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Better Late Than Never..... Your May Newsletter

Our Wonderful Plant Sale

It is hard to believe that it is over for another year! We plan, dig, pot, lug, organize plants on tables, ...and then the doors open and we get to teach new gardeners about what plants to choose, the soil they should use and where to plant them for the best results (or maybe we just stand back and keep out of the way!!!) LOL We had a good number of plants considering the late spring and the quality was wonderful! There was a great selection and lots of variety ... right to the end. We also had an amazing selection of Heirloom tomato plants.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you -to all the many volunteers that make this sale happen. A special thank you to Barb Morrison and Kathy Hewitt for heading up this major fund raiser. Each year we spend between \$3,000 and \$3500 on our many village gardens/planters. Part of our mandate as a Horticultural Group is to beautify our community. This is where our plant sale money goes. We do the gardens and the people that come to our sale, beautify their homes. It is a win, win situation.

Thank you also to our many volunteers! Without you, we couldn't host this sale each year. Also let's remember Ken Hunter who puts our signs up and then collects them like magic, Barb Muscutt who makes sure that we have a feast of treats to keep us all functioning; Casey & Keegan who helped our customers carry plants through the rain drops; Omeme Heights Greenhouses who grew those show stopper geraniums; our Master Gardeners who offered advice; to Linda and Kathy who wield a mean mop; and to everyone else who helped in any way. Together, we were amazing!!!

If you follow Facebook -Snapt posted a great article with lots of photos of the day on their Snapt Peterborough site.



Our Next Meeting - This Monday - Yes... tomorrow

Our May Meeting will be held in Trinity United on May 21st. Our speaker for the evening is **Master Gardener, Gladys Fowler. She will be sharing her experiences on Square Foot Gardening and gardening with raised beds and pots.** I heard Gladys speak in Peterborough and I think you will enjoy her talk as much as I did. She had some great tips to share. So join us on Monday May 21st.

Also on May 21st - Our Mini Show of Spring Flowers and Photography. Yesterday I sent a copy of the Show Schedule to everyone. The flower show is only as successful as the members make it. So try to bring in at least one entry.

Mini Show
Monday May 21, 2018 – Trinity United
Exhibits placement between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.
Open to Public 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

So come out and enjoy the show, the speaker and the fellowship. Bring a friend! We always love to have guests and new members.

And guess what : We can finally hand out the new yearbook and our rack cards!

Making Up Our Cancelled April Meeting

We don't want you to miss out on all the planned fun so here is what is happening to make up for that iced-out meeting.

Our July meeting is going to take the place of our cancelled April Program.

The Speaker will be Colin Cassin, speaking on the topic of Invasive Plants in our Area.

Our April Photography Category "Leafless" will also be displayed at the July Meeting.

Our July topic "Our Favourite Tools" by our Master Gardeners will not be forgotten. Instead one MG will present their favourite tool at each meeting instead. Thank you Master Gardeners for being so accommodating.



New Awards:

*****New in 2017 : Our Aug Show hosted a new award for most points in the combined Marigold categories. This Award is in Memory of Robert Burke, father of our member Sharon Cooley. Robert loved to grow Marigolds.**

*****New in 2019 at our June spring Show, we will have a new award category, in Memory of Life Member Alice Burke. Alice was a long time Secretary in our Garden Group. The Award will be presented for the Best Flowering Branch in the June 2019 Show.**

We thank the Burke family for providing these awards.

Kawartha Conservation Project at the Omemee Beach

Heather and I have been in correspondence with Emily Johnston, Stewardship Outreach Technician at the Kawartha Conservation. She has plans for an exciting project at the Omemee Beach. There will be a series of workshops held at the Coronation Hall. The first one was on harvesting stormwater (Bluescaping) which we missed because of the preparation for the plant sale. Joanne did attend and I have a box of handouts for any of our members that are interested. Emily is an enthusiastic young lady and she has offered to speak to our group at any time. Meanwhile, help yourself to the handouts.

Her next workshop is on June 7th 6-8 p.m. at the Coronation Hall. It will be about invasive versus native plants and she'll talk about the benefits of naturalizing shorelines and will also go into detail about the problems invasive species like phragmites can cause. The presentation will be followed up by cutting down and disposing of the tall dead stalks of phragmites on the beach right now, (if all the logistics work out). This will be the first of several steps involved in getting rid of that patch, followed by herbicide application, and the last step will be excavation of the root structures, which will be done by the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Aug 2nd: They will have a workshop about rain gardens, and they're hoping it will coincide with the installation of the new rain harvesting demonstration site on the beach. We will hear more about these presentation as she plans them.

I will be forwarding you a digital poster, when she sends it to me. Keep it handy to remind you of these dates. Also if there is anywhere that you could post one, I think they will be available. Meanwhile spread the word.

Our Village Gardens - the Green Team

Erin Muscutt, who is heading up the Green Team this year, held a get together at the Roadside Restaurant, earlier this month. Team members responsible for one of the gardens/planters were in attendance. Erin handed us a list of the plants that have been ordered for each garden and we will receive our plants as soon as the soil is warm. Those members then plant, water, weed and care for their garden for the season, Thank you to Erin for organizing this project and also thanks to those members that have adopted a garden. We really appreciate your help. Please collect all your volunteer hours, including gathering up your tools and your travel time. One member of each team should phone those garden hours to Barb or Erin at the end of each month. A special thank you to the Muscutts for the wonderful treat at the end of the meeting! YUMM!

We can always use more helpers. If you would like to help out in a garden, please contact the Muscutts.
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The New Mural

If you haven't seen the amazing new mural on the West wall of the Legion, please make a point of doing so. It is truly a work of art - and all hand painted onto sections which were then mounted to form one large picture of the History of the Legion and of Omemece.

District Happenings

Coming up is the Annual General Meeting at the 2018 Convention in Kingston. If you are interested in attending, please contact Heather.

District 4's June Celebration: this Year it is on Wed. June 13th at the Peterborough Naval Club. Buffet Lunch and Award Presentations. The Theme is Pollinators and the speaker is Paul LaPorte, Ephemeral Ark Nursery "Building Biodiversity with Native Plants. 11:30 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$25 but our garden group subsidizes each member attending \$10 making your cost \$15. It is a fun afternoon. If you wish to attend call Heather and bring your \$15 to the meeting tomorrow.

Garden films

This year the Loft in Cobourg is showing - Five Seasons - The Gardens of Piet Oudolf. Fri May 18 to June 15. We are organizing a car-pool road trip in the near future. Stay tuned for updates by email.

Save the Dates:

These are events that we have received through correspondence. If you need more information on one of them, talk to Heather or Carol

1. Lindsay Garden Tour –Sat. July 7
2. Activity Haven Garden Tour- Sat. July 7
3. Bobcaygeon Garden Tour-date –Sat. July 14
4. Peterborough Master Gardeners Trip to Hamilton-London area- Wed. July 18- Thurs. 19-
5. OHA Convention "Shore to Shield" held at the Ambassador in Kingston- July 27-29
6. D4 Fall Seminar Sat., Oct. 27th -Coboconk & Norland hosting
7. Chemong Lodge Christmas Party for members and guests-Fri. Dec. 7 - 11:30 a.m.

Have a wonderful weekend in your gardens! We'll see you on Monday night at our May Meeting! Don't forget about the Flower Show. Pics to follow by separate email.

