

# The August Thymes, 2022

THE PARIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, founded in1986, an approachable garden club. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month from September to June at the Paris Fairgrounds. Refreshments are served at 7:00 pm and following the meeting; the meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

## NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

Co-presidents: Carol Reansbury <u>rboos3918@rogers.com</u> 519-442-3918 Patti Gladding <u>patti@gladding.ca</u> 519-442-1530 Past Co-Presidents: Nancy Burkholder and Edith Stone Treasurer: Dorothy Lanyi Secretary: David Collins



# NEXT MEETING: Wed., August 3rd, 2022 MYSTERY TOUR

Please meet at the Brant Sports Complex (corner of Rest Acres Road and Powerline Road at the upper parking lot) at 5:45 pm sharp.

The trip to our destination is approx. 30 – 40 minutes The evening will involve an informative introduction, followed by the tour and a short social time on the premises to wrap up the evening. The destination will have the retail portion open should anyone wish to make a purchase.

Where do you think we are going? Have I got you thinking? Hope you can join us, as it should be a nice relaxing evening.

Edith Stone, Chair, PHS Excursions

# LOTS A HOSTA ECURSION JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2022

Many thanks to Edith Stone for organizing a great early July excursion to Lots A Hosta. It was a beautiful summer evening with a slight breeze blowing to keep us cool as we walked around several gardens with a variety of hostas and other perennials interspersed throughout. The owner prefaced our walk about with the message that we need to plant pollinator plants in our gardens as well as hostas which are not good pollinators so they will be diversifying their plants in the coming years. However, there were many beautiful and unusual hostas to delight our eyes and add to our gardens for interest.

Edith hosted everyone back at her beautiful, peaceful backyard with treats provided by Edith and Nancy Burkholder.

Thanks to everyone who attended a delightful evening!

Carol and Pattí

### CONCRETE MUSHROOMS/LOTS A HOSTA

There was some interest in the concrete mushrooms that the owner had on display. Anyone interested in making one, please contact Edith by August 3<sup>rd</sup> or at the mystery tour.

Ten people would be needed to make the class viable.

Edith: 519-442-3200 or email stone.pebbles@sympatico.ca



### EXTENDING THE LIFE OF CUT FLOWERS



1. Cut the bottom of the stems before you put the flowers in the vase. An angled cut is best as this will enable the flower to draw more water.

2. Add a fertilizer to the water. Most flowers shops include a pouch with the order. Follow the directions carefully. Don't use too much.

3. Make sure the vase is high enough to support the flowers. Too much strain on the stems will cause the flowers to die sooner.

4. After a couple of days re snip the stems. This will add an additional day or two to the life of the flower.

5. Flowers last longer is you put them is the fridge (in water) overnight. That's why florists store cut flowers in a cool room

6.Watch the water level and top up as required. Older cut flowers will die quickly when starved of water, even for just a couple of hours.

"Gardens are made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful' and sitting in the shade." Rudyard Kipling

MARK YOUR CALENDAR (COVID Permitting)

SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022: ADOPT A ROAD. Please meet at 9 am at the fairgrounds

SEPT. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022: Fall dinner meeting. Hosted by Mt. Hamilton.

YEAR OF THE GARDEN 2022: the colour for 2022 will be RED. For more information and activities, search gardenscanada.ca\year-of-the-garden/.OHA Convention 2022 will be a virtual meeting. More info to follow. The 2023 and 2024 conventions will be in Ottawa and Guelph respectively.

WHERE TO FIND PHS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The Paris Horticultural Society can be found at:

parishortsociety.com.

gardenontario.org or on

Facebook as Paris Horticultural Society



