The GardenShed

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CRAMAHE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Photo by Barrie Wood



~From the Editor

Suddenly it's summer! The spring that felt like the winter we never had seems to be over before it ever really began.

When we finally awoke to a lovely, clear, perfect gardening day, I grabbed my shovel and shears to join thousands of fellow gardeners in the ritual of the spring garden clean-up. The birds were singing, the sky was blue, the sun was on my back, the 'little green guys' were poking up from the earth and I was in heaven. The next day was equally lovely, so I did it all over again. And the next day, and the next ...

Newsflash. I am no longer thirty-five years old. Until recently, however, I've been trundling merrily along, slinging 50-pound bags of glaze ingredients and 45-pound boxes of clay about my studio with carefree abandon. This spring, I finally got my comeuppance. Hypnotized by the lure of the spring garden, I lifted a shovel-full (or six) too many, and now I'm paying for it. If only I had read Peg's column first!

For this reason among many others, it has been quite a while since you've received an edition of the GardenShed. To catch up, we're rolling March, April and May into one giant SPRING volume. I hope you enjoy it.

~ Lorelyn

50TH ANNIVERSARY 1966 – 2016



Lupin – Cramahe Horticultural Society's

2016 Flower of the Year... in late May. Photo by Barrie Wood

~ President's Message

Well, I don't know where the time is going, but the past 3 months have just flown by. I am sure by now that you have all managed to get out into your gardens and get your weeding and planting done. I know the weather hasn't been the best, but we have had a few nice days here and there and the forecast is for great weather in the upcoming days.

I was not so lucky in the gardening department....I was sick for most of April and I have spent quite a bit of time trying to play



catch-up with the weeds in my yard. I am afraid I am not winning. If nothing else, the weeds will always grow, even when the plants don't. It's times like this that I wish I had six pairs of hands to tackle all the work that I have to do. Oh well, as long as the weather stays good, I will endeavour to get everything looked after, especially since I bought some plants from our guest speaker last month and they need to go into the ground STAT!

We only have one more meeting before we break for the summer. Our June Flower Show is coming up on the 21st and it will be an opportunity for everyone to show off all their wonderful flowers. Hopefully we will have some of our Flower of the Year....the lupin. It will be nice to see what we have all been growing, so please give some thought to entering some of the categories. Also, don't forget we will have a guest speaker that night. Vikki Whitney of Griffins Greenhouses will be joining us to talk about Container Gardening for a long, hot summer.

Our next get-together will be the Summer BBQ at the Ecology Garden on August 16th. There will be more information about this as the time draws nearer. In the meantime, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer and we look forward to seeing you all at the BBQ.

From the cluttered desk of your president,

~ Sharron



Irene Osborne, our newest Life Member
Photo by Barrie Wood

~~ *OHA News* ~~

Celebration Event & Awards June 15, 2016 Peterborough
(District 4) Theme: English Tea Time Naval Club

OHA Convention 2016 July 29-31 Waterloo

Crown Plaza Hotel

Fall Seminar (District 4) Oct. 29, 2016 Bobcaygeon Photo competition:

• An open and shut case

An icy landscape

My favorite 'pest' garden visitors

OHA Convention 2017 Dates TBA Toronto



~~ March Presentation ~~

CHIROPRACTIC FOR GARDENERS

with Dr. Peter Herron of Herron Family Chiropractic



Gardeners!

At this time of year, we are all pining for the sun on our backs, for that first satisfying turn over of the warm soil, and for the thrill of early Spring flowers.

But, with that initial enthusiasm, often comes over indulgence. Digging, pruning, hauling compost and a myriad of other gardening tasks are by now unfamiliar in our daily routines and unknown to our fragile bodies just emerging from hibernation. Unless you are an exercise devotee, you may find that your trusty body has seized up and you can no longer tie your shoes.

Among the options for preparing for the travails of combat gardening is the philosophy of chiropractic care. Dr. Peter Herron, of Herron Family Chiropractic, in Cobourg joined the members of the Cramahe Society on March 15th, 2016 to expand on that philosophy.

Dr.Herron noted that although generally people are self aware of the need to manage their own health, they don't necessarily know how to do that.

The remedy is to know how the human body works. For example, given the choice, most people would think a bad back preferable to a brain malfunction.

But, actually, because the spine is the main highway from the brain to the nervous system, an occluded spine (mechanical lesion) can be the nexus of most if not all chronic ailments.

Stressors, whether physical, chemical or mental, emerge when the spine is misaligned and often we seek pain management to cope. The mechanical lesion chokes off the messages from the brain to the body and Dr. Herron believes that chiropractic adjustment can improve that situation.



Dr. Herron applauded those of us who undertake an exercise or diet regime to help manage our health and he offered consultations, gratis, for those who feel that chiropractic care is the prescription for positive and sustainable health.

~ Robin Young



~~ April Presentation ~~

FATAL LIGHT AWARENESS PROGRAM (FLAP)

Michael Mesure

The plight of migratory bird vs building strikes

The acronym FLAP represents the Fatal Light Awareness Program, an organization founded by Michael Measure in 1993. FLAP's mission is to safeguard migratory birds in the urban environment via advocacy, data collection, research and education.



Michael, Executive Director of FLAP since 1997, has monitored the serious issue of migratory bird collisions with human built structures since 1989, devoting his life to observing, recording and rescuing the victims of this tragic and avoidable problem.

But, most importantly, Michael is an advocate, an educator and a warrior! He has built strategic alliances with key organizations and individuals (World Wildlife Fund, Audubon Society); is educating city councils, architects, planners and construction companies; has developed bird safe building risk assessment and consulting services; has developed bird

friendly guidelines in Canada and the US; coordinates the recovery of dead and injured birds in the GTA while building a database of cause and effect (more on how you can help later). He has written and co-authored books on the subject; and works tirelessly with all stakeholders to identify solutions for bird collisions.

What is the problem?



75,000 migratory birds from 107 species die every year in collisions with man-made structures. In total there are 1 million strikes, annually, in the GTA alone. Utility sheds and 50 story buildings are equally to blame. For decades, in the urban, suburban and rural environments, glass has been and continues to be the chosen aesthetic. The more glass, the more successful the development. Of particular danger are the sheet glass "boxes" found in recreational areas and forests – allowing the occupant, ironically, the maximum view of nature. Windows alter throughout the day with the changing light, from glare to a mirror-like surface to fully lit at night. Birds cannot differentiate between the actual forest and its reflection. In the city, the "forest" of high rise



buildings clad in wall to wall windows and spandrels set up a maze that birds cannot navigate. As well, greenery inside the glass boxes, glass linkways, transparent deck railings and glass conservatories, all contribute to the rising death toll.



There are four migratory corridors in Canada – Pacific, Central, Mississippi, Atlantic. Toronto sits beneath two of these four corridors which is why the problem is so prevalent in the GTA. Landscape features draw migrating birds into the urban environment, to their death.

Why do we care?



Birds are barometers of nature, they reduce the rodent population, facilitate pollination, disperse seeds and, as such, are partners of humanity.

Birdwatching is a multi-billion dollar industry worldwide. (travel, feed, equipment etc.)

Birds are already declining in numbers due to pollution, loss of habitat etc.

Are there viable solutions?

FLAP has been involved with a multitude of before and after market options. For example, deep roof overhangs, angled glass and building hugging greenery do not work. Plastic owls, noise cannons and window decals do not work.

Birds can see ultraviolet light so there are a number of emerging technologies in that field. Attempts to repel the birds rather than attract them have had mixed results.

The most effective application to date is a whole series of visual markers. A visual marker applied to the outside surface of windows have, in some cases, reduced the bird strikes by 70% to 80%. The most effective of these visual markers appears to be an all over application of high visual impact dots no more than 5 cm. apart. These can be retrofitted easily and they are impervious to cleaning, weather etc.

The Toronto Zoo Corporation has installed an visual marker on their headquarters' glass walls. It is opaque on the outside and clear on the inside. Other companies have installed visual markers that represent their line of business.

It is important to note as well that recent court cases make it an offence under Ontario law to emit light that kills birds.

So the new and old technologies, changes in the law and the "cool" factor are gradually providing an incentive for corporations and individuals to effect their own solution to migratory bird strikes



How can you help?

There are 40 FLAP initiatives across Canada, the newest in Ottawa.

FLAP gathers dead birds before they are scavenged by predators; they donate dead birds to the Royal Ontario Museum for scientific research; they take injured birds to rehabilitation centres where they are treated and released in areas outside the city. Should a bird hit your window, gently place it inside an unwaxed paper bag (to avoid more damage). Place it in a safe, quiet location (away from children and pets) and contact your local wildlife rehabilitation centre.

And, make sure your bird feeders are either a long way from windows or within half a metre; that your inside plants are not luring birds; consider planting native trees and bushes for nesting and food and take heed of the solutions above.

Should you find a bird injured or killed by a window collision, you can contribute to research by recording the incident on the FLAP Mapper, a citizen based scientific global mapping database at flap.org/mapper.guide.

~ Robin Young

~~ May Presentation ~~



The Cramahe Horticulture Society was delighted to host Dawn Golloher from Gardens Plus on May 17, 2016. Gardens Plus is a perennial nursery located outside Peterborough, Ontario. The nursery and the business have grown over the past 19 years – through the introduction of greenhouses, display gardens, water collection facilities and stock beds.

Each year, you can visit May 6th to July 31st, every day but Tuesday. And, you can order your favourite plants without leaving home, because Gardens Plus ships all over Canada.





Dawn and her team have a motto 'We focus on easy care perennials so you can enjoy your gardens not just work in them' – music to the ears of a busy gardener.

Over the years, Gardens Plus has evolved into a specialty shop of sorts, featuring easy care perennials that thrive in the Ontario growing zones. They strive to provide perennials that will attract humming birds, butterflies, bees and other pollinators. The have plants that you need not divide, that resist disease, that do not need staking or winter protection, in short easy care!



Through a network of suppliers in Canada and the United States, Gardens Plus finds the newest cultivars to solve that difficult problem spot in your garden. These plants clump, resist mildew, are miniatures or dwarfed in size and tolerate shade, all characteristics that will help build a spectacular display, no matter the challenge.

For example, "Curly Fries", the Hosta of the year in 2016 has unusual spiky foliage and the upcoming "Brother Stephan" – Hosta of the year for 2017 - displays corrugated leaves of gold with a wide blue green margin.

Other hostas featured at Gardens Plus, include "Key West" with showy bright lime foliage; "Earth Angel, a soft green with blue rim; "Rare Breed" a lovely glossy dark green muting to lime to white; and finally "Autumn Frost, a showier version of "First Frost" – which is a beautiful

frosty blue with gold rim that grows to be about 12" in height and is slug resistant.

Take a few moments to go through the Gardens Plus website. There are hundreds of excellent pictures which clearly show the hostas' features as well as their characteristics and the cost. There are far too many to list here. Let your fingers do the shopping or drive to the nursery for the full visceral experience.

Moving on to the glorious daylilies - Gardens Plus has over 160 varieties. From the delicate "First Blush" with its shell pink petals and lemon yellow ruffled edges, which prefers part shade; to "Hans" the richly coloured centre and pale petal beauty that reminds you of an iris.

And why not add an air of royalty to your garden by planting the wonderfully versatile "King Kong" ligularia, abundant in deep purple leaves and riotous orange flowers. The "lig" loves part shade and it is perfect for those difficult spots that the sun lovers eschew. "Cafe Noir" is another of the dark shaded ligularias — very dramatic!

The hellebores also love part shade and the deep hues such as "Dark and Handsome" offer a wonderful contrast with its lighter, brighter neighbours. In fact an excellent reason to travel to Gardens Plus is to view the display gardens where you are guaranteed to leave with some fresh ideas for your own garden. And, Dawn and her staff are pleased to help you solve your particular dilemmas.

For example, heucheras (Coral Bells) "heave" in the hot cold cycle of our climate. And, they are very shallowly rooted. To avoid this unfortunate habit, dig a trench under them so they will sink into the soil allowing the plant to take root properly.

The heuchera "Ruffles' n Truffles" is almost black and looks stunning beside anything lime green. And the vibrant red of the "Fire Alarm"



is a knockout! Mass plantings would add to the drama.

Heuchera "Pink Fizz" and the "Sugar and Spice" of the tiarella family, look so pretty together in a well drained bed, especially interspersed with the various blue hostas, perhaps bordered with the adorable blue "mouse ears".

Other "easy care" perennials include bee balm (menarda) which is a cheerful tall feature of many

gardens (there are 9 or 10 varieties, the most common colour is scarlet – perhaps look for a less common colour); campanula (bell flower) blooms the end of May in 6" clumps, flooding the garden with periwinkle blue; clematis likes cool feet so plant accordingly; purple salvia

reaches for the sun but can survive happily in partial sun and they will re-bloom if clipped off and kept in almost drought like conditions; geraniums, hens and chicks, lemon jade, cone flowers, nepeta (cat mint), and Jacob's ladder...so many plants, so little time.

It bears mentioning here again that Gardens Plus has an excellent website with pictures of every perennial available. The site is comprehensive, easy to navigate and recent upgrades provide the avid gardener with every convenience.

Contact Dawn Golloher at: www.gardensplus.ca

~ Robin Young

~~ Executive Doings ~~~

BOARD NOTES FROM APRIL 5, 2016

Picture if you will, fellow Horters, a classic, beautifully restored heritage dining room, comfy chairs around a long pine table, eleven o'clock of a Tuesday morning. Now imagine the delicious aromas that always attend a Hort potluck, and place those aromas in the kitchen, right next to the dining room, with no door to contain them. NOW, picture the uh, excitement at that table as the attendees spend two hours going over the wording and items in the Procedures and Policy Manual for Horticultural Societies. All positions are ironed out, discussion follows each change, sometimes lengthy discussion. The classic lunch time of High Noon comes and goes. The good smells come, but they don't go – they tease. The Board perseveres until the job is done: Policy and Procedures are up to date, reflecting changing realities of what each of us does for our society. Whew! THAT, my friends, spells

dedication to the cause of Growing Nice Things in the Earth.

The lunch was worth the wait, and then the regular meeting was held.

We learned that the grant application for the Community Garden is being re-re-re-submitted, as it all seems to be a moving target. Sharron, Len and Clair are confident that they will have the right portions of it going to the right government departments this time. The Seed Grant application has gone in (this is not for seeds that go in the ground, but rather start-up equipment such as office items, desk, computer, etc). The Capital Grant Fund deadline has shifted again, and will be heeded by our intrepid team.

It was decided that the Plant Sale will be only on the Saturday of Apple Blossom Tyme, and we will be providing our own tables. The idea of



selling coffee and water at the Sale was floated, and all seemed to think it was a good idea to generate a bit more income.

The 2015 report from OHA District 4 (ours) described 1,482 members, delivering 45,654 hours of volunteer work. That works out to 1,902 24-hour days, or 5,706 8-hour days, equivalent to 1141 standard 40-hour work weeks. That's the same as 67 people working

full time for the 17 weeks from May 1 – August 31. That's quite a "Volunteer Army"! Pat yourselves on the back, folks, and think of what was accomplished in all those hours. (And don't forget to keep track of and report your own volunteer hours this year!).

Until next time,

~ Barrie Wood

BOARD NOTES FROM MAY 10, 2016

At Hort meetings, as in Life, there is usually good news and bad news.

Let's get the bad news out of the way first: we have been turned down again for a Trillium grant for the Community Garden. By now Len and Clair will have been to yet another seminar session to help them shape their/our submission for another try. They and Sharron deserve a medal for all this, no matter how it turns out. The Board discussed some ways that expectations might be lowered for the Garden, but we are locked in because the land is municipally owned and therefore subject to all the "public places regulations" that come down from On High.

The sad news is that Clare Phillips, after years as Secretary, and having stayed on for part of this year as an advisor to get Trish into her stride as the new Secretary, has stepped away from our Board altogether. We will miss her smiling presence at Board meetings, but she will be at General meetings as a regular member, so say Hi and thank her for all she has done.

And we do have good news: we have a recipient for the Cramahe Horticultural Society Award! A graduating student at East Northumberland Secondary School has qualified for our award, and Sharron and I will be presenting it at their ceremony June 29. We look forward to meeting this young person, and you can all meet

her/him at a future meeting in a year or two, when a report on his/her studies is made to one of our general meetings.

There was a spring cleanup at the Ecology Garden on April 29, and it's looking good. Plus, the annual Day of Sharing (when employees of county businesses donate their time-not money- to help community projects or individuals in various ways) is coming up. A team from Cameco in Port Hope will arrive at the Ecology Garden June 3 to install the plants that they are bringing to help populate the garden. We have benefitted from the Day of Sharing before, and it is a lovely programme.

That same day we will be loading up the hanging baskets for town beautification. This year they will hang on the south side of King Street instead of in Victoria Park. Let us know whether you think it's an improvement or not.

Apple Blossom Tyme Festival is coming up and our Plant Sale is of course the Main Attraction (!) Let's all get those perennials potted up and in to Joanne & her Team early Saturday morning (May 28) and make lots of money for the Club. Tables are needed this time. Come to the north west corner of Victoria Park, where we are setting up this year.



Before that is the rededication of the cenotaph in the Park. May 22, 11:30 am.

It promises to be quite an event, and Hort does have a marker stone in the new layout, and all members have been invited. It's rather nice to look at all the stones and find the ones that mean something to you. The committee has done an outstanding job on this project. Kudos to our member Lenna Broatch, plus Chair Pat Westrope and the many others who made this happen.

It would have been nice for our June Flower Show/meeting to coincide with Garden Week (June 11-19), but it does not. There were discussions about what our club could be doing

for it. No final decision was made. Any suggestions welcome.

So there you have it — the good, the bad, and the sad. Rumours of the hottest summer on record are starting to surface. So cover up, put on the sunscreen, take some breaks, drink something cool, and enjoy your gardens. Whether it all shapes up perfectly or not, the sun will rise in the east the next day, and we'll be OK, and there will be a sunset at the other end of the day, and that's the time for that beverage and a survey of all you've accomplished — even if there might still be six weeds out there. All right seven. It's still OK.

~ Barrie Wood

~~~ From One Gardener to Another ~~~

~ March 21, 2016

For most gardeners the favourite time of year has to be when colour and bloom returns to our yards and gardens in spring. However, with so many jobs to accomplish it can be a very busy time, too, with cutting back dead material that you didn't do last fall, soil building, transplanting, dividing, starting seeds, weeding and checking out garden centres for the arrival of new plants. But maybe first and foremost: start an exercise program to be fit and ready for garden chores!

March is often garden show month. Try to attend one for products, ideas and inspiration. Highly recommended is the Peterborough Garden Show in early April.

This could be your last chance to clean and oil your garden tools before the new season. Or maybe you need to buy new tools.

Also, it's fun to visit garden centres for supplies and seeds. Various catalogues are available to order summer bulbs – also fun!

Don't let sunny days and warmish weather fool you into clearing off winter mulch, no matter how tempting. Gradually remove winter mulch in April but continue to watch for late frosts. Don't be in a hurry.

Don't work the soil until it's dry enough to crumble when you squeeze a handful, and don't walk on your wet garden soil as this will compact it. Most plants grow best in friable soil, not compacted soil.

Save your Easter lily to plant outside later.

When you do cut back foliage, use the trimmings to make a compost pile.

As plants begin to grow, watch them closely, as this is when pests also begin to appear. Usually you can't eliminate bugs entirely, so go for some control instead. As I frequently say,



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'become a predator – hunt and squish' – especially red lily beetles! They are my major issue here.

In late April/early May, divide summer and fall-blooming perennials, harden off transplants and plant them, and protect young tomato plants from cutworms using newspaper collars.

As the spring-flowering bulbs are finishing, sidedress them with compost or bone meal to fertilize them for next year's bloom. Also, leave the foliage on till it dies down naturally on its own.

What are your earliest spring flowers to bloom? For me here, snowdrops have been blooming for three weeks as of this first day of spring, 2016. My hellebores in the woodland garden are just beginning to flower. Tulips and daffodils are sprouting. Then will come pasqueflowers, pulmonaria, bergenia, aubrieta, primroses and creeping phlox. I can hardly wait!

~ Peg Howden

~~~ Over the Garden Fence ~~~

(Neighbouring Horticultural Societies)

Brighton Horticulture meets at King Edward Community Centre, 81 Elizabeth St. 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. Next Meeting: June 11, **Spring Flower Show.** June 28, **Dividing Perennials** with Dawn Gollogher of Gardens Plus, Peterborough.

Campbellford Horticulture meets at Christ Church Anglican, Kent & Church Streets, Campbellford, 1st Monday of the month at 7:30pm. Next Meeting: June 6, **Fruits in the Garden** with Glenn Bennett; July 9, **Garden Tour**.

Cobourg Horticulture meets at Cobourg Columbus Community Centre, 232 Spencer Street East (D'Arcy), 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. Next Meeting: June 1, **An Insider's Perspective of Toronto's Botanical Gardens** with Paul Zammit; June 26, **Four-Club Members' Garden Tour**.

Grafton Horticulture meets at St. Andrews United Church, 137 Old Danforth Rd., 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Next meeting: June 14, **Heritage Trees – Preserving Our Natural Roots** with Edith George.

Omemee Blooms Garden Club meets at Trinity United Church, 3rd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Next meeting: June 20, Spring Flower Show and Slide Show; July 18, Fabulous Garden Photos with Your Point & Shoot Camera with Kyle Griffin.

Peterborough Horticulture meets at the Lions' Centre, 347 Burnham St., Peterborough, 4th Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Next meeting: June 22, **Cheap and Cheerful Gardening** with Vicki Taylor-Scott.

Port Hope & District Horticulture meets at the Ruth Clarke Centre, 81 Mill St. S., 2nd Monday of the Month at 7:00 pm. Next Meeting: June 13, **Herbs: Growing, Harvesting and Storing** with Koidu Sulev of Richter's Herbs and **June Flower Show.**

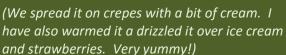




~~~ Garden to Table ~~~

Karen Prins'

BEST STRAWBERRY JAM EVER



1/3 c boiling water

2 tbsp dried lavender flowers (from health food store if you haven't saved any from last year) 1¾ cups crushed strawberries

4 cups sugar

2 tbsp lemon juice

1 pouch Certo liquid fruit pectin

Pour boiling water over lavender in a small bowl. Steep 15 minutes. Strain and discard flowers.

Measure crushed fruit into a large bowl. Add sugar to fruit and mix well. Let stand for 10 minutes.

Stir in lavender water, lemon juice and pectin. Stir for 3 minutes. Some sugar crystals may remain.

Pour into clean jars. Cover with tight lids and let stand for 24 hours at room temp until set.

Store in freezer. (Or in fridge if used within 3 weeks.)

Karen Prins'

RHUBARB & OATS

Crumble:

1 cup quick oats

1 cup flour

1 cup brown sugar

1 tsp cinnamon

½ cup soft butter

Filling:

4 cups cut up rhubarb thumb of fresh ginger, peeled & chopped

Syrup:

1 cup white sugar

2 tbsp corn starch

½ cup water & ½ cup orange juice

1 tsp vanilla

Drop of red food colouring if desired.

Put half the crumble on the bottom of a 9" pan.

Top with rhubarb.

Simmer syrup ingredients until thickish. Pour over rhubarb.

Top with remainder of crumble.

Bake at 350F for 50 min.

Serve with ice cream, or pour double cream over each serving.



~~~ Upcoming Garden-Friendly Events ~~~

June 11-19 GardenOntario Week

Nearby Events:

June 11 - The Prince Edward County Horticultural Society hosts the annual County Garden Show. The gala will be held at the Crystal Palace, Picton Fairgrounds, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy the flower show and judged floral competition, the Victorian tea room, crafts, local vendors and welcome back the Alpacas! http://pechorticultural.org/ (613) 403-0038 galgar@sympatico.ca

Thursday, June 16, 6 p.m. – The Ennismore & District Horticultural Society invites you to join us for a pot luck supper at the beautiful Ennismore Waterfront Park. Picnic tables and a shelter will be provided. After our meal we will take a short drive to a nearby local gardener to tour her beautiful beds.

All are welcome! Wear comfy shoes and come to enjoy the evening!

Sarah Sullivan (705) 292-6209 secisco@nexicom.net

June 15, 10 am Mark Cullen in Cobourg

Hosted by the Probus Club of Northshore at the Lions Community Center (and beginning with a very short Probus meeting) Mark Cullen will give a presentation on the Highway of Heroes tree planting initiative and answer gardening questions. Tickets \$10.

June 26 Four-Club Members' Garden Tour

(Port Hope, Cobourg, Grafton & Cramahe)
Hosted this year by Cobourg.







Members give careful consideration to their choices at the spring mini flower show in May.



~~ Please Join Us ...

... on facebook or online at cramahehort.ca

... or at a meeting - on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Keeler Centre in Colborne.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 21st at 7:00 pm

'Container Gardening for a Long, Hot Summer' with Vikki Whitney of Griffins Greenhouses

Summer Flower Show

Photography Category of the Month: A Frog or Toad in the Garden



The wind in the willow

Photo by Barrie Wood

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one garden at a time.

