

# *The GardenShed*

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SUMMER LILIES

Photo by Cory Hall



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## ~ From the Editor

Hasn't this been a fabulous summer for gardens and gardeners? Just the right combination of ideal temperatures and adequate rainfall to encourage lush and healthy plants. We had to spend a week in Toronto recently and even there – untypical of August in The Big Smoke – the landscape was verdant and almost (but still not quite) inviting.

For one reason or another, we haven't had a lot of gardening time at our house this summer, so it has been a great year for the weather to co-operate so wholeheartedly. It has now been seven years since we started planting the sea of dirt on the western side of our house, but this year Mother Nature has taken over and our sunny slope is looking pretty spectacular.

As for the vegetable garden, all I can say is, whoa! We put in fifty – yup, you read that right – tomato plants. The plants were smallish and went in latish, but all of a sudden we have forty-nine huge healthy vines all yielding like crazy and we're scrambling to keep up. Everything edible has been or is or will be terrific this year: asparagus, strawberries, blueberries, apples, pears, raspberries, grapes, peppers, eggplant, potatoes, onions, garlic, zucchini, beans, squash, carrots, beets, kale, herbs, salad greens .. yum!! A vegetarian's delight.

So, even with very little participation from us, our gardens have gone on amply feeding both our bodies and our souls. I hope yours are doing the same for you.

See you in September,

~ Lorelyn



Swallowtail on phlox, our 2019 Flower of the Year Barrie Wood

## ~ From the President

What a crammed-packed spring and summer the club has had!

After a very successful District AGM we powered into spring with our annual plant sale, or should I say we floated, sailed and rowed our way through a torrential downpour, and being avid and somewhat deranged gardener-types, always looking for that silver lining, we persevered for three hours before we called a truce with Mother Nature ... but not before selling over a fifteen hundred dollars' worth of plants. The remaining plants were brought back to our house and over the next couple of weeks we sold to our members an additional eight hundred or so dollars. Needless to say, the sale was a great success and thanks to all who donated time and plants and especially to those



who purchased. It really helps us meet our goals of promoting horticulture in the community.

Speaking of promotions, let me take this opportunity to congratulate Sharron MacDonald, who has become an Assistant District Director for OHA District 4.

Next on our list of accomplishments this spring, I would like to thank the volunteers who helped plant the 26 hanging baskets and 24-odd chairs that line the main street of downtown Colborne. Sharron and her crew did an outstanding job.

In June, we hosted the Four Club Garden Tour and I want to especially thank the members who graciously opened their gardens to club members from the four local clubs. Thanks to Peggy Howden, Karen Prins, Shirley Ross, Cory Hall and Valerie Detenbeck. The feedback from visitors was overwhelmingly positive. Also thanks to Sharron MacDonald for manning the refreshment tents at the ecology gardens even as they took flight in the wind that afternoon.

In May, we had our spring flower show and although, as we all know, Mom Nature didn't really cooperate with a pleasant spring, we did manage a very good showing. To those who participated, thank you. The displays were great and the blossoms, as always, beautiful to see.

Through all of the above, we also had our share of interesting speakers and guests at our monthly meetings: Vicki Simkovic spoke on invasive plants and their effect on agriculture and our environment; Bev Silk led a workshop on miniature floral designs (I still can't figure out how she got all those things into that little pecan shell half); and Paul LaPorte had a fascinating slide show and display on the biodiversity of native plants.

Sharron MacDonald and Joan Crawford ably represented our club at the annual OHA Convention in Windsor and you can read more about their experience later in this newsletter.

Finally, our summer program came to a fitting conclusion with our pot luck picnic at the ecology garden. The attendance was great, the food delicious and the conversations, as always, centred around summer gardening, the hot weather and good friends.

On a somber note and speaking of friends, we lost three very good friends and members this spring and winter: Lawrence Schell, Bea Fredenburgh, and Cecily Scroggs. Their names have been added to the book of remembrance at the OHA Convention. They will all be missed.

I think that's about all from me for now, except that it is getting close to our AGM and we are looking for nominations for officers and directors for the club for 2020. Please take some time and think about serving. It doesn't take too much time and it's a lot of fun.

Good gardening everyone and may the sun always be on your back and the rain out of your garden shoes.

~ Jim



A Monarch in progress

Photo by Cory Hall





## ~~ June, 2019 Presentation ~~

### BUILDING BIODIVERSITY WITH NATIVE PLANTS

with Paul LaPorte of Ephemeral Ark Nursery



Paul Laporte is Chair of the Ontario Native Plant Growers' Association, a member of the Kawartha Conservation's *BlueScape* steering committee, Past President of several organizations and a much sought after consultant on ecological gardening and design.

Paul most definitely walks the talk. In fact, I don't think it excessive to say that teaching the importance and the definitive role of native plants in the biodiversity life cycle is his life's work.

In his busy lecture schedule, Paul identifies native plants and how to establish a native plant garden. Most importantly, he exposes the importance of native plants in the life cycle of insects – good and bad, pollinators, and so on,

up the food chain. For example, he reveals how some pollinators, like monarchs, rely on a single species of native plant for their survival (milkweed). And he does so in the erudite fashion for which he is best known, layered on amazing macro-photos of the all-but-invisible denizens who comprise the biodiversity life cycle.

With respect to pollinators, we all know the role played by bees of various types and sizes, but we don't always consider that wasps, ants, flies, spiders, mosquitos, lepidopterans (both butterflies and moths) and flower beetles (lily for example) are also pollinators. So are animals, birds, bats and humans! But we can't pollinate native plants that do not exist. If we continue to plant pretty but non-native species, the biodiversity lifecycle, critical to our future, will continue to suffer.

Some species in the biodiversity cycle are not pollinators, but they do play a critical role. Ants, for example, clean up garbage. Chipmunks dig underground condo developments which end up providing dens for up to 70% of the bee population. Bees will also live in the stocks of native plants, if you leave them for that purpose. Aphids are "go-betweens", first servicing the plants and then becoming sustenance for predators further up the food chain. If there are no native plants to support aphids, flies, butterflies, bugs, beetles and other insects, the pollinating bees and wasps disappear, which in turn will negatively impact the distribution of seeds by birds and bats, eventually damaging forests, farm land,



beaches, lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands, thereby destroying the habitat of water fowl, animals, turtles and finally humans.

Ontario is awash in noxious weeds and there are extensive eradication programs in place but we are not winning that race at the moment. (see Vicki Simikov's lecture from April, 2019) It is not sufficient to have programs to eradicate these weeds, we must also fight back with native plants which, in sufficient numbers and with focused attention, can displace the weeds and allow us to reclaim our landscape.

"Agreed," you say, "but what can I do?" Like many things in the 21st century, the issues can seem overwhelming. The most meaningful action is to take the first step. Search, share, propagate and plant native species rather than the pretty but ineffectual non-native flowers, bushes and trees. If you undertake this task, you can consider your garden in transition, the outcome of which will be a more biodiverse space, that is just as beautiful and useful (consider veggies) as present day.

Here is a partial list of native species:

- . Allium
- . Asters
- . Baneberry, both red and white  
(caution: berries are poisonous)
- . Barberry
- . Columbine
- . Dutchman's breeches
- . Elderberry
- . 75 species of Ferns
- . P. Geranium
- . Ghost Pipe
- . Hepatica
- . Horse tails
- . Jack in the Pulpit

- . Joe Pye Weed
- . Liatris
- . Marsh marigold
- . May flower
- . Ontario trillium
- . Rudbeckia
- . Violets

For a more complete list with comprehensive information on native plants, see the following books:

**By Lorraine Johnston:**

*The Real Dirt: The Complete Guide to Backyard, Balcony and Apartment Composting* (co-authored with Mark Cullen)

*Grow Wild!*

*Native Plant Gardening in Canada*

**By Heather Holm:**

*Bees: An identification and Native Plant Forage Guide*

**By Douglas Tallamy:**

*The Living Landscape*

*Bringing Nature Home*

*Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard*

All in all, Paul LaPorte's lecture was informative, entertaining and given at the speed of light. I urge you to urge your family and friends to attend one of the many lectures he gives in the area.

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~ Robin Young



## ~~~ Giggles from the Garden ~~~

### HOW TO BE A BAD GARDENER

Let's say you are a Green Thumb Person – aka a GTP. Everything you touch turns *green* – and flourishes and prospers, flowering abundantly if that's what's requested, or yielding baskets of toothsome edibles, or likely both, while you casually mow a lawn that bursts with, well – *GREEN*, and I don't mean dandelion foliage. It's a gift. Maybe you work at it, maybe it's natural, or maybe it's some combination of passion and instinct. Well if that's you, my Hortie Friends, congratulations. You have gardens that are the envy of the neighbourhood and kudos all around. But this is about the seamier side of being a GTP.

In the same way that any person who is capable of sorting out computer problems, even minor ones, is constantly besieged by acquaintances begging them to “just take a look at my computer, that Windows 10 is a pain”; so a GTP is always asked for advice, or physical help, with OPGs (Other People's Gardens). Now, maybe you enjoy this, but if you *don't* here is some unsolicited advice on “**How To Be A Bad Gardener**”.

Follow these steps carefully and you will not be bothered with pesky questions at the supermarket checkout or asked to weed half an acre of unkempt garden at the Oddfellows Hall.

1. Pay attention to dates and timing. Find out exactly when seedlings should be started, then start them either 4 weeks before, or 5 weeks after that date. This will give you impossibly tall and spindly/sickly plants and minute, untransplantable sprouts respectively and will guarantee that the Farmer's Market will get your business all summer.

You need to have a firm grasp of all the deadlines and miss every one of them – by quite a lot, to be safe. Plant spinach in a July heat wave; get your eggplants into the ground

by late July to ensure that there isn't even time for blossoming, let alone fruiting, to happen, and get your tomatoes in by April 4<sup>th</sup>, when a late frost is almost guaranteed.

2. Research extensively exactly what is required to create soft, nutritious, balanced, spreadable compost, and then just dump your household scraps into a bin of some kind and DO NOTHING ELSE. NOTHING. ELSE. Something will happen to it, but don't count on putting it on a garden bed, unless you want Bylaw Enforcement showing up at your gate, wondering about the toxic slime on your beds. Or better yet, leave it year after year in your bin, add to it constantly, but NEVER TAKE ANYTHING OUT. Somehow this works, and you get the satisfaction of being a civic-minded composter without having to take the damn stuff out of the bin.

3. Keep an eye out for weeds, but don't get them too young; waiting until they are much bigger gives your garden a vibrant look, and if you can wait until they go to seed to remove them, all the better. You will have an even better crop next year, with no extra trouble. This can eliminate those annoying boundaries between garden beds and pathways.

4. Plan your garden meticulously. Put the tallest plants on the southwest side to block the sun from the other light-loving plants. This will keep them pale and hinder production, and your savvy friends will notice your error and stop thinking of you as a GTP. Learn about companion planting and put mortal enemies next to each other.

5. Get a hand pressurized sprayer, get a good organic spray solution, and find a reason – any reason – NOT to get out there and spray at the right time. The window for effective treatment is very small, and excessive cold, rain, wind, and



your aversion to all of these are great excuses to stay inside and READ about gardening.

6. If you really care about a certain planting, it IS possible to sneak it successfully past your friends, since the chaos hides almost everything. I myself have a stellar crop of garlic

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every year, meanwhile following ALL of the above tips, and nobody has ever accused me being a GTP.

I consider it a blessing.

You're welcome

~ *Barrie Wood*

## ~~~ *Moving to Cramahe* ~~~

Well it's been almost two years since we moved into town. When we first saw the house and property we instantly fell in love. We had a "let's get the work done" plan of two years, and as most of you know, we have been busy beavers. It's amazing what two people can accomplish when you're working together to achieve the same result. Since starting our project in 2017, we have renewed the perennial beds and brought the pond back to life - by having it re-dug, installing a new pond liner and laying down a ton of beach stone. The end result, we think, is fabulous.



I have always loved seeing birds in the backyard, so this year we have added six bird houses, which the birds have shown interest in,

and also a bat house, all mounted on cedar poles. All eight bird feeders have been remounted on cedar poles with duct pipe to keep the squirrels grounded.



We've created our little piece of heaven on earth, and now that the grunt work is done, we look forward to sitting back to enjoy our hard work, and touring around the area. We have met some fabulous people and made many friendships and look forward to the upcoming years. Thanks to all who have made us feel like this is where we were meant to be.

~ *Cory Hall*





## Garden to Table

### Zucchini and Tomato Casserole

12 small zucchini  
1 large onion  
brown sugar  
1½ cups Ritz Cracker crumbs  
1¼ cups grated sharp cheddar cheese

12 small tomatoes  
salt and pepper  
basil  
½ cup butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Wash and thinly slice zucchinis, tomatoes and onion (divided into rings). In a deep 3 quart casserole, place a layer of zucchini, a layer of tomatoes and a layer of onion rings. Sprinkle a bit of salt, pepper, brown sugar and basil over the onion. Then add a liberal handful of crumbs, a few bits of butter and a handful of cheese. Repeat twice; top layer should be cheese. Bake covered for a total of 1¼ hours; remove lid after the first half hour and continue baking for remaining 45 minutes. Enjoy!

### Homemade Recipes for Plants

**Epsom Salts** – a great way to improve your roots and shoots. Just sprinkle around plants....you will be amazed what it will do for plants, especially your roses.

**Tomatoes** – add crushed egg shells or powdered milk to tomato plants when you plant them....this will prevent the brown spots at the bottom of your tomatoes called blossom end rot.

**Natural herbicide** – this home spray puts weeds down for the count. Combine 1 tablespoon of rubbing alcohol with 1 quart of water, pour into a spray bottle and douse weed leaves. Make sure you don't get any of the spray on plants or grass. For tougher plants, add up to 5 tablespoons of rubbing alcohol. Pour boiling water on cracks of your cement or flagstone.

**Manure tea** – put a few scoops of manure or compost in a pantyhose leg, place in a bucket of water. Let brew for a few days, dilute with water – 3 parts water to 1 part tea.

**Corn gluten meal** – prevents weeds from germinating, should be applied in the spring or August.

**Oyster shells** – can be purchased at the feed store or Co-Op. Good for orchids, coral bells, phlox, lavender, and clematis.

**Dr. Brenner's Peppermint Soap** – put 1 teaspoon in water and put in spray bottle. Spray over and under house plants that you have had outside for the summer before you bring them inside. Also, 3 weeks before you bring plants in, put a mixture of 1 teaspoon Dawn dish soap, 1 teaspoon alcohol and water on the soil.

**Natural fertilizers** – compost, bone meal, fish emulsion, sea kelp, cow or sheep manure.

**Pick me up** – dry coffee grounds worked into soil. Great for acid-loving plants like azaleas, blueberries, butterfly weed, ferns, lupins, and spruces.

~ Sharron MacDonald





## ~~~ *From One Gardener to Another* ~~~

Well, it seems the 4-Club Garden Tour on June 22<sup>nd</sup> was a success! The weather was perfect that day. My thanks again to Marg Pafford for helping out at my place. There were too many people too often asking questions of me so I'm glad she was there to handle some of them. The biggest mystery was "that pink bush in the front yard, what is it?" Not a bush at all – it's a mature perennial pink gas plant (dictamnus), an old-fashioned perennial, greatly underused in my opinion. I also have a young white one that



Pink gas plant (dictamnus)

bloomed for the first time this year. I will collect seeds from it when they are ripe. It took me many years to find it and I hope to grow more of them. The pink one is also sometimes hard to find.

**Sunday, July 14, 2019, 9:15 pm:** I took my dog Charlie outside to do his business and also to bring in the bird feeder so the racoons don't knock it down. (I do this every night until the racoons go into hibernation.) The full moon was shining on my front steps so I sat on a chair to enjoy it. I soon realized there were fireflies everywhere! They were the most abundant I have ever seen in my entire life. It was absolutely magical, as if there were sparklers everywhere! They have been numerous here, this last week or so anyway, but this was way beyond.

I seem to have fewer lily beetles here this summer. Early in the season they began to appear and I squished as many as I could. This

does seem to help, as there are then not as many to reproduce. For the first time in many years there were no rose chafers. The blooms of the peonies, roses and clematis were safe.

I have another type of bug here on many of the perennials and weeds, though I am not sure that they are doing any damage. Time will tell. They are unsightly. At first I thought they were mealy bugs but no – they are wingless. Then I thought they were woolly aphids, but they don't quite fit the picture and description of those either. In both cases, my book says to spray. But of course, we no longer have access to diazinon, dimethoate, malathion, etc. I tried just rubbing my fingers down the stem to squish them and I got some, but many others just hopped or flew away.

**Sunday, July 21:** The lilies are almost all blooming now. At the front of the house the very tall (5' – 6') trumpet lilies are in bud. Every year they remind me of large, fat sausages. I take almost as much delight in the buds as I do in the flowers. In a few days they will be in full bloom. Then in the evening when the windows are open I'll have the additional pleasure of the wonderful fragrance wafting in on the breeze.

How is your vegetable garden this year? Mine is about the worst I've ever had. Not sure why. Weather conditions, I guess. Oh, and I'm overrun with rabbits this year. Where are the foxes and coyotes that control them? They are not as abundant so that's why the rabbits are a bumper crop. I had to fence the veggies this year for the first time. No peas, beans, snap peas or spinach this spring – although I may try to start these again later for a fall crop.

In an earlier newsletter I mentioned I was trying some new varieties of annual seeds this year. I'm happy to report the Alumia Vanilla Cream marigolds are very nice and blooming very well, and they are not such a garish shade of yellow as some are.



The new pale yellow xanthos cosmos are also very pretty and look good with the marigolds. However, the Tiger Eye violas are disappointing and actually haven't even bloomed. Perhaps the weather conditions are not to their liking.

Just over a week ago I bought a package of Russell's red lupine seeds. I soaked them in water for 24 hours as per the instructions, then

planted them in cell packs in a sterile potting mix. The package said germination takes about 20 days in spring. Holy smokes! These guys sprouted in two to three days!! I was quite surprised. As long as they grow well the rest of this season, I'll overwinter them in the ground. Then I should have some next May for our plant sale. That's all for now.

*~ Peg Howden*

## ~~~ 2019 OHA Convention ~~~

**IN THE DEEP SOUTH, WHERE EVERYTHING GROWS  
St. Clair College for the Arts, Windsor, Ontario**

On the morning of Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, Joan Crawford, Bev Silk and I loaded ourselves into my van and set off for the OHA Convention in Windsor. Because of the long distance to get to Windsor, we had to leave on the Thursday in order to be "bright eyed and bushy tailed" for the first plenary meeting at 9 am on Friday. For those of you who have never attended a convention, a plenary meeting is held every day of the convention to take care of the "business" of the OHA. As with any organization, you have to deal with approving last year's minutes, approving the Treasurer's report for last year, the nomination and election of new members on the OHA Board, and the always, seemingly never-ending revision of By-laws. Of course, they do entice you to be present at the meetings by having an early bird draw every morning, but you can only win if you are in the room. I must say that this year, they had some wonderful gifts for those lucky enough to have their name called and there were many happy recipients. The organizing committee had managed to secure a large number of extraordinary orchids and the people who received them were thrilled!! No gifts for us I might add....

Every morning we also had a guest speaker and Friday morning it was Kim Cooper, Agriculture

Specialist for Chatham-Kent. Kim oversees the department that does all the plantings for the city of Windsor....starting with planting the seedlings at the greenhouse which produce all the flowers for the hanging baskets and other installations around the town. Windsor has the most prolific flower displays that I have seen, with hundreds of thousands of flowers planted in all manor of containers.....the ones placed on the sidewalks were just dripping with flowers and other material. They also maintain all the parks in the city, of which there are many, and the parks along the riverside are quite spectacular. It's a huge job, but Kim seems to have everything well under control.

We had a wonderful dinner on Friday evening and this was followed by a themed *Roaring Twenties* party and boy, some people really got into the swing of things! The costumes were quite elaborate and most were very authentic looking. We were also serenaded by a very good jazz band.

Saturday morning we made our way to the plenary meeting (no gifts for us again) and the guest speaker was Matt Korpan, who works for Nature Fresh Farms, one of the largest distributors of tomatoes and cucumbers in the "deep south where everything grows". This was a phrase that we heard often during the



convention. Matt works in the greenhouse industry, and that is the future of growing. Matt also informed us that most of the produce they grow is shipped out of Canada, mostly to the United States. This seems strange to me, since whenever I shop for fruit and vegetable, they all seem to be from California or Mexico. What's with that?? Matt says that they are making greenhouses bigger and bigger all the time and in the not too distant future there will be 100-acre greenhouses. Yes, you read that right!! I can't even begin to imagine that. Because of the climate change we have been experiencing, it is much more profitable to grow in a greenhouse where you can control the climate and you can grow all year long. We can no longer rely on Mother Nature to provide the moderating temperatures and sufficient rains required for growing in the summer time and the growing season has been severely shortened. We have had too many cases of drought and or flooding to be able to produce the fruit and vegetables we require and this is what we have to look forward to in the future. Matt was a very interesting speaker and gave us lots of food for thought, as it were.

In keeping with the topic of weather, our guest speaker on Saturday night was David Phillips, Senior Climatologist for Canada. If you watch the Weather Channel, you have seen David. His topic for the evening was "This is Not Your Grandmother's Weather Anymore". David started off by saying that we should not be calling it global warming, but rather climate change, because that is what it is. He said he started to notice changes about 23 years ago and he stated that in his opinion we no longer have four seasons, but rather we have only two: summer and winter. Now, I have been saying the same thing for years, because as you have all noticed, spring does not arrive until much later and lasts for a very short period of time and then fall also arrives later and again, does not seem to last very long. David says that we can expect more cases of severe drought and more cases of extreme flooding in the future.

This phenomenon is not just occurring here in Canada, but it is worldwide. Look at all the extreme heat that has happened in many countries in Europe this year. The last heat wave has caused massive melting of the ice in Norway. David's talk was extremely informative, even though his topic was alarming in a lot of ways. We need to learn to take better care of our planet now in order to leave a healthy environment for our children and grandchildren.

Our final guest speaker on Sunday morning was Jen Ruschiano, Co-Founder of the Detroit Food Academy in Detroit, Michigan. Jen started the Academy to teach children and youth about believing in the power of food. She saw a need for better food quality and better education about food in schools and community centers. Jen works with youth in schools and then in advanced leadership programs. Many of the children who have attended the Academy have then gone on to the leadership programs and are now teaching to the younger students. Food scarcity is very common in Detroit and many families are living on food from food banks and other agencies. The need for breakfast programs is very important in the schools, as many children do not have any breakfast at home because there is no food available. One of the programs at the Academy is teaching the children how to source, grow and cook food so that they are able to provide for themselves and their families. Of course, food scarcity is not uncommon in our own country and Jen's topic brought that close to home. She was a very dynamic speaker who cares about the future of youth and their relationship with food.

The weekend also included a number of seminars, workshops and displays, and of course, vendors to spend your money with! Joan and I took the Lee Valley workshop and made planter boxes. There were also some bus tours for those who were interested in seeing various gardens and other interesting spots



around the Windsor area. I must admit that in hindsight I was quite glad not to have taken any of the tours. The weather while we were in Windsor was absolutely awful as far as heat and humidity were concerned. Some people who took part in the bus tours had to be brought back to the hotel because they were starting to suffer from heat stroke. It was 100% humidity and the temperature was hitting well into the 40s with the humidity factored in. Thank goodness for air conditioning!!!!

I learned a few fun facts at the convention. There are 278 Societies in Ontario with a total of 27,463 members. Of those members, 4609 were new members, 1325 were youth members and there were 1198 life members. Those members volunteered a total of 499,287 hours last year, which is an increase of 10,031 over 2017. With the inclusion of the OHA Board and all the Directors, the total volunteer hours came to 527,241. Someone took the time to do the

math and if all those hours were paid for, it would have cost the government \$7,908,615 in wages. So ... speaking of volunteer hours, please make sure that YOU keep track of all YOUR volunteer hours for our Society, because as you can see, they do make a difference!!

In closing, I would like to thank our Society for giving Joan and me the opportunity to attend this year's OHA Convention and I am already thinking about next year's. It will be held in London, July 17 – 19, 2020, at the Lamplighter Inn. It would be lovely to have some more of you come along to have some fun, meet new friends, renew old acquaintances, and have a chance to learn and expand your knowledge about many exciting topics.

~ Sharron MacDonald

## ~~~ 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. Upcoming meetings: Sept 24, **Hazel & Joe Cook** of Blossom Hill Nursery: *Peonies*; plus Flower Show Awards Presentation. Oct 22, **Debb Poole** of Connon Nursery: *Forcing Bulbs*

**Cobourg Horticulture** meets at Cobourg Columbus Community Centre, 232 Spencer Street East (D'Arcy), 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. Upcoming meetings: Sept 4, **Dugald Cameron**, *Plant a Spectacular Spring Garden Now*; Oct 2, **Marion Jarvie**, *Fall Pruning*.

**Grafton Horticulture** meets at St. Andrews United Church, 137 Old Danforth Rd., 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Upcoming meetings: Sept 10, **Drew Monkman**, *How Climate Change is Affecting Our Flora & Fauna + Summer Flower Show (6:30)*; Oct 8, **Ontario Invasive Plant Council** Representative, *Garden Invaders & Alternatives*.

**Port Hope & District Horticulture** meets at the Ruth Clarke Centre, 81 Mill St. S., 2nd Monday of the Month at 7:00 pm. Upcoming meetings: Sept 16, *Ornamental Grasses*. Oct. 21, *Pollinators and Other Good Bugs*, plus Annual Awards

### NEIGHBOURING HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY PLANT SALES

Sept 14 <b>Brighton</b>	8:30 – 11:00 am (Curling Club Parking Lot, 85 Elizabeth Street)
Sept 14 <b>Campbellford</b>	8:00 (Bank of Montreal corner, Doxsee Ave. & Bridge Street)





## ~~~ Summer Kids' Programs ~~~



## ~~ Please Join Us ...

... on *facebook* or online at [cramahehort.ca](http://cramahehort.ca)

... or at a meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
in the Keeler Centre in Colborne.

### Next meeting:

Tuesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

**Pollinator Garden Design**

with Susan Chan

Plus

Fall Vegetable & Decorative Flower Show

### Upcoming:

Tuesday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00

**Decorative Workshop – Pumpkin Centrepiece**

with Valerie Detenbeck & Karen Prins

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## *...one garden at a time.*

