports will be emailed to you ahead of time - please try to read them. You will be amazed at what our group has accomplished. These reports are a record of our year and also part of the AGM meeting by law.

2) Our Annual Photography Competition

- see page 11 of your yearbook and be sure to read the 2016 section. (There are also categories for 2017 so that you can get a head start.)
- There will also be the presentation of the 2016 Photography Award.
- Please try to enter at least one category. Let's make this show a great one!
- Note that one category is "leaves" So get out your camera and take advantage of the beautiful display outside our doors right now!

3) Speaker for this Evening is Sue Flinders-Adams speaking on 'Christmas Cactus'

This will be our last meeting of the calendar year, so try to attend and join in the fun. Bring a guest to see how much fun we have!

Membership Yearly Dues:

Each year, we close our financial books on September 30th, in order to get our audits done before our AGM. Many other groups begin their **new** financial year as soon as their books close. We have decided to try this, in order to bring in enough funds to help with the expenses of the new year start up - i.e. yearbook, bookmarks etc. (Psst...We also want to catch our Snowbirds before they leave - but don't tell them!!! LOL)

Therefore: our 2017 Membership will be sold at the Pot Luck and again in November. The cost remains: \$20 single, \$25 family. So sign up for the new year before you have to start buying Christmas presents! :)

Thank you for your help in facilitating this small change.

The Green Team at Work:

There will soon be plans to tidy up the gardens and barrels and to put the gardens to bed for the season. Joanne will be sending out an email with dates and times. Please try to help out! Many hands make lighter work and a large group has more fun!

Result of the Flower Show Survey

Christa and her Committee read your responses to the survey that she distributed in August and September and they have tallied the answers. There was an overwhelming majority of members that wished to continue with the shows. Some promised to exhibit (LOL) and others said they enjoyed looking at the exhibits. So the committee has come up with a few changes and a few additions for us to enjoy. So check out your 2017 Yearbook Show Section when it comes out in February.



Another of our Famous Pot Parties - (Potting that is!)

On the Friday of Thanksgiving Weekend, a group of members gathered at the home of Marie Bell and Ron Faulkner for what has become an annual 'pot party'. What should be clarified is - the pot was the plastic 6" variety and the party was our attempt to see how many plants we could pot up ready to be buried for the winter. These will then be dug up next May and hopefully many of them will be ready for our Plant Sale.

It was a beautiful day and the logistics became much easier on aging bodies, with the use of a 4 wheeler and a big trailer. Some men doing some of the digging also helped.

Marie and Don were downsizing in a big way and they donated the plants from their huge gardens for our sale.

A huge thank you to Marie and Ron, former Omemee members for this wonderful donation and of course a huge thanks goes to our wonderful Muscutt family. Barb organized the whole event, including enough food for lunch for all that worked into the afternoon. Aron dug and then transported the pots to their winter home. **The end result was 313 pots planted up and ready to overwinter for our sale. This group party time equalled 113 volunteer hours!**

Thank you everyone!



Our day trip to John's Garden Centre September 30th.

A potting party in action!



Welcome new members Nancy Robertson, Karen Cooper, and returning member Catha McMaster.

We hope that you have a wonderful time with us.

