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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 – PAUL HEYDON NATIVE PLANT GARDENING AND ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

MAY MEETING

Dawn Tack shared the journey of Gardens Plus over the years. In addition, she also provided many hints and advice to help us with our gardens.

NEXT MEETING

Join us on Wednesday, June 23, when Paul Heydon will present Native Plant Gardening and Ecological Restoration. Paul graduated from the Forestry program at Sir Sanford Fleming College. He also received a biology degree from Trent University. His love and respect for nature has developed into a passion for native plant gardening and ecological restoration. This is the last meeting before the summer break, so come out and enjoy an evening of fun. The library will be open to sign out those books for the summer and get your 50/50 tickets. Enjoy some refreshments while meeting up with some old (and new) friends. Please wear your name tag.

50/50

Beryl Harris won \$96.50 in the 50/50 draw. Other prizes (various pots and baskets of live material) were purchased from Griffin's Greenhouse. Other items were donated by Pauline Drake.



**BRING
YOUR
COFFEE CUP**



SPRING PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 8th saw another successful Spring Plant Sale, despite the unpredictable weather. It rained hard Friday evening and was sprinkling as we set up on Saturday morning, but people were lined up with their baskets by the time we were ready to start. Fortunately the rain held off until after the sale was finished and we had cleaned up. Members were again generous in providing us with an abundance of interesting and healthy plants and we had many volunteers for pricing, set up and giving advice to those who came to buy. Our profit from the sale was \$985.00. Thanks again to all those who helped!

FALL PLANT SALE

The date for the Fall Plant Sale is Saturday, September 11th, the week-end after Labour Day. We will need as many plants as possible so as you are working in your garden later in the summer, just pot some up and bring them to the sale. As our September meeting is after the sale, a sign-up sheet for volunteers will be available at the June meeting. If you won't be attending that meeting but would like to volunteer, I can be reached at 741-1101 or patdevilliers@hotmail.com.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – DIANE BOOTH,
LINDA JENKINS, CYNDI LEAHY AND ANN
MCLEOD.**

SCHOLARSHIPS

The final \$1,000 scholarship for the year was recently presented to Melissa Spearing of Groundcovers Unlimited, Bethany. Some of you may have heard her speak at the April Garden Show where Melissa was one of our speakers. Melissa is currently studying at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture and she loves it, describing it as "paradise". She says she is learning interesting new ideas which she would one day like to share with us.

UPCOMING SUMMER WORKSHOP

Cutting and Drying Flowers

Dried flowers are wonderful for home arrangements, can add lovely scents to your home and are fun to do. On Sunday, July 18th, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Hazel Cook will take us through her gardens at Blossom Hill and show us how to cut flowers for drying. Sign up at the June meeting or email me at bcfree@bell.net.

The Pruning Workshop that was held at Fleming Park on Saturday, April 24th was a great success with over 20 members coming out to help with the spring cleanup and get some hands on experience. Rachel Burrows did a wonderful job of explaining how and why we prune and answered a multitude of questions from avid gardeners. Then we walked the gardens to find flowering shrubs that needed some attention. After a few demonstrations, we were ready to attempt some bushes on our own and what a great job we all did! Well done! We learned a few things, got to practice on someone else's shrubs (hehehe), and hopefully all went away with a sense of pride and accomplishment. Thanks to Rachel for making this workshop fun and enlightening and for Kathy Hewitt for inviting us to practice at Fleming Park!

Our "Showing Your Flowers" workshop was full of eager gardeners who brought lots of lovely fresh cut flowers to show. Toni Sinclair took us through all the classes set up for May in our yearbook and gave us tips on vase sizes, amount of stem and leaf, how to read the classes correctly and what makes a winning specimen. We all had lots of questions and Toni answered them all, plus had time to give us more ideas on flower arranging as well. Thanks to Toni Sinclair for her expertise. Thanks also to Kathy Hewitt for helping to set this workshop up.

The "Growing Your Own Vegetables" workshop was held on a sunny hot day. Most of us did have our sun hats on as we got some great tips on how to grow our own vegetables. We wandered Kathy Hewitt's huge gardens and asked lots of questions. We came away with some handouts for environmentally safe pest control, companion gardening and also some starter plants grown by Kathy and Chris. Thanks for the great advice! Chris Freeburn

YEARBOOK

Thank you to those who provided some great gardening tips for me at the April and May meetings. I really appreciate your support! Blank garden tip sheets will continue to be available at all general meetings at the back of the room, so if you have a tip, come on back and write it up for me. As you all know, our society flower is the red geranium. I would love to fill our anniversary yearbook with photos of members' red geraniums. Please take some photos this summer when your flowers are at their peak and email them to me or print them and bring them to a meeting. I am at the back of the room at the workshop table. Chris Freeburn

LIBRARY

We have a couple more additions to the Library, courtesy of Chris Freeburn. They are Miracle-Gro's Guide to Growing Stunning Trees & Shrubs, Grasses, choosing and using these ornamental plants in the Garden, and New Container Style, Simple and Innovative ideas for planting recycled pots.

MYSTERY TOUR

Our Mystery Tour is being held Sunday, July 25th. We will meet in the parking lot of the Canadian Canoe Museum (across from the Evinrude Centre) at 9:00 a.m. Bring lunch money and please plan your own car pool. Don't forget to gas up your car before you arrive. If you wish to sign up, please contact Sally Rye at 749-6135 or krye2@cogeco.ca.

MAY 26, 2010 FLOWER SHOW RESULTS

Class #1	Houseplant (foliage)	1st.	M. Hundt
Class #2	Houseplant (flower)	1st.	M. Hundt
Class #4	Daffodil/narcissus	1st.	C. Freeburn
Class #6	Iris	1st.	P. Lounsbury
		2nd.	D. Rhodenhizer
		3rd.	M. Doyle
Class #9	Bulb Collection	1st.	N. Evans
Class #10	Bleeding Heart	1st.	G. Deck
		2nd.	M. Doyle
		3rd.	N. Evans
Class #11	Columbine	1st.	N. Evans
		2nd.	K. Hewitt



Class #12 Hosta	1st. C. Freeburn
	2nd. K. Hewitt
	3rd. C. Stillman
Class #13 Spring branch	1st. N. Evans
	2nd. S. Pyper
Class #14 Any other perennial	1st. G. Deck
	2nd. S. Pyper
	3rd. C. Stillman
Class #15 Asparagus	1st. K. Hewitt
Class #16 Rhubarb	1st. K. Hewitt
Class #20 Shades of Green	1st. C. Freeburn
	2nd. S. Pyper
Class #21 May Day	1st. S. Pyper
Class #22 Sun Rise	1st. N. Evans
	2nd. E. Goselin
Class #23 Peek a Boo	1st. G. Deck
	2nd. J. Heather
	3rd. C. Freeburn
Class #24 Reflections	1st. S. Pyper
	2nd. E. Goselin
	3rd. N. Evans
Class #25 Food For Thought	1st. E. Goselin
Class #26 Children & Flowers	1st. S. Pyper

GIANT HOGWEED

Giant Hogweed (also known as giant cow parsnip) was brought from southwestern Asia as a garden ornamental. It is now naturalizing in North America. A very large member of the parsley family, it can grow up to 5 metres (16 feet) in height. The hollow stem is bristly and green with purple-spots. The leaves are dark green and coarsely toothed. The umbels, umbrella shaped clusters of small white flowers, can produce over 100,000 seeds that can remain viable for up to seven years. (No that was not a typo!) It does look similar to the native cow parsnip and Angelica but the giant hogweed can be differentiated by the larger size and the purple spots on the stems. Be extremely cautious. The clear, watery sap contains toxins that cause painful burning blisters when exposed to the sun followed by purplish or blackened scars. Contact with the eyes can result in temporary or permanent blindness. If you come into contact with the sap, immediately wash the area with soap and water, avoid exposure to the sun and seek medical attention.

COMING EVENTS

LAKEFIELD HS

Tuesday, June 22 at 8:00 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – Rose and Flower Show,

OMEMEE HS

Monday, June 21 carpool from Trinity parking lot at 6:00. On Site Visit to: Griffins Garden Centre & Display Gardens, Lakefield – Demonstration: “Eye-Catching Containers & What’s New in 2010” – Victoria Whitney.

MILLBROOK GARDEN CLUB

Wednesday, July 7 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St, Millbrook – Martin Galloway – “The Naturalist Garden” or “Bugs, you can’t win, so you might as well love them – \$2 Admission at the door. Contact Wendy 944-8912 or Joan 799-5378 for more information

CAMPBELLFORD HS

Saturday July 10 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Campbellford and District Garden Tour – 6 gardens - \$10.00 – Contact Rose Odell 705-653-5767

OTHER EVENTS

June 19 and 20: Peony weekend at Blossom Hill Nursery.

Thursday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. – Perennial Workshop – All about Hosta! Get to know over 400+ varieties, get tips on growing, deterring slugs etc and help a great cause! \$5.00 per person and all donated to Breast Cancer! Gardens Plus located at 136 County Rd 4 - extension of Parkhill Rd E in Peterborough. Email, call or see web site for more information; info@gardensplus.ca (705)742-5918

Wednesday, June 23 to Monday July 5, Gardens Plus presents HOSTA FEST.

Friday June 25 and Saturday, June 26 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Art in the Garden. Call Brenda at 743-0068 or visit www.gardenroute.ca for details.

Sunday, June 27 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Great Gardens Of The Ganaraska – Tickets \$25, Call toll free 1-888-278-2484 or visit heartofnorthumberland.ca

Saturday, July 10 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bobcaygeon Horticultural Society Garden Tour \$12.00. Passes at My Favourite Things, Chamber of Commerce, Strang’s Valu-mart Garden Centre in Bobcaygeon, and in Fenelon Falls Stokes on Trent and Kawartha Lakes Winery

July 10 and 11 – Delphinium Weekend at Blossom Hill Nursery.

July 24 – 25 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Coneflower Festival at Old Barn Perennials – 13794 County Road 2 (Old Highway 2 between Brighton and Colborne)

Visit the Ontario Horticultural Association's website at gardenontario.org



THIS MONTH IN THE GARDEN – SUMMER

PETERBOROUGH & AREA MASTER GARDENERS

JUNE

- Plant annuals and tender perennials.
- Deadhead flowers after blooming.
- Pinch back mums, tall sedums, asters, and other late bloomers.
- Prune evergreens and hedges if necessary.
- Mulch using grass clippings or compost to conserve moisture and control weeds.
- Thin out crowded vegetables and annuals.
- Stake/cage dahlias, tomatoes, gladiolas, etc.
- Prepare cuttings of shrubs for propagation.
- Prune shrubs and trees after flowering
- Move houseplants outdoors to a protected location.
- Inspect your garden regularly and deal with any diseases or insect infestations early.

July

- Finish pruning spring-flowering shrubs and evergreens.
- Stake plants that tend to fall over (Delphiniums, Euphorbia, etc.) and pinch back as necessary.
- Fertilize vegetable, annuals and roses.
- Raise cutting height of mower blade.
- Pinch back annuals to make them bushier.
- Cut out old raspberry canes after fruiting.
- Transplant ornamental cabbage and kale.
- Turn compost.
- Deadhead and trim perennials as necessary

August

- Plant fall vegetables (spinach, lettuce, etc.)
- Keep compost moist.
- Trim and divide irises. Treat for iris borer.
- Prune climbing roses.
- Water wisely and weed as necessary.

Have your gardening questions answered – The Master Gardener hotline is now open throughout the entire year. Call 741-4905 or visit their website at www.peterboroughgardens.ca