



Omeme Blooms Garden Club

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Coming this Month! : Edible Art from Garden to Kitchen

This month you are in for a treat. Chef Olsen Choi is once again going to show us how to make amazing pieces of edible art from everyday fruits and vegetables. Those of you who were members when he last spoke to us will remember how impressed we all were! Below are two photos taken the last time he visited. These will give you a taste of what you will see this Monday. Don't miss this meeting! Phone a friend and come out for a night of fun and laughter! You will be glad you did.



March Madness! ...and the spirit continues !

I know that I am ready to get some green in my life. I have some crocus shoots in my garden and the snowdrops are now in bloom. The geese are in the open water on the river and the birds are flying about chirping happily! Spring is on it's way!



Lets add a little more green. Let's help celebrate a belated St Paddy's Day! If you aren't Irish, "Think Spring"!!! Try to wear something green. There just might be a little spirit prize for those best reflecting the Irish sprit. Join in the fun!

Don't forget to LUG A MUG. Let's keep our earth green as well.



OH MY! Will we ever get healthy again???

We apologize for the lateness of our yearbooks and rack cards. The forces of nature have been against us this year. As you know there has been a lot of surgeries and illness within our board members and that has affected our progress with new year start up!

I (Carol) am finally back on my feet and without having to carry a Kleenex box with me wherever I go. First my knee and then my cold, meant that I was only able to sit at my computer for short time periods. The rack cards are at the printers but because they had to go to Toronto for printing, it is uncertain if we will have them for the Monday meeting. Instead, we have photocopied a few copies so that everyone can have a copy to keep in pocket or handbag. The lovely purple ones should be available soon. Watch for them at local stores, at the Peterborough Garden Show in the OHA booth and definitely at our April meeting.

The yearbook is also at the printers. Diane Webber and her family were recent victims of the terrible flu and that slowed yearbook progress a lot. When Diane did get a copy to the printers, the machine was down. Good news! The lovely new books will be available in April for sure but we are going to give Kim a digital copy that will be loaded on our website right away. Our apologies for the delay but both will be worth waiting for!



Our Kick Off February Lunch Meeting

Our February pot luck jump started our new year into a world of fresh veggies and lots of fun. Members came with colourful hats and lots of great food. Thank you to our organizing committee for the wonderful veggie centre pieces, decorations, the word searches, the riddles and the other theme related experiences! Those that attended had a wonderful afternoon. Cathy Harper shared her knowledge about growing fresh veggies and fruit in your gardens. Erin Muscutt had displays of seeds.

Let the fun begin! We are off to another “Blooming Good” year.



Gardening is a kind of disease. It infects you, you cannot escape it. When you go visiting, your eyes rove about the garden; you interrupt the serious wine drinking because of an irresistible impulse to get up and pull a weed.

- Lewis Gannit



Don't Miss This Year's Peterborough Garden Show !



The annual Peterborough Garden Show is back April 13th to 15th for its 18th year. With over 130 vendors, we are the largest garden show in Ontario after Canada Blooms.

A great list of Speakers is offered again this year, 4 per day both Saturday and Sunday. Check the website for times and more details at www.peterboroughgardenshow.com

Our ever-popular "Little Green Thumbs" Children's Garden will again be buzzing with activity. Children can create a small take-home arrangement, dress up, play in the sand or fairy garden or one of the many play centres. Little painted faces can be spotted everywhere at the Show.

A Master Gardeners table will be set up to offer information, advice and answer any gardening questions.

BE Catering is back providing delicious, local quality lunches at two Show locations to keep the line-ups shorter. Kyoto Coffee, a local favourite, is also on site with their range of fair trade, organic coffees and teas.

Hours are Friday, April 13th 5 – 9 pm, Saturday, April 14th 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, April 15th 10 am to 4 pm.

Admission is \$8 Advance, \$9 on line, \$10 at the door, or \$14 Advance. A Weekend Pass is \$14 Advance and \$15 Online or at the Door. Advance tickets are available from several local retailers or on line. (or from Heather) Check our website for details.

The Peterborough Garden Show is a non-profit event organized as a joint venture by both the Peterborough Horticultural Society and the Peterborough Master Gardeners with well over a hundred friendly, enthusiastic volunteers. All our profits go back to the Community. Since the year 2000, the Peterborough Horticultural Society has given over \$180,000 in the form of local Beautification Grants, support for Fleming Park, a downtown park we maintain for the City and post-secondary scholarships for students studying in a horticulture-related field. The Peterborough Master Gardeners support the horticultural studies for their members and For a welcome breath of Spring and to kick start your garden season, come check us out!
www.peterboroughgardenshow.com

Joan Harding, Committee Member



A Report From Our Sunshine Lady:

Mary has been busy sending cards to shut ins, members who are ill and often for special occasions or anniversaries. If you know of a person who would benefit from a card from us, please contact Mary at 705-799-7968

Mary Read

I would like to thank you for the get well cards, signed at the Christmas party, and then mailed to me on 2 different occasions. I enjoyed reading the comments and wishes. They brightened my recovery. Thank you so much! Carol

Youth Activities

Heather and Linda will soon be sending out the paperwork for the youth Spring Activity Day. If you know of a neighbour's child or if you have a child, or grandchild - see Heather to get on the contact list for upcoming events.

Membership Report from Donna:

Donna reports that we currently have 39 members who have paid their 2018 membership dues. If you have paid - thank you. If you have not, could you please do so asap. We have a lot of start up costs that need to be paid. Your membership dues will help.

The Revitalization of Omemee Committee.

The next meeting of the Omemee revitalization program will be on Wednesday March 21st at 7:00, Coronation Hall. All are welcome. See Heather or Carol if you would like to attend.

Our April Meeting:

Kylie Sherman is going to show pictures and talk to us about [Invasive Plants in Our Area](#)

Our March Competitions:

The March Photo Competition is "Stumped" a tree stump

The March Floral Category is Houseplants

- a) flowering
- b) non flowering



In Case you were wondering....

Our Website:

Check out our Omeme Blooms website. Between Barb, Carol and Kim, there have been a few changes. Thanks to Kim for keeping this site up to date.

Facebook:

Thanks to Jenn Rutledge for adding interesting articles to our page. If you are a Facebook follower, please check us out and be sure to LIKE us.

New at our meetings: We are attempting to create a more welcoming entrance. Registration will be held upstairs in the area in front of the entrance doors for a few meetings. Please give us your input. We will also have greeters at each meeting, one from the Board and one from our membership. If you would be willing to do this job for half an hour at one meeting, please see Carol. Otherwise, she will be looking for you!!! This is not a hard job. You just greet members as they come in and be your usual friendly self. Even if you aren't a greeter - talk to your neighbour and be especially welcoming to any new members.

District 4's AGM - April 7th in Cobourg. This is usually a wonderful day. This year the speakers are Elaina Asselin & Gregory Hill of Wicklow Way. "Incorporating Vegetables in Your Flower Garden"

Cost is \$25 which includes meal, speaker and rental of the building. See Heather if you wish to attend. Deadline is March 22nd.

The Garden Ontario Convention is being held this year from July 27 to 29th. If you are interested in finding out more, see Carol or Heather or go to the gardenontario.org website - 2018 convention.

Save the Date: Our 2018 Christmas Party will once again be a Christmas buffet at Chemong Lodge. So save the date of Fri. Dec 7, at 11:30 a.m.

Plant Sale: More information to follow shortly. If you are starting seeds, start a few extra for us.

Up Coming Dates: mark your calendars

Wed. June 13 – OHA June Celebration – all day Skills up-date in the am and awards and speaker in the pm

June 12 & 13 – Northumberland MG's bus trip to Ottawa area

July 18 & 19 – Peterborough MG's bus trip to London, Hamilton, Niagara area

July (26) 27-29 – OHA Convention – "Shore to Shield" at Kingston Ambassador Hotel

Sat. Oct. 27 – D4 Fall Seminar – Coboconk & Norland

Fri. Dec. 7- Omeme Blooms Christmas Party – Chemong Lodge 11:30am reservation

