

Port Hope Garden club

May 2020

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

— Audrey Hepburn

Fellow Gardeners: I'm sure we've all been taking tours of our gardens and looking at the spring bulbs as they poke through the earth. Let's hope the temperature gets to 10C-50F soon as we're all tempted to start gardening, especially since most of us have time to dig in.

Planning Ahead for the Next Garden Club Project: When you're sorting out your prize perennials, look for some to pot up for the Garden Club. We are hopeful that the event in **August in Memorial Park** will take place. At that event, we could sell these potted plants. Please select special plants that you want to split, ones that would attract \$5 to \$10. As always, we like to know the name, colour, size, growing conditions, etc.

Marian Jean's Contribution: Purchase dahlias and contribute to the Port Hope Garden Club. Marian Jean is offering to donate 80% of each sale to the club. To find out the tubers available, contact Marian at info@oakridgedahlias.ca. The order is for pick up or drop off only.

Our Pollinator Patch: When the weather stays consistently above 10C, we'll need a few volunteers to clean up the Pollinator Patch. The focus will be on cutting back the dead stalks. Bonnie Tuttle will send out an email a day or two before she is going to the Patch. Stay tuned.

Tree Project: Our club agreed to purchase a Tulip Tree and plaque to be planted in Kinsman Park near the proposed gazebo. The building of the gazebo was postponed due to Covid-19 but will resume as soon as it's possible. Although that was our 2019 project, it was too late for the planting season but will occur sometime this year. We have also proposed acquiring another tree for 2020; the type of tree and the proposed location is yet to be decided. The Municipality will suggest various sites when the restrictions are over. Victoria Terry is coordinating this project. We will keep you posted.

Check out these interesting websites

Botanist TV Videos

Empress of Dirt

BeeCityCanada.org

Dig for victory: Monty Don's indispensable guide to growing ...

The Seed Guy

Trowel Talk at www.mgottawa.ca/

Northumberland Master Gardeners newsletter

Questions: Contact Northumberland Master Gardeners at www.nmgo.ca for gardening answers.

When you're sorting out your garden sheds: If you have items that you would like to **trade or sell**, let us know and we could arrange a virtual yard sale. For instance, someone would like to buy a **greenhouse 8' x 10'**. If you can assist, contact Paulette Mouzer at 905-885-0288

Ideas: If you have ideas for newsletter content or for future programs, let me know.

Happy gardening, Carole Elliott, newsletter coordinator, celliott@eagle.ca