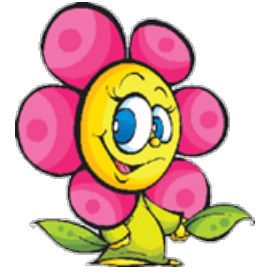




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Coming This Month..... Burley's Garden Centre

May is our On Site Meeting at Burley's Garden Centre! If you have been to this nursery before, you will know how lovely it is. If you haven't - then you are in for a treat! Some of you will remember the Burley's when they spoke at our February Pot Luck in 2016, and brought in all the lovely tropical plants. Now we are visiting their garden centre. You will see perennials, (tropicals in the house I think), a very large fairy garden display, and possibly some annuals if the weather warms up. (They don't have any yet for obvious reasons!) They also have lovely gardens but once again, because of the late spring, you might want to return in early summer to see the gardens in their full colour. Everything is getting a late start this year! Marg will speak to us in a large group at about 7. (so bring a chair if you want to sit) She will tell you about their nursery, her tropicals and some ideas for making fairy gardens. You will then be allowed to wander, and shop. Don't miss this meeting! Grab a friend and come along. If you need to renew your membership, please see Donna. If you have a question about the plant sale, then nab Barb Morrison.

Parking is very limited, so please try to car pool if possible. We will meet at Trinity Church parking lot at 6 p.m. to load up cars. We will leave at 6:15 sharp. After that, you are on your own. Those already in the Peterborough area can meet us there. The address is 2604 Television Rd (just south of Parkhill) Burley's phone is 745-8322 My cell : 768-7646

We will be outdoors so please dress for the weather!!! In case of really inclement weather, please check your email for a cancellation notice. We hope all will be a go though!

Because of the cool weather, we are asking you to bring your own beverage (possibly a hot one) to warm you up. Barb can not make tea or coffee and we hesitate to bring cold drinks! So this is a 'bring your own' event. See you there! Carol



Omeme Bloom delegates play dress up at District 4 AGM in Fenelon. A good time was had by all!



Our April Meeting

47 members braved the rain showers to attend our April meeting. What a great turnout! The snacks were delicious as usual. Thank you to Barb and Trixie for setting everything up so nicely. It was a great start to our meeting.

Don Collins, our April Speaker, presented an extremely interesting talk about the local geological formations (eskers, drumlins etc) found in the surrounding area. These features all began with glacial activity happening millions of years ago. It made us stop and rethink some of these amazing formations and the power of nature! It made for a great question and answer period following.

A humorous skit, performed by Gaynor McMullen and Mary Read (sound effects by Gord Read) was enjoyed by all. Norma then thanked all those who entered the floral competitions and commented on how she chose the winners. Christa announced the winners of the Photography Competition and thanked all who entered.

The winners of the competitions were as follows.

Floral Competition (a flowering branch)

- 1st Joe Cook
- 2nd Christa Marton
- 3rd Hazel Cook



Photography: (Goodbye Winter)

- 1st Annamarie O'Neill
- 2nd Christa Marton
- 3rd Carol Mitchell
- 4th Chris Miller

The door prize, a lovely hanging bird/bee/butterfly Bath was won by Jen Lumley. Other assorted prizes were also handed out to lucky winners. The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Thanks to Lesley Heighway, Sharon Cooley, Gaynor McMullen, Darlene Hunter and Nicole Vaccalluzzo for the delicious snacks at the April meeting.

We expect it to be cool for our May meeting so please bring your own hot beverage. There will be no coffee, tea or snacks for this meeting because of the off site meeting. However, next meeting we will be back with the wonderful snacks and ask you to remember to LUG YOUR MUG! Help us help the environment!



It's Almost here!!! Our Annual Plant sale
Held at the Omemee Legion on Saturday May 20th



and here is a message from our mighty co-ordinator....

Re: Plant Sale May 20, 2017 Hey everybody – just some last minute reminders:

If you are helping on the Friday, please bring something to add to the lunch table (it's worth it to come for the food...lol...thanks to Barb Muscutt!)

- **We need lots of plants – please take the time to dig and donate – if everyone pulls together again this year, we will have another great sale!**
- **Pre-potted plant deliveries will be accepted at the Legion on Friday, May 19, from 9am to noon. Please bring them to the back door (it faces the beautiful Legion garden.) Call me to make arrangements if you can't bring them on Friday morning, ok?**
- **To make things easier for set-up, just take a minute and wipe off your pots and trim off anything dead. As well, make sure we know what your plants are!!! We can have labels ready for you upon delivery – send me a list of labels you require, along with quantities and Kim will have them ready when you arrive (or if you have a lot, you can possibly pick up the labels ahead of time.)**
- **Remember – use 6” pots if you can – we have some available if you need them – just let me know. (there are also some now at Carol's)**
- **If you have plants but don't have time to pot them up, we can help you with that - contact Barb**

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What else has been happening?

- Joanne has arranged to have both red and white geraniums in front of the Coronation Hall this year
- Blossom Hill has a catalogue on line of all their plants. If you need a new peony, drop in and see their display gardens and find one you like. If they have it for sale this year, you can order it now, for fall pickup. It is a great way to see what you are getting before you buy it. If you don't know what you want - ask Joe or Hazel for suggestions of what they think are best buys.
- Unfortunately there was some damage done to the stonework of the Firehall Bed by the snowploughs over this past winter. It has been reported to the City and Joanne is following up! Go Joanne!
- Cathy Sheehey and her mighty helpers cleaned out the main street planters in between rain showers! Thank you to the clean up crew! I understand they were VERY fast! The planters are now ready for planting when it finally warms up. Cathy will be looking for help with that so stay tuned to your email.

Spring Cleaning ? : **If you have gifts of interest to a gardener, either new or gently used - We will re-gift them for draw prizes! Please bring them out to our June meeting (or any after that) and give them to Barb McGregor. We thank you for all donations. (Please only choose items that YOU would like to see on a prize table.)**



Out and About in this Busy Spring Season:

Saturday May 13th 1-4 p.m.: a Celebration of Life for a long time member of our garden club: Robert Burke. A drop in get together will be held at Trinity from 1 until 4 p.m. All Omemee Bloom members are welcome to drop in for food and a visit. Please sign the guest book and add Omemee Hort after your name so they will know we were there.

June 13th : Blossom Hill Walk About: June 13th: 6:30 p.m. Omemee Blooms members are invited to join Lakefield, Ennismore and Peterborough hort members for an evening at Blossom Hill. Besides seeing the beautiful colour in Joe and Hazel's gardens, I think some special activities with prizes will help make your tour through the gardens even more eventful and fun.

June 15th: Speaker – Charlie Dobbin, Gardening In Our Changing Climate admission -Ennismore Hort hosting - \$5 advance tickets

Charlie Dobbin is a well-known horticulturist and landscape designer with professional gardening experience world-wide. Charlie will speak about Gardening in Our Changing Climate. This is a topic we are all excited and worried about. Seating is limited and entry is by admission. \$5 Tickets available from the Horticultural Society Directors or call Gail at 705 292-7773 or Helen at 705 292-9483.

We do have several Omemee members going so if you would like to join us, Contact Heather, 328-0342 or phone for tickets directly.

June 17th: 10 - 3: Lindsay is celebrating their 150 Anniversary with a small market place at 125 Kent St. There will be garden art, a yard sale of garden items, bird houses, stepping stones and much more.

Jun 2 or June 16: Green Waste Pick Up in the City of KL :check you waste calendar for your area

Wed June 21st: 11:30 - 3:30 District 4 June Celebration luncheon. Tickets \$15 (cost reduced by our garden club) Theme: "Its a Birthday Party" Join in the fun! Speaker: Susan Chan: Making Room for Pollinators in Your Garden. Buffet lunch, Silent Auction, Tickets have to be ordered in advance. Contact Heather 328-0342 if you wish to join us.

Saturday July 8th - Bobcaygeon Garden Tour - Heather has tickets - \$15

Saturday July 15th - Activity Haven Garden Tour 10-4, \$20 - Tickets available at gardens -see Carol for a rack card with gardens listed.

Our June 19th Meeting - Don't miss this presentation. MJ Pilgrim has a humorous presentation called "Garden Speak - The Language of Gardening" I guarantee that you will come away knowing at least one thing you didn't know before. Come and join the fun at Trinity Church - 7:00 social, 7:30 Speaker.



Master Gardener Corner

By Joanne Windrem MG



Trillium erectum, wake-robin (red trillium) and Trillium grandiflorum, white trillium

Trillium erectum or red trillium , wake robin, Beth root or stinking Benjamin. Named wake-robin after red breast of robin that heralds spring.

Plant is native to eastern Canada and eastern United States.

Grow to 18' in height with a 12" spread. Plant can tolerate extreme cold to -35C

Grows from a thick rhizome with fleshy roots. Grows best in dappled shade in humus rich soil.

Apparently I have never got right down and smelled the flowers but they are supposed to have a smell like rotting meat so that they attract flies that are their pollinators.

Trillium erectum can also come in white or pale pink

Trillium erectum flowers first and then the Trillium grandiflorum or white trillium

Trillium grandiflorum or white trillium is larger than the Trillium erectum or wake-robin.

Trillium grandiflorum takes 7-10 years in the wild to reach flowering size. There is some concern that most plants sold commercially are collected from the wild. Collecting, habitat destruction and grazing [especially white tailed deer] is endangering the plant in some areas.

Trillium grandiflorum turns pink as the flowers age.

Bumblebees are the pollinators and ants are responsible for transporting the seed.

So now you know, Trillium erectum, red trillium, wake-robin is a smaller foul smelling red trillium that blooms first in the spring, followed by Trillium grandiflorum which is a larger white trillium.

