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# Omeme Blooms Garden Club

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Potluck 2019

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## “Getting to Know Each Other”

February’s potluck theme is ‘Get to know each other’. We want to know what other interests or hobbies you have besides gardening. Dress or bring something with you to show what you enjoy doing.

You can expect FUN, LAUGHTER, CONTESTS, GREAT FOOD, DECORATIONS, and lots of other highlights! Bring your camera to capture the fun. Maybe your photo will be in next year’s yearbook. For more information - see below....

(Thank you to Susie Rice & Lorraine Lachapelle for their wonderful idea!)

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

Date: Sat Feb 23rd, 2019

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

## Need ideas????

If you enjoy baking- wear an apron and bring a rolling pin

If you enjoy bird watching- bring binoculars

If you enjoy reading- bring a book or make a few paper books with some of your favourite titles

If you knit- bring some needles and yarn.

Be creative!!



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## This month's Speakers: Liz and Nick Case

### "Growing Your Own Vegetables from Seed"

Liz and Nick are true gardeners. They live and garden in Minden where they deal with a climate and a zone that is even more challenging than ours! But they do it successfully and with a smile. They are members of Minden Hort and are very active in their community. Each summer, some of our members journey to the beautiful Minden area to attend their annual Flower and Vegetable Show. If you have never attended, you should join us this year. Liz and Nick enter this show, often entering specimens just to help fill the show. (Does this sound familiar?) One year I was complimenting them on their amazing potatoes. Liz smiled and then admitted that Nick had dug them and left them in the wheelbarrow for storage later. As they were leaving for the show, they saw them and thought that maybe they would help fill the show so they grabbed a few and brought them along. You guessed it ... they won a prize. As Liz and I talked about how they managed to get such huge potatoes so early in the season, and in their zone, the idea of asking them to speak in Omeme came about! Nick and Liz are the most involved, humble and caring couple you will ever meet. They are also knowledgeable gardeners - both flowers and veggies. Please make them feel welcome! I know that you will love them!

## News and Announcements:

Happy Anniversary! We are 80 years strong this year! Stay tuned for the special anniversary activities that will be happening.

### Yearbook:

We thank Diane Webber for our wonderful 80th Anniversary edition of our yearbook. A new look for our booklet was one of our 80th Anniversary goals. You will see that we added some reports, some garden tips and lots of photos of members. Christa's Show Committee went over the items included in the Spring and Summer Shows with a careful eye. Some categories were eliminated and some new, hopefully more popular categories have been added. The monthly categories have also been improved with more chances to enter each month. A huge thank you to Diane and her committee members.

Membership: We welcome all guests, new members and returning members. Please see Donna at the registration table up in the front lobby as you come in. Membership continues to be \$20 single, \$25 for a family and guests and visitors are welcome at no charge. When you renew your membership, please check and make sure that Donna has up to date information. We need your current home address, phone number and email addresses. These addresses are shared only with our Board Members. Updates can also be sent to Donna Hunter as they occur.



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Sign In Book: At or near the Registration table, we have a sign in book. Each line has a number and that number is your number for the free draw at the end of the meeting. So please be sure to sign in when you arrive.

## Information Arising from our last Board Meeting:

Public Library Room – The Public Library, in the new building, has a little room available for groups to use. The library is hoping to get more activities going, especially for adults. Joan, our secretary, wondered if little workshops could be organized or presented for young children and adults. Perhaps a “floral design demo” for the adults and a garden related activity for children. We are checking into this possibility

Membership - Donna Hunter is creating new membership cards. They will be available shortly.

Website: Our Omeme Blooms site is slowly being updated with information that reflects our 2019 activities and information.

Social Media – Kelly, Sue, & Joan are continuing to share fun project ideas, inspirational quotes & garden tips on Facebook. The next steps will be to increase page interaction & once the weather get nicer Kelly would like to do videos for our page with members on various topics such as garden clean up, pruning roses etc Thank you ladies for your great input. Our Omeme Blooms Facebook Page is wonderful. If you haven't seen our page, please check it out and be sure to 'Like' us.

Plant Sale – A contract has been signed, and the Legion has been given a Deposit. Our 2019 sale is being held May 18, at the Legion 9-11am. Barb is asking you to start thinking about which plants in your garden can be divided and make a list. That way, when the weather is warmer and those plants pop out of the ground, we will all be ready to start potting. If you know of anyone outside our group with plants to be divided, please let us know.

Tours & Day Trips – **This is in the planning stage. Ideas under consideration:** One of the members mentioned the Hamilton Chrysanthemum Festival in late October as a possibility. Joan is also checking into the Peony Gardens at the Warkworth School House, and the Dahlia Farm. There are also the new Botanical Gardens near Belleville & the Branch Ranch. More information to follow. **We welcome all suggestions.** Please contact Joan Harding (Chair)



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Omeme Unites/Revitalization - These groups were formed for the benefit of the Village. The 'Revitalization' group (reps are Heather Grassie, Chris Miller, and Joanne Windrem) are working on ways to improve our village. (signage, murals, streetscape, etc) The 'Unites' group (represented by Joanne Windrem and Carol Mitchell) reports on our Hort activities and encourages members to attend our special events and/or to join. Currently an Easter event is being jointly planned by all Omeme Volunteer Groups. On behalf of the Omeme Blooms Garden Club, Joanne Windrem has a Pansy project for children at the Easter weekend, (April 19-22) on the Sat. April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please save small yogurt cups for us. (Size: suitable to slip a root ball in, without needing too much dirt.)

Flower Shows – Christa advised that all the Floral & Photography Judges are booked. She is also working on a July 27<sup>th</sup>. Floral Design workshop; more updates to follow.

Needed: Photos for next year's yearbook. **Subject:** 'Member taking part in hort activities.' Size: Shoot them **close up** and **clear/in focus**. No more than 2 or 3 members in a photo for best results. Horizontal photos work best. So try to capture the fun at our meetings. Please send to Carol. [carol@aflowergeek.com](mailto:carol@aflowergeek.com)

#### Save The Date:

1. Get a Jump On Spring – **Sat. Feb. 23** – (same day as Our Potluck) 10-4pm - \$2 Admission- Toronto Botanical Gardens
2. Day for Gardeners – **Sat. March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. – Ptbo Master Gardeners – 9:15-2:15pm – Pre-registration required- \$40- Lunch & snacks included [www.peterboroughmastergardeners.com](http://www.peterboroughmastergardeners.com)
3. D4 Spring AGM- **Sat. Apr. 6**- Cramahe Hort. Soc. – Keeler Centre
4. Lakefield Hort. Soc. – **Tues. Apr. 9** – Paul Zammit – “Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder” – \$ 10.0 Tickets at Advant Garden Shop or see Carol
5. Peterborough Garden Show – **Apr. 26-28** – held at Fleming College – **Volunteer Online now – Save \$10. Admission free with volunteering 2 shifts**
6. Garden Ontario Celebrations – Held all summer now – We will celebrate our Bench Dedication.
7. Northumberland Master Gardener Trip – **Wed-Thurs. June 19-20** – Niagara & NOTL
8. Pollinator Garden Tour- **Sat. June 22** – City of Kawartha Lakes
9. OHA #113 Convention – Windsor – **July 19-21**- “Come to the Deep South Where Everything Grows”- enter competitions
10. D4 Fall Seminar – **Oct. 26 – Fenelon Falls** (100<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary)

