



Omeme Blooms Garden Club



Issue #4
April 2018

Newsletter: Carol Mitchell
705-799-6282
carol@aflowergeek.com

<http://www.omemeblooms.ca>
omeme@gardenontario.com

Secretary: Joan Harding
705-799-5378
harding@i-zoom.net

Coming Soon! Our April 16th Meeting:

This month's talk is about Invasive Plants in our Area! Some of these plants we see along our roadsides. Others we see in our lakes and rivers and some we have growing right in our gardens! Originally Kellie Sherman was to speak to us but she has moved on to a new job. Instead we welcome Colin Cassin from the Ontario Invasive Plant Council. He will show us which plants we should be aware of, and hopefully how we can help to control them. Don't miss this important meeting! Spread the word to your friends and neighbours. All are welcome and there is no charge for guests.

Our March 19th Meeting:

Our first evening meeting of the year was full of laughter, camaraderie, and good snacks! Thank you to those who donated such a wonderful spread!

There was a little bit of Irish in our meeting as many members were sporting a touch of green!

The highlight of the evening was the very talented Chef Olsen and his artistic wife and son. They arrived with shopping bags full of vegetables and fruits and their knives never stopped moving after that! Sweet potatoes, celery, apples, carrots, onions and many other foods quickly became, flowers, lobsters, and butterflies. Members were continually circling the table to see what new creation had appeared. Artistic platters became table centrepieces and vegetables and fruits became cute little creations which could be used to decorate a food tray. Members with cameras were continually snapping photos to aid when trying it themselves. A great evening was had by all!



Lug your Mug:

Please remember to bring your mug and help us reduce waste in our landfill. When having a hot or cold beverage, please remember to drop a realistic donation into the donation jar. This money helps provide these beverages and the cream, sugar etc to go with them. Any money left over, provides the snacks for our youth group. Please be generous.



With a Little Luck our coming plant sale!!!

The weather just isn't playing in our favour is it! We are all VERY ready for SPRING! Hopefully it will all happen soon!

It is hard to believe that our plant sale is just a little over a month from now (before our next meeting in May!) So, even though the weather isn't co-operating, we can still start planning now.

We will need plants! Lots and lots of plants!

1. Make a list of all the plants in your garden that you remember being ready to be divided. When the weather changes, you will be ready to dig.
2. Ask your neighbours if they have some plants that need dividing. They might be delighted to share some with us.
3. If you hear of anyone who has a lot of plants to donate, contact Barb Morrison and she will organize a potting party on the property. 705-745-8738
4. As soon as the weather changes, be sure to pot up your plants early. They sell better if they look healthy and happy and that takes several days in the new pot. Use 6" pots if possible.
5. If you have plants to donate but just don't have the time to pot them up. Cathy Sheehey has a potting station in her yard. Give her a glass of wine and she has a wonderful time! :) Get them to her early! 799-0812
6. Remember: we need lots of volunteers for: the Friday before the sale, for potting parties, and on the day of the sale. Barb will have a sign up list available at our meetings. If you don't get a chance to sign, just come anyway. All help is appreciated!
7. If you need labels - make a list of the plant names, colours, and how many of each you need and Kim Gunn will have the labels ready for you when you bring them in. 799-7475
8. If you need pots, we will have some at the meeting and you can pick up some from Carol Mitchell- 60 Mary St E. 799-6282

Lets make this plant sale a wonderful one!



Plant
Sale
2017



The Village Gardens:

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help care for one of our gardens or the planters! Erin Muscutt has the annuals ordered and they will be ready for you to plant just as soon as the danger of frost is past. More info at a later date. Meanwhile, as soon as the weather warms up, your garden can be cleaned up. Treat it as your own and use your discretion as to when this can be done. Please keep track of the volunteer hours, including the travel time accumulated. Barb Muscutt will phone you at the end of each month and you can give her your hours to be recorded in the Garden Volunteer Book. Hopefully this will make it easier for all. Happy Gardening everyone and welcome to the Green Team!

The Year Books and Rack Cards are Here!!!

Thank you so much for your patience re the late yearbooks and rack cards this year. Everything worked against us, from illness, to printing delays. You can pick up your yearbook from Donna at our April meeting and please take some rack cards and either put them in a business outside our village (I think we have the village stores covered now) or pass them out to friends and neighbours. Keep a couple in your car or purse. You never know when you can help us promote our wonderful garden group!

Our District 4 Annual General Meeting:

Four of our members represented Omemee Blooms at the meeting in Cobourg. It was a wonderful day. Good food, great friends and wonderful speakers: Alaina Asselin & Gregory Hill, Wicklow Way Organic Farm "Incorporating Vegetables in Your Flower Garden" . If you have never attended a District Meeting, you should try it sometime. It is a good way to find out what is happening in other garden groups.

The "Omemee Revitalization Group" and the "Omemee Unites" Group

Both of these groups are working toward a better Omeme. We have representatives attending all meetings. The first is working to better the village. i.e. the new murals, better signs etc. The second is trying to find a way to keep people informed about the many service groups, church, Gardening, Seniors and all the activities that these groups have available. More information will follow in May.

The Peterborough Garden Show!!!

Don't forget the Peterborough Show happening this weekend! Omeme once again decorated one of the rest stations. A group of our members had a "party" and glued colourful flowers and leaves to branches. Be sure to look for them. Don't miss the cute little "pussy willows" - fuzzy little kittens - also glued to the branches!

If you are volunteering at the show, you get in free. Go to the North door and sign in to report for duty. If visiting, and you do not have an advance ticket, you can get them on line again this year. Go to the website (you save one dollar over the door price) If you have an advance ticket you save \$2 dollars! Worth getting your ticket ahead of time. Door price is \$10. See the web site for stores that have them. You'd better hurry!



Out and About: Save the Date....

1. Northumberland MG Trip - Tues. June 12 & Wed. June 13
2. District 4 June Celebration (all day) June 13th-Skills update workshops in the morning and awards & lunch in the afternoon The theme : Pollinators (you can attend either 1/2 day or all day)
3. Lindsay Garden Tour –Sat. July 7
4. Bobcaygeon Garden Tour-date –Sat. July 14
5. Activity Haven Garden Tour- Sat. July 7 (8 gardens & a market place)
6. Peterborough Master Gardeners Trip -Wed. July 18- Thurs. 19
7. OHA Convention “Shore to Shield” held at the Ambassador in Kingston- July 27-29, 2018
8. D4 Fall Seminar Sat, Oct. 27th hosted by Coboconk & Norland
9. Chemong Lodge Christmas Party for Omeme Bloomers and guests-Fri. Dec. 7 at 11:30 am

***if anyone is interested in any of these events, Heather and Carol have more information



District 4 AGM display

Our March Meeting



Pussy Willow Workshop for Rest Station

