

The GardenShed

WINTER/SPRING 2017

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CRAMAHE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



THE PUSSYWILLOWS THINK IT'S SPRING

Photo by Barrie Wood



The GardenShed

~ From the Editor

If it seems like ages since you received your last newsletter, that's not surprising. We are trying a new approach: four newsletters per year, according to the gardening seasons. You'll receive your emailed version of The GardenShed towards the end of March, June, September and December. If you're receiving a paper copy in the mail, it should arrive early in the following month.

In this issue, you'll read about what's been happening in Hort over the winter months, and what's coming up in the spring. And speaking of coming up in the spring – those poor little 'green guys' in my garden are utterly confused now. They've been trying to come up since January, and now really don't know whether they're coming or going. After last summer's drought and the ups and downs of the winter, it will be very interesting to see how the garden progresses as the weather truly warms up.

One thing I'm sure of ... there will definitely be glads in my garden. Lots and lots of glads. Santa read my wish in the last issue of The GardenShed and stuck not a couple, not a dozen but a whacking 96 of them in my stocking! I'm already tired out just thinking about planting them, and the season hasn't even begun. Won't they be spectacular in September, though?

~ Lorelyn



A colourful stand of glads –
Cramahe Hort's 2017 Flower of the Year.

~ President's Message

Spring is finally "springing" and it is about time! Even though we have not had a bad winter in terms of snow and cold weather, we have had bad days, off and on. For those of us in Ontario, we are used to much harsher weather through the winter and this year, we have been somewhat baffled by what we have received. I am sure that the animals and birds have been baffled as well, as we have had hundreds of robins around where we live, and that is quite unusual. We are used to seeing a few robins over the course of the winter, but not in the numbers we have seen this year. Everything is mixed up!

I certainly hope that the flowers and plants are not too mixed up and that they proceed to come up like they normally do. My snow drops are up and there are blooms on the hellebores. I can see daffodils pushing their way up and there are other "green bits" starting to show in

the garden. Because it is still wet, I am hesitant to start working in the garden for fear of crushing something that hasn't quite broken through. I am sure that the weather is supposed to improve in the next week or two and then I can start in earnest to get the gardens cleaned up. Thanks to hydro, I have a lovely pile of chips waiting for me to spread, but first I have a lot of work ahead of me before I can do that.

Our guest speaker this month, Dawn Golloher from Gardens Plus, certainly got everyone's mouths watering over her slide show of easy care perennials for the garden. I am sure everyone has spent the winter pouring over seed and flower catalogues and I have done the same. It is so much fun to dream about all the things we would like to buy and plant in our gardens. The things dreams are made of! I am going to make a concentrated effort to get to Dawn's this year to check out all the goodies she has on offer. Road trip, anyone?

Our society is going to be very busy for the next few months, starting with our plant sale on the last weekend of May. We are asking ALL members with gardens to please think about us when you are in your gardens this spring. If you are splitting your plants, would you please pot them up with a stick in them to describe what they are, and if possible, the type of conditions they need to survive. If you need any help with digging and potting, please contact Jo Anne Titus at 905-344-7484 and she will make arrangements to have someone come and help you. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and we need help from all of you to make it successful.

We will also be busy with the planters for hanging in town. If you would be available to help pot up these planters, please contact Carol McArthur at 905-355-2665. We hope to have them done by the long week end in May.

Our 'GardenOntario Week' project (June 10 – 18) will be to paint and plant chairs to be placed

in the downtown section of Colborne. We are also asking all members to paint and plant a chair to be placed somewhere visible from the road on your own property, wherever you live in Cramahe Township. We would love to see chairs all over Cramahe. Please help us to make GardenOntario Week a success.

Another big fundraiser for us is Trash & Treasures, which will be held on August 12th this year. We are asking you to think about us when you are going through those "treasures" that you think you might like to get rid of. If you are donating, please remember that we would like to present things in a good way, so clean those dishes and such before you send them on to us. It helps sell things much better if they are clean and in good condition. Thanks for your consideration of these points.

We have a busy year ahead, but with your help, we will have a good year. It takes a village and we are proud of our villages and the part we play in them. Please do your part to help us remain the vibrant society that we are.

From the cluttered desk of your President

~ Sharron



Making insect houses and hotel at the Colborne library.



~~ February Presentation ~~

Victory Gardens

with
Robert "Robbie" Preston

What is a Victory Garden? Victory gardens were plots of land dedicated to growing vegetables, fruits and herbs to feed civilian and armed service populations during WWII. The idea was inspired, indeed driven, by a similar patriotic mobilization during WWI.



In Canada the motto was "A garden in every home". They were usually found in urban spaces. Where previously there had been front lawns, vacant lots, and flower gardens, now there was row after row of beets, potatoes and tomatoes. The more produce that could be grown by Canadians, the more food, soldiers and munitions could be shipped to Canada's allies overseas. This was because not only did victory gardening feed those on the home front and help meet existing export commitments, but it also freed railcars and transport trucks to move other strategic goods.

Britain had its own victory gardens, in sports fields, golf courses, public parks, railway edges, waste ground, bomb sites, apartment building rooftops as well as individual land owners' spaces. Nonetheless in 1941, 77% of Britain's flour and wheat were Canadian exports.

One unintended consequence of this social experiment went far beyond the provision of food. It gave all generations of families a common purpose, fed patriotic zeal, taught civilians a new skill and created a new appreciation for nutritious food. The gardens became an integral part of daily life on the home front which, in turn, gave rise to early environmentalism.

Victory gardens were just one part of a multi-layered wartime effort such as the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, rationing, ration-stretching recipes, meatless Tuesdays, canning, fats and bone collection, artificial butter and sugar, and too many more to mention.



As well, a concentrated campaign to promote the victory gardens went on throughout the war, entreating people to help the war effort through the growing and canning of food.

Expert gardeners and farmers helped the "city folk" who wanted to contribute but didn't have the skills. They did this by designing vegetable gardens, and teaching soil augmentation, canning methods, and light/shade gardening etc.

Robbie Preston was born the year before WWII broke out. He experienced illness early in his life and it interfered with his formal schooling. Happily, he gained a lifelong skill and orientation that has served him well. He is an environmentalist (ie: The 2012 Environmental Hero for the City of Kawartha Lakes). He is dedicated to soil augmentation and to changing exhausted, ugly spaces into attractive gardens where form follows function.

Scarlet Fever and diphtheria developed throughout the war years and created, in many of the stricken, a lonely life under quarantine, devoid of friends and toys. But under the guidance of his grandmother, who lived with them and grew everything Robbie's family ate, he began to help in the garden, thereby developing a lifelong dedication to growing food. These days, he tempers the vegetable, herb, and fruit gardens with beautiful flowers in an urban environment. With his partner by his side, food is grown in raised beds, border beds, gardens and in the basement under grow lights using advanced soil augmentation principles. Over many, many years he has observed and learned what works and what doesn't and has adapted his practices accordingly.

One such practice is the use of COIR instead of peat moss. This is important because we must learn how to keep water in the ground without destroying the aquifers and wetlands. (Brown) COIR is fibre from the outer husk of the ripe coconut and it is used for making upholstery padding, sacking and various horticultural uses.

Mr. Preston gave Cramahe Horticultural members a graphic (he says magic) demonstration. Two containers; equal amounts of peat moss and COIR; five litres of water; a half hour time lapse. The peat moss gave back four of the five litres unabsorbed. The COIR gave back one and a quarter litres with the rest totally absorbed and held. Magic indeed!

Mr. Preston suggests that gardeners adopt a practice which augments the soil while giving you extraordinary results in your garden. Mix as you would normally do for your planters – put two bricks of COIR in a wheelbarrow, mix with water, wait for an hour and mix the result with top soil, manure etc. to fill your planters. For garden beds, work the moistened COIR mixture into the soil around your plants to

ensure a reduced need for watering because the COIR holds the water in the soil better and longer.



Do not leave the COIR on top of the garden soil, mix it into the soil. When planting new, make sure there is both COIR mixed in close to the roots and bone meal etc. in the potting hole before planting. If possible, mix COIR into the soil around trees to ensure they are properly hydrated.

In closing, Mr. Preston urged the audience to look for the COIR from Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) because there is no use of salt water, and to look for the OMRI Listing which denotes organic regime standards in Canada.

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~ Robin Young

~~ The Insect Hotel Project ~~

The Ontario Horticulture Association has two projects that they wish the members of District 4 to be involved in this year. One is a Pollinator Patch, to be placed somewhere in your home town and the



other is an Insect Hotel, also to be placed in your town. Our group decided that we wanted to involve children somehow in the making of the insect hotel, so we approached Mary Norton at our local library and asked her if there was any way we could do this project during the spring break. Mary was delighted to have us work with the kids and the library took on the challenge right away. Mary and her staff set about getting a poster made and we were on our way. We felt that at least two days would be required to make the houses with the kids, so Tuesday, March 14th and Thursday, March 16th were set as the days. The poster was made and hung in the Library and then we waited to see if anyone would register. Well, register they did and we ended up with a total of 13 kids that came to work on their insect houses and the hotel.

Karen Prins was instrumental in getting the houses and supplying the glue, paint and brushes. Her husband Colin, (bless his heart) cut all the reeds, bamboo and all the other assorted bits into the desired three inches that were required to fill the houses. On Tuesday, Karen, Trish O'Brien and I arrived at the library to get the kids started on the project. The first day, they glued all the pieces together and placed them in the houses and then they were left to dry for a day. Once they had finished with their own insect house, the kids then glued pieces together to fit in the large insect hotel that our member, Len Salvati had made. This large hotel is going to be placed in the Ecology Garden when it is all filled.

On Thursday, the kids came back and painted their houses and glued lady bugs and ants to the outsides.

I was unable to attend on Thursday, so Jo Anne Titus came to the rescue to help. The kids were allowed to take their insect houses home and we have asked them to bring them back in May, when we are going to have a parade to take the large insect hotel down to the Ecology Garden and we want them to be a part of it. We are hoping to generate some interest in the Horticulture Society and in that vein we are going to hold another workshop with the kids at the library. We are hoping that some of the same kids and maybe some new ones will come to work on the next project, which will be a painted terracotta pot.



We will then have the kids come early to one of our meetings to receive some soil and seeds and we will help them plant. Also in May, when we have the plant sale, we are hoping to have some of the kids receive either tomato or pepper plants to take home to grow over the summer and then they can bring them to the September Vegetable/Flower show to show us how they have done.

It would be wonderful to have some Junior Gardeners in our group. All in all, it was a lot of fun working with the kids and I hope we can make some of them a permanent part of our Society.

~ Sharron



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

As gardeners, we are the stewards of the earth. To me, this means caretaker, manager, trustee. At the very least we should maintain the health and fertility of the soil and the cleanliness of the water and air, as we use all these things to grow our food, trees, shrubs and flowers, and indeed provide our homes. At best we should improve them all.

Frankly, I wish all humans would think along these lines, as it is the only way all life forms are going to survive on this planet. And, as you probably know, all forms of plant and animal existence are a necessary, connected part of the web of life on this beautiful earth.

So, perhaps this year you could help improve home for all of us. Some ideas: put up a nest box or shelf for a bird; build an insect hotel; build a larger habitat for wildlife; plant a pollinator garden; plant a tree or shrub. Please choose a tree or shrub that is dual purpose. By that I mean, that is ornamental for humans but that provides food or shelter for wildlife.

And on that note, I'd like to share with you a poem I discovered as a child. I hope you like it too.

~ Peg Howden

Salute To The Trees

By Henry Van Dyke



*Many a tree is found in the wood
And every tree for its use is good:
Some for the strength of the gnarled root,
Some for the sweetness of flower or fruit;
Some for shelter against the storm,
And some to keep the hearth-stone warm;
Some for the roof, and some for the beam,
And some for a boat to breast the stream;-
In the wealth of the wood since the world began
The trees have offered their gifts to man.*

*I have camped in the whispering forest of pines,
I have slept in the shadow of olives and vines;
In the knees of an oak, at the foot of a palm
I have found good rest and slumber's balm.
And now, when the morning gilds the boughs
Of the vaulted elm at the door of my house,
I open the window and make salute:
"God bless thy branches and feed thy root!
Thou hast lived before, live after me,
Thou ancient, friendly, faithful tree."*

~~~ Executive Doings ~~~

BOARD NOTES FROM JANUARY 10, FEBRUARY 14 & MARCH 15, 2017

With so many items of business running through several meetings as the winter progressed, I thought I might roll them all into one, and try to make sense of that.

The planning for the Insect Hotel Project started in January, and with March Break now over, it has been accomplished and very successfully, too. Karen Prins stepped forward to spearhead this project in January, and she and the young people had a great time working on it.

The Chair Project, Cramahe Hort's GardenOntario Week project, has also evolved through these meetings. The painted and planted chairs will hopefully add an air of fun to our community. For people who have no stray chairs to use, ten have been purchased and for \$5 (cost) one can be yours for the end of your driveway. The planting then is totally up to you. Be creative, make it bright and colourful, and tend it well. There will be a Chair Gang work party on May 2, at Trish O'Brien's house, 1:00 pm, to actually paint these chairs. Come on down in your painting duds and get some colour into your life.

The Plant Sale gets closer and JoAnne is getting fired up, and her pleas for well-labelled potted plants are getting louder. Let's remember that this is Cramahe Hort's largest fund-raiser of the year, and needs the support of all members: as volunteers on the day, but more importantly, as suppliers of the goods for sale! Split those perennial roots, plant a few extra seedlings, pot up the babies from your indoor plants – it all goes to making a difference in our community. In March we learned that if we have a lot of material unsold, we are welcome to join our friends at the Market in the Park in Colborne, and set up a table where we might sell off the remaining plants on June weekends. A very generous offer – thanks, Roseanne. But let's hope we sell everything on the Saturday!



There has been a lot of colouring talk – not floral colouring, but colouring book colouring! The multi-talented Karen Prins is doodling away with an eye towards creating a Hort Colouring Book. And it has come to our attention that Peg Howden is in need of a good brown colouring pencil – she is not happy with the one she has, so if anyone has a line on a lovely brown . . . call Peg. As all effective committees have a range of opinions, it is good to note that Marg Pafford (“Doc Sunshine”) would rather vacuum and dust than sit and colour. There may be an angle there to get some help with your housework: invite Marg for tea and then break out the coloured

pencils. (Make sure that your Dyson is plugged in and ready to go.)

And further on the Peg Howden file: Peg has ‘fessed up that she comes to these exec meetings because it gets her out of the house when new waffle recipes are being experimented with in her kitchen (we’re always glad she’s here, whatever the reason). And on another occasion, it was declared that Peg Howden is “good for something”: the exact context of this bold statement has been lost to the mists of time, but I think we can all agree that it is indeed accurate.

Our February meeting was greatly enhanced by Bea Fredenburgh’s delicious date squares (does anyone else know this as “matrimonial cake”?). And on a similar front be it noted that in March, Barrie politely DECLINED the TimBits. The psychological ramifications for the flabbergasted committee members are still being assessed.

On the Fossilized Remains of Tiny Hard-Shelled Algae front, there was great interest shown (1882 hits) on Sharrons’ Facebook posting about diatomaceous earth. Scrub your hands, or your pots, kill fleas and roaches, put it on your garden beds, or EAT it - check out the amazing things that pop up when Sharron hits the internet.

At this moment, spring has been with us for 2 ½ days, so there is hope. I wish you all good times as the Garden leaps up in front of us over the next few weeks; just remember to stretch out those winterized muscles before you leap up to greet the Garden, and take it easy to start – it’s a long summer.

Enjoy the season,

~ Barrie Wood

~~ OHA News ~~

District 4 AGM	April 1, 2017	Fenelon Falls
GardenOntario Week	June 10 - 18, 2017	Throughout Ontario
Skills Update (Morning) June Celebration Event (Noon - 3:30) Theme: Our 150 th Birthay	June 14, 2017	Naval Club, Peterborough
OHA Convention 2017 Theme: Green from Shore to Shore	July 23 – 23, 2017	Sheridan Parkway North Hotel, Richmond Hill
Fall Seminar Photo Competition: 1. Storm/Wind Damage 2. Children Love Flowers Too 3. I Have Changed (2 photos of the same plant(s), first during summer, second during autumn)	October 28, 2017	Lindsay & District Dunsford Community Centre
OHA Convention 2018 Theme: Shore to Shield		Kingston (District 3)
OHA Convention 2019 Theme: Come to the Deep South Where Everything Grows		Windsor (District 11)



~~ March 2017 Presentation ~~

What's New for 2017?

with
Dawn Golloher of Gardens Plus

Spring must be around the corner, because March 21st, 2017, the Cramahe Horticulture Society was delighted once again to host Dawn Golloher from Gardens Plus.



The following basic information about Gardens Plus bears repeating here, especially for our new members, and the presentation that followed consisted of "Dawn's Picks" for the upcoming gardening season. What a treat!

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. (Contact GardensPlus.ca)

Dawn and her team have a motto: 'We focus on easy care perennials so you can enjoy your gardens not just work in them'. Can't argue with that!

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

that re-bloom, that are drought tolerant, that are long lived (not just 3 to 5 years) – that are, 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.

Remember that not all sun is created equal and lighting is among the most important elements of a successful garden.

So, let's begin with the **PART SHADE** heroes:



"Brother Stephan" is the hosta of the year for 2017 - it displays corrugated leaves of gold with a wide blue-green margin. "Curly Fries" was the hosta of the year for 2016 and it is still going strong with its unusual spiky foliage. A decorative feature in any garden.



Two more shade lovers are Munchkin Fire and Orange Star.

We all love the shade-tolerant hosta “babies” and new this year are School Mouse, Sun Mouse and Wrinkle inTime. They are perfect for underplanting, edging and infilling in a layered garden.

If you like the white-centred hostas to add a punch of contrast among deeper hues, the Hans hosta will fill that role.

There are literally thousands of sturdy hostas which come up every year and require little maintenance. They are beautiful, adaptable and long living.

Cathedral Windows is a new hosta this year, it is a nice small plant with very fragrant flowers. Captain Adventure, Popcorn and the large leafed Ivory Coast are also new on the market.

The pin- hued hostas are gaining in popularity, for example the delicious First Blush and Raspberry Sundae

Still in the part shady category, try the stately ligularia, especially Little Lantern and Café Noir. The tall flower spikes and huge leaves are very impressive in any garden.

Of course, in part shade, you can always rely on ferns (such as the Japanese Painted variety) or bladderberry, which is a very civilized ground cover that won't get out of control but will help keep the weeds at bay.

Coral Bells also thrive in part shade. Try Black Pearl and Pretty Pistachio in close proximity – deep rich purple and intense lime – gorgeous! Remember, not too much water for these plants. Appletini, Dew Drop and Lemon Chiffon are more heucheras you may wish to consider. Pair them with Jacob's Ladder for a great display.

The heucherella - the marriage between the heuchera and the tiarella – provides us the best features of both parents. Pink Fizz has purple veined leaves with prolific bubble gum pink flowers.



Mix it with any purple/blue flowered shade lover. Leapfrog, Pumpkin Spice and Catching Fire are other examples of the heucherella.

And that brings us to the “Wedding Bells” series of hellebores such as Wedding Bells, Blushing Bridesmaids and First Dance all stunning examples of this genus. Another series contains the dramatic Rome in Red, French Kiss and Mix which, as its name implies, is a combination of all the standard colours.



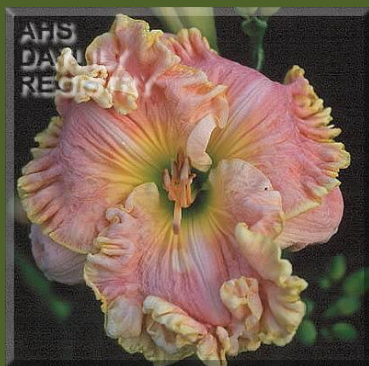
New this year is a variety of monarda (bee balm) which is shorter and clumps well. Cherry Pops and Rock'n Raspberry and the delicate Pink Frosting are all available. Consider mass planting for a spectacular show of pinks, purples and a pinky red which almost defies description. Balmy Purple, Grape Gumball and Cranberry Lace further enhance the versatility of monarda. And, this new variety is mildew resistant.

Now the **HOT, FULL SUN** brigade!

Let's begin with the coneflower. Be careful not to weed them out or plant new too early. Try Double Scoop Mandarin, Green Jewell (yes, green flowers!) Delicious Candy or the Smoothy series Black Eyed Susan, Raspberry Lychee or Strawberry Mango.



Magic Amethyst (above) and Collier are but a few of this year's ever popular daylilies.



Judy Judy, is an impossibly beautiful daylily reminiscent of a pink and cream ruffled prom dress. This one drew gasps from the audience.

Gold Zebra is a daylily with variegated foliage. Once the flowers are spent, the striped, spiky leaves continue to add zing to the garden. Though there are too many to mention here, do look for daylilies that re-bloom between May and September. Lake Effect, Majestic Moves, Passion Returns, Garden Show, Royal Braid, Blackthorne, Tiger Swirl and Passion for Red are among Dawn's favourites.

Before this article becomes a book, we'll move on to salvia. This plant does yeoman's duty in any garden. It clumps, is long blooming in shades of pinks and purples and the hummingbirds love them. Try Crystal Blue, Violet Riot, Sensations, Blue Sky and Pink Dawn. It flowers with the bee balm in June.

And who doesn't love the Siberian iris? They don't need a lot of water and look like an ornamental grass when not blooming. It blooms two to three weeks in

June (or the first week of July in some areas). Pink Parfait, Regency Buck, Royal Blue or Concord Crush are a few of the new ones.



Sedum comes in so many varieties; Lemon Jade, Firecracker, and Lime Twister are a few to consider. This is a good time to mention that if you want to keep a plant variegated, pinch out the solid colour leaves before it reverts to its parentage.

Finally, in this, the year of the Canadian sesquicentennial, many will want to create a red and white motif, which can be accomplished with a variety of perennials and annuals – including tulips, monarda, phlox, daylilies, begonias, Sun Patience – some of which you may already have in the ground.



Take a few moments to go through the Gardens Plus website. There are hundreds of excellent pictures which clearly show the "easy care" perennial features as well as their characteristics, shipping information and the cost.

~ Robin Young



~~~ Garden to Table ~~~



It's Maple Syrup Time!

MAPLE WALNUT ICE CREAM

1 cup maple syrup

¼ cup chopped walnuts

Coarse salt (pinch)

Vanilla ice cream

Scoop vanilla ice cream into serving bowls.

Pour maple syrup over .

Sprinkle salt over walnuts and mix.

Sprinkle over maple syrup.

That's it. Serves four.

Better than store-bought!

MAPLE WALNUT BARS

1 cup all purpose flour

½ tsp. baking powder

½ cup butter(room temp)

½ cup brown sugar

1 large egg

½ cup maple syrup

½ tsp. vanilla

1 cup chopped walnuts

Pre heat oven 350 and grease 13x9" baking pan, line with foil, grease foil.

Mix dry ingredients together.

Beat butter& sugar until fluffy beat in egg, gradually beat in maple syrup & vanilla.

Stir in dry ingredients & walnuts.

Spread evenly in prepared pan.

Bake 20-25 minutes until top is lightly brown and edges pull away from sides of pan.

Cool on rack for 5 minutes. Brush top with maple syrup & sprinkle with finely chopped walnuts.

Cool completely before cutting into bars.



~ Karen Prins

~~~ *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: April 25, **Communities in Bloom**, with Teresa Behan of Communities in Bloom, Cobourg. May 23, **Delphiniums**, with Hazel & Joe Cook of Blossom Hill Nursery. June 27, **Working with Nature**, with Kathryn McHolm.

Cobourg Horticulture meets at Cobourg Columbus Community Centre, 232 Spencer Street East (D'Arcy), 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. Upcoming Meetings: April 5, **Whistling Gardens**, with Darren Heimbecker. May 3, **Roses** with Christine Moore. June 7, **Cobourg Gardens through the Lens** with Elisabeth LaFontaine.

Grafton Horticulture meets at St. Andrews United Church, 137 Old Danforth Rd., 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Upcoming meetings: April 11, **Holes in Leaves** with Martin Galloway of Chalk Lake Nurseries. May 9, **Looking After and Building Containers and Perennial Grasses**, with Flemming Nielson of Viking Nurseries. June 13, **Growing Hostas & What's New in Hostas**, with Kevin Elchuk of Giboshihill Hostas.

Omeme Blooms Garden Club meets at Trinity United Church, 3rd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Upcoming meetings: April 17, **Geological Landscape**, with Don Collins. May 15, Onsite visit to **Burley's Gardens**. (Carpool from Trinity, time tba.) June 19, **Garden Speak: The Language of Gardening** with M.J. Pilgrim.

Peterborough Horticulture meets at the Lions' Centre, 347 Burnham St., Peterborough, 4th Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meetings: April 26, **Growing Berries, Haskap and Other Small Fruit** with James & Audrey Potts of Palliser Downs. May 24, **Garden Trends for 2017**, with Sean James of Fern Ridge Gardens. June 28, **Tips and Tricks for Waterwise Gardening**, with author David Hobson.

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: April 10, **Square Foot Gardening**, with Joyce Higgs. May 15, **Perennials**, with Matt Dressing of Sheridan Nurseries. June 12, **Invasive Species in the Garden**, with the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters.

Plant Sales

Brighton: May 9, Plant Auction with auctioneer extraordinaire Jim Nelson, 6:30 for 7:00 p.m. auction, King Edward Community Centre

Cobourg: May 20, 9:00 a.m., Columbus Community Centre

Grafton: May 13, 9:00 to noon, Haldiman Memorial Arena

Omeme: May 20, 9:00 – 11:00, Omeme Legion

Peterborough: May 13, 9:00 – 11:00, Westdale United Church, 1509 Sherbrooke St.

Port Hope: May 13, 8:30 – 10:30, Port Hope Town Park/Fall Fair Centre, 81 McCaul St.



Flower Shows

Brighton: June 3, Spring Flower Show

Cobourg: May 3, Spring Mini Flower Show

Grafton: June 10, 2:00 – 3:30, June Flower Show and Tea, location tba

Omeme: June 19, 7:00 June Flower Show

Peterborough: Peterborough Garden Show at the Evinrude Centre, April 7 (5 – 9 p.m.), April 8 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
April 9 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Port Hope: May 15, Mini Spring Flower Show. June 12, June Flower Show.

~~ 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.

Upcoming:

April 18th, 7:00 p.m.

Decorative Workshop

With Chauncy Perry of Flourishes Flower Shop

May 16th, 7:00 p.m.

What's the Buzz?

With Beekeeper Lisa Jones

May 27th, 8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Annual Plant Sale

Victoria Park, Colborne

June 20th, 7:00 p.m.

Catherine Parr Trail and Canadian Wildflowers

With Joyce Higgs

And

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