



# Omeme Blooms Garden Club



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Coming This Month!!! Monday April 17th 2017 - Don Collins  
: Peterborough and the Kawartha Lakes: "Ups and Downs"

## Mount Horeb, Mount Nebo, the Hog's Back

These are some common Geographical Features in our area. Come to our next meeting and learn about some of these interesting land features!

**Don Collins** is a retired teacher from the Peterborough & Pineridge Board of Education where he taught Chemistry and Biology. Living in this beautiful area, Don developed a side interest in the geographical features created by the long ago glaciers in the Peterborough and Kawartha Lakes area. We are surrounded by some amazing features and drive past them daily i.e. drumlins, eskers, lake beds, spillways, and of course those living in the Bobcaygeon area are very familiar with their rocky ground base, while some of us have sand or clay soil. A few years ago, Don created a car tour where he had the drivers viewing these features first hand. It was this car tour that brought him to our attention. At our April meeting, Don will be telling us about some of the features that we see regularly but may not understand how they were formed or their importance to the geography of our area. So, please join us this Monday - and don't forget to bring a friend.

Lug a Mug: Help us make our earth a greener place!  
Bring your mug to the next meeting!

We invite you to enjoy coffee, tea or water with your treats. Because we have to supply these beverages, please make a donation to our jar. Your donations help to pay for cream, sugar and the beverages. Any excess monies are used to supply treats at our youth member meetings. Give generously!



Thank you to Barb McGregor, Mary Read, Christa Marton, and Joan Harding for donating the wonderful treats at our March meeting they were really enjoyed!



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## At Our Last Meeting:

Our March meeting was a sea of green! Thank you to Diane Webber and Lynda Krishnan for acting as our greeters. Lynda handed out a leprechaun gold coin to all members who wore some Irish green! The coin couldn't be spent but at least the chocolate tasted good!

Paula Anderson encouraged us to reach out of our comfort zone and try to grow some of the more unusual veggies and fruits this year! Even the gardeners with some experience in this "field" (pun intended -groan) learned at least one useful fact. It was a very enjoyable evening.

The house plant competition was amazing!!! Thank you everyone for your participation. We had 15 lovely plants and we even had to set up an extra table! Judge Joan, took a few minutes to share tips for showing potted plants to their best advantage. Thank you to all who participated! The competition results are below.

### Competition Results for March:

#### Design Competition:

Flowering Houseplant: 1<sup>st</sup> Carol Mitchell 2<sup>nd</sup> Norma Evans 3<sup>rd</sup> Lynda Krishnan

Non-Flowering Houseplant: Group 1 1<sup>st</sup> Jenn Lumley 2<sup>nd</sup> Liam Routledge 3<sup>rd</sup> Gaynor McMullen 2<sup>nd</sup> Group: 1<sup>st</sup> Heather Grassie 2<sup>nd</sup> Jen Routledge. Special President's Award to Joan Harding for her beautiful Rex Begonia (for display only and not eligible for judging as Joan was our judge for the evening.)

Regardless of who won a prize, we loved seeing so many beautiful plants. Special Mention to Liam who entered a beautiful spider plant which he grew from a slip started at one of the Youth Group meetings.



Photo competition : "Above and Beyond" 1<sup>st</sup> Annamarie O'Neill 2<sup>nd</sup> Norma Evans

This upcoming month's competitions are found on page 12 & 13 of the new yearbook. The Floral Competition is a blooming or forced branch. The Photo Category is 'Goodbye Winter'

Many members now have phone cameras as well as a regular point and shoot. The weather is perfect for this category. So please enter a photo. Once again, if you bring an entry to either competition - floral or photo: there will be a free ticket for the "lug a mug/competition entry draw". (please note the new name for the draw)) **My challenge is to see if we can have more than 5 photos this month!!!**

Membership Report for March

We had 3 new members join at our March meeting, which brings our "to date" total up to 51 members.

*Donna Hunter*

**Welcome Lesley Heighway, Sheila Thompson, and Chris Johnston!  
We hope you enjoy our group!**



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## OUR PLANT SALE: Saturday May 20, 2017 9AM SHARP!!!

Omeme Legion – on the main street of Omeme.

With our plant sale only a few weeks away, we are well into the planning stages, and – wow – it promises to be another great day!! Doors open to the public at 9am sharp – come early for the best selection.

It's very exciting! For starters, again this year we are offering beautiful geraniums (our "Plants of the Year".) We already have a wonderful selection of perennials growing in pots – they will be awesome by sale time! And, our members will be digging and donating 100's more wonderful perennials right from their own gardens(I know for a fact that there will be a great selection of named hosta and daylilies, grasses, vegetables, tubers and bulbs – wow! And, yes, heirloom tomatoes will be available (our resident heirloom tomato specialist is at it again!!!)

New this year will be our "Perennials for Pollinators" area. The key to attracting butterflies, bees and hummingbirds to your garden is to offer colourful blooms all season long. So, we are going to group some of our favourite pollinator plants! Just make your choices, take them home, and watch the pollinators feed.

Contact me, or any member of the executive if you would like more information. If you have plants to donate, just give us a call – we'd love to have them for our fundraising plant sale. See you on May 20!!!  
*Barb Morrison*



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Time to join: the 2017 "Omeme Junior Garden Club"

Spring is here! : "Gardening Season is starting!"

The Omeme and District Horticultural Society also known as OMEMEE BLOOMS GARDEN CLUB sponsors the Junior Garden Club, providing an opportunity for many children to learn about taking care of the earth by planting, growing and caring for their own garden patch.

Juniors receive vegetable and flower seeds to plant. What a boost of confidence they feel when they are responsible for the planting, weeding, watering and harvesting of their very own crops! They also have the fun of competing in the youth section of the O.D.H.S. August show for cash prizes and awards when they enter their vegetables, flowers, crafts and designs in their own age category.

There is a youth awards ceremony on Mon. Aug. 21st at the Omeme Legion.

The first get-together is on **Sat. June 3rd from 1:30-3:30** pm at Trinity Church (by the Town Clock). This involves a session of crafts and activities and getting seeds and plants to take home. **No prior knowledge is necessary. Beginners are welcome.**

The fee is \$5.00 per child or \$25.00 for the family, which includes the parents and all the children.

**Registration forms are available:** 3 schools-St. Luke's in Downeyville, Lady Eaton, Scott Young, Coronation Hall Service Centre in Omeme and on line at [www.omemeblooms.ca](http://www.omemeblooms.ca)

Deadline to register: **Wed. May 24, 2017. Pre-registration is required.**

**Return completed forms to your school office, or contact:**

Heather Grassie at 705-328-0342

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## Decorating A Rest Station for the Peterborough Garden Show

Again this year, the Omemee Bloomers were asked to decorate a rest area at the Peterborough Garden Show. So the question arose ... how to make it different than last year???

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On the 24th of March six members met at Gaynor McMullen's house to decorate branches for the rest area. Two shades of pink and two shades of green crepe paper were twisted and glued on to white painted lilac branches. Thanks to Heather Grassie, Barb McGregor, Mary Read, Donna Hunter, Joan Harding and Gaynor McMullen for volunteering their time and also for putting up with the pain of burnt fingers from the hot glue guns! Mary Read also made tiny stain glass butterflies to attach to the colourful branches. Thanks, Mary!

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Just prior to the "Show" Heather transported the branches to Peterborough and set them in black urns. **Taylor's Recycled Plastic Products** provided colourful furniture for the guests' use. A couple of tables, some lime green table cloths and a lovely pot of pansies and the Rest sStation was ready for weary shoppers or spouses waiting for their partner to pick up just one more "must have". Thank you to Heather for the set up and clean up and to all the volunteers that helped in any way.



## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The 2017 Peterborough Garden Show was an amazing success! The weather co-operated and thousands of eager shoppers crowded through the doors looking for new things for their gardens. A huge thank you goes out to our Omemee members that helped in any way. The jobs were numerous - placing signs, making rest area decorations, set up and take down of the rest station, baking cookies and muffins for the vendors and volunteers, and volunteering and greeting visitors with enthusiasm and friendliness while filling the many job positions necessary for making the show a success. Your efforts and support were greatly appreciated - whether working or shopping! Thank you.





## The Sunshine Committee Report

Only two cards this month, Get well to Christa Marton, and one to Jean Sadler after her surgery. *Mary Read*

### Out and About:

**Bobcaygeon Garden Tour:** Saturday July 8, 10 - 4:00 \$15

**Activity Haven Garden Tour :** July 15, 10-4:00 Tickets \$20

**Miriam Goldberger: " Taming Wildflowers"** Wed. April 26th, Pioneer Baptist Church, Norland 1p.m. start. \$10 reserve your ticket with Lou: 705-454-3636

**OHA Convention: July 20th, & 21-23rd** -Hwy 7 & Lesley, York Region. Contact Carol or Heather if you are interested in going. So far we have 4 to 6 possible members attending. Come join in the fun! See Carol

**Omeme Heights opens Saturday April 22nd.** If you need a breath of spring drop in for a walk through the Spring colour! I challenge you to TRY to come out without at least one plant!!! LOL

**Our May Meeting: is on site at Burley's Garden Centre.** If you were at the Peterborough Show, they were the exhibit directly inside the first pad on the right - across from Griffins. You may remember the tropical plants on the one side and the huge fairy garden on the other. We will hear a little about their nursery, and then we will tour their gardens and also see Marg's tropical's in the house. It should be a great evening. There will be more details in the next newsletter. We will be carpooling from Trinity - leaving at 6p.m. Plan to join us for a great evening and a chance to see another local nursery. *Supporting our local garden suppliers!*

**Save the Date:** Barb reports that the 2017 Christmas party is a go at Chemong Lodge again. Cost is \$20 a person, gratuities included. So mark you calendars **Dec. 8th, 11:30** and save the date.



**Creating our own Spring on a very snowy day!**

*Enjoy your Easter Weekend!  
Hope to see you on Monday  
night, if your family  
festivities are all completed!*

