



Omeme Blooms Garden Club



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“Knock, Knock”
...Who’s there?
...Lettuce
.....Lettuce Who?
“Lettuce in and you’ll find out what exciting things are about to happen at our first meeting!”



Groan... A little sad but hopefully you get the point? This month’s topic is about gardening resulting in fresh and healthier foods. Cathy Harper will be sharing her gardening tips in her talk: “The Edible Landscape: Growing Your Garden and Eating it Too”. See her website: www.growediblegardens.org
Join us for the kick off to a new season of gardening at our annual February noon pot luck on Saturday, Feb 24th, 2018. Lunch! Entertainment! and Lots of Laughs! Don’t miss this special meeting!

Why did the tomato blush?because it saw the tomato dressing!

Our First Meeting of the Year! A February Kick Off!

Date: Sat Feb 24th

Back by popular demand - a Saturday afternoon meeting and pot luck lunch. No night time driving. Join us for some fellowship, laughter and lots of good food!

Please bring your cutlery, plates and mug along with a generous portion of your favourite dish. Tea, coffee & water are provided.

Time: Social @ 11:30 and eat at 12:00 Speaker: 1:00 ish

Place: Trinity United Church

Don’t forget to renew your membership. Donna will be welcoming you. LOL Single:\$20 Family: \$25
Guests are always welcome free of charge



This month's Speaker: Cathy Hooper

Cathy Hooper is certified as a Master Gardener and Permaculture Designer. In the past she has been a market gardener and is currently working with Camp Kawartha on edible gardens at their Environment Centre. Her passion is growing food beautifully. Cathy homesteads with her family on a five acre farm in Warsaw. For more information, visit her website www.growediblegardens.org

Our March 20th Meeting - Edible Art: from Garden to Kitchen

Our March meeting will be an exciting one! Chef Olsen Choi is going to once again amaze and awe us with his food accent artistry. Chef Olsen makes the decorative rose radish look like child's play! Those of you who were members in 2008, will remember his impressive presentation at one of our meetings. So, back by popular demand! Don't miss this meeting!

A Look Back at Christmas 2017:

The Santa Claus Parade Float

We decided to go with the topical theme of Canada 150 for our Santa Claus parade float. Chris Miller offered her Inuksuk, the Hiscock family (new members) kindly offered to make a cardboard Igloo which I understand wasn't as easy as it sounds. Donna Hunter resurrected her white Xmas tree which we decorated with lots of small Canadian flags and we had Stella the mannequin with no arms dressed in a fur trimmed hooded parka, trying to look like an Inuit. Ken Hunter Junior made a two sided Canada 150 sign in red letters for us and we thank him. After these props were collected they all went to the Hunters' workshop while Ken Senior did his magic and arranged and secured these items. We had 13 helpers the day before the parade who made short work of the decorating. Thanks to the Hunters for hosting. On the day of the parade the weather was sunny and no wind. We had 8 adults and 5 children with us. We gave out chocolate Santas to happy children. It was noted that ours was the only small float so next year we may have to step up our game.

Gaynor McMullen, Chair Person

The 2017 Christmas Party

This event is just becoming more and more popular....all due to the hard work of our Social Convenor, Barb Muscutt! This year, on Friday Dec 8th, 2017, 43 of our members and guests met at Chemong Lodge in Bridgenorth for an amazing Christmas buffet. There were lots of stories, jokes and laughter. The food was amazing and everyone came away very full. It was indeed a marvellous way to celebrate the season and to also end our 2017 Gardening Season! The room is already booked for next year (for Friday Dec 7th 2018) so 'Save the Date' and there will be more information closer to the date!



A Message From Our Wonderful Social Director: Please Sign Up For Snacks!

Did you enjoy those wonderful snacks at each of the meetings last year? Well those snacks were donated by our own members and a huge thank you goes out to them. So, in preparation for this year's treats, Barb will be circulating a clip board asking for volunteers again this year. If you have a favourite month, you can sign up now. If you would like to help out but don't know which month, sign the sheet on the back and if Barb needs someone for a certain month, she will call volunteers from that list. She also phones to remind you! Thank you in advance for helping to make our meetings very special and welcoming!

Thank you also from Barb Muscutt (Chair of Social)



Lug A Mug: Don't forget to bring your mug to each meeting. Get a ticket and possibly win a prize! Help us help the environment!

Membership: *Needed: New Members:* Our number one goal for 2018 continues to be a membership drive. We are doing our best to shake things up and to encourage new gardeners to join our group. So be prepared to give us a helping hand. More to follow on this topic.

A Special Thank you: to our speaker committee: Joan Harding, Heather Grassie, Jenn Routledge, and Carol Mitchell. And we can't forget our Webmaster Kim Gunn and her helper Barb Morrison for updating our website so that our meeting information is up to date for all who log in. Updating our slider photos continues to be an ongoing project. If you have good photos of our meetings or our activities, please forward them to Carol.

Rack Cards & Yearbook:

The start up of this current year has been a tough one for several of your Board Members. There have been challenges in the form of surgeries, illness, and concerns and responsibilities surrounding family members. As a result of these occurrences, there has been a delay in printing the new rack cards and the 2018 yearbook. We continue to stride to give you a high quality product by taking our time and doing it right. Meanwhile, our monthly speakers are listed on our website. Thank you for your patience.

*What did the father tomato say to
baby tomato
whilst on a family walk?*

“ Ketchup!”



Out and About in Surrounding Communities:

A Day for Gardeners - March 3rd

Choose 3 of 6 courses listed on the Peterborough MG website. \$30.00 includes lunch - Hosted by Peterborough Master Gardeners. Registration Forms available at peterboroughgardeners.ca

REGISTER ASAP if interested.

Peterborough Seedy Sunday - March 11th -12 noon - 5

Emmanuel East United Church (formerly George St. United) 534 George St N. Peterborough. Drop by to trade or buy seeds & to get inspired for spring! FREE admission!

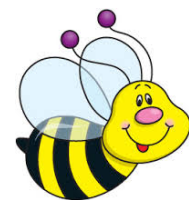
March into the Garden Lecture Series - Northumberland Master Gardeners - \$15 per night or \$40 for all four. Wed March 7th,14, 21, 28 in Port Hope

More information available at the Feb meeting.

There is at least one car load from Omemee going. We carpool and share for gas. If you would like to join us, see Heather.

April 13 to 15th: Peterborough Garden Show

"The biggest and best local garden show in Ontario, Canada."



The Peterborough Horticultural Society, and the Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners invite you to the 2018 Peterborough Garden Show. The 2017 show was a great success with several thousand visitors and many booths of vendors and exhibitors all with gardening-related products and services spread over two arenas. Proceeds from the show are used for scholarships and beautification projects.

Advance tickets are available from Heather Grassie at the next 3 meetings. You'll breeze through a separate "advance tickets door" if you have your pre-purchased ticket! The Peterborough Garden Show is always a wonderful way to start the growing season. Tickets for this show are \$8 advance, \$9 on line, \$10 at door. Buying ahead of time avoids long line-ups on the day of the show. Also available: weekend passes for \$14.00 advance & \$15 on line or at door.

Just For Fun.....

What do you call a retired vegetable? (a has bean)

Why did the potatoes argue? (they couldn't see eye to eye)

What did the lettuce say to the celery? (quit stalking me!)

Do you have a hat ready for the competition on Saturday? Garb your garden hat and bring it along. See you Saturday for lunch!

