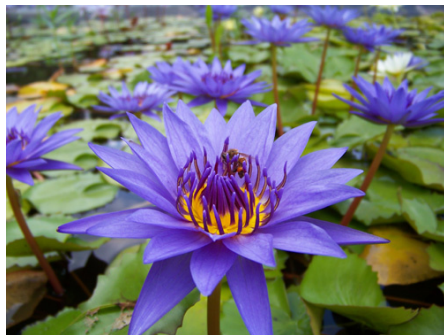
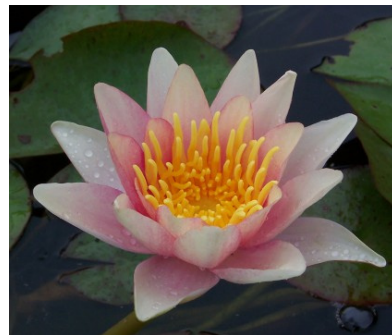


Only fools view their gardens in monetary terms.
The real point of a garden is to increase the value of our lives **Anna Pavord**

March 20 Garden Club meeting



Denis Orendt of Blue Frog Water Gardens will discuss Water – nature’s stress relief. We’ll hear all about the possibilities of water features in our gardens.



Refreshments provided by Maureen Frost and Paulette Mouzer

Cold Springs Flower Farm

In February an enthusiastic Kelsey Jibb walked us through the process of developing a flower farm from the ground up. The farm, now in year three, is adjacent to her parent’s beef farm where she grew up.

“Since 2021 we’ve grown unique specialty cut flowers on our ¼ acre micro flower farm in Cold Springs— right in the heart of picturesque Northumberland County. We now provide our Northumberland friends with authentically homegrown beauty from May to December,” she said.

The fertilizer they use at Cold Springs is a brew of nettles, chamomile and cinnamon. Check out the website to learn more about this local resource.

Since Kelsey knows gardeners are itching to get going in our gardens, she has provided the following information:

How to Grow Happy Healthy Seedlings [LINK](#)

Recommended Equipment for Seed Starting [LINK](#)

OHA District 4 AGM April 1st 2023

Board members are looking for a few members to attend the District 4 AGM. Representatives from the 17 clubs in district 4 are meeting on April 1st, in Norwood. Bonnie Tuttle is planning to attend and would like a few members to join her. The event takes most of the day. The club pays for the provided lunch. Please let Bonnie know by March 23rd if you are interested in attending.

bonnie@aprod.com

Bus Tour – June 21 – Whistling Gardens and Northland Nursery

Currently 18 people (15 members & friends & 3 from other clubs) are confirmed to go on the Whistling Garden Bus Tour, on June 21st. **We need an additional seven people** to confirm the trip. The need to reserve before April 26th still applies, but if you know now that you will go on the trip, please pay your deposit of \$50. Check the February newsletter for details.

“It would be great to have the trip confirmed by the end of March. If you have any questions, please email or call me. bonnie@aprod.com (905) 885 4670,” said Bonnie, our coordinator.

Which plants are useful to bees

To decorate green spaces, most cities and amateur gardeners rely on horticultural plants – those that have been selectively bred for certain qualities, such as their ornamental value. With their flashy colours, unusual shapes and larger proportions, they may be attractive to the human eye. But they are not necessarily useful for bees and other pollinators.

Learn more at [LINK](#)

From Trash to Treasure

When you are preparing for the gardening season, you may find items that you no longer need or want. Bring them to the Garden Club meeting in March to display on the table of items looking for a new home. Bring along, books, magazines, tools, pots, decorations and even seeds. The proviso is that if no one wants your contribution, please take it home again. Suzi will coordinate this table that was so popular last month.

Nurturing Tools of the Gardener’s Trade

Rusty secateurs with a dull blade certainly take all the joy out of pruning. Not only does it make cutting more difficult and time-consuming, the jagged cuts aren’t good for the plant either. Smoothly snipping away is so much more satisfying and plants will appreciate a clean cut too. Straight cuts will heal faster and the wounds will better resist diseases and insects. A good set of hand pruners are made to last a lifetime, so don’t chuck ‘em away. It’s really easy to restore a used and abused pair of shears back to nearly new condition.

Check out the procedure at <https://www.ruralsprout.com/clean-sharpen-pruning-shears/>

Succulent Dormancy

Succulent plants, known for their unique and diverse forms, are a popular choice among gardeners and indoor plant enthusiasts alike. While these plants are tough and hardy, they still go through a period of dormancy, much like other plants. Dormancy is a natural process where the plant conserves its energy and resources, slowing down growth and minimizing water loss. This generally occurs (in Canada) from October through February, during the winter months.

Check out Canadian Succulents [LINK](#)

Workshops from The Arboretum, University of Guelph

Upcoming and Current workshops both Online and In-Person [LINK](#)

Date for your Agenda

Next Club Coffee Chat at Starbucks – April 5th at 10.30 am.

Garden Club Plant Sale – Saturday May 13

Reminder to all members.

Despite what we see covering the ground, this year's Plant Sale is just around the corner. Time to think not only of puttering around digging up plants, but looking for books, articles, pots, garden tools and various other items that would be of interest in someone's garden. We will need volunteers on May 13th to help sell our items as well as putting up signs and posters around town advertising the show. The more, the merrier.

Contact: Malcolm Pacey, Plant Sale Coordinator susannepacey@yahoo.com

Planning ahead – member garden visits

When is your garden at its prime? Maybe it's early when you have an array of daffodils and tulips. Or when the peonies are in bloom. Or day lilies. Or roses. Whatever. Think about opening your garden to members for an afternoon visit. Check out the sign-up form at the Membership Desk at the March meeting. Or speak to Anthea or Bonnie.

Port Hope Garden Tour— June 10

Take time to visit nine beautiful properties in Port Hope and area. Gardens vary from intimate and tidy to sprawling and unstructured, displaying a diversity of space, plant species and whimsical themes. Tickets \$25 Available in April. Visit [Port Hope Garden Tour 2023 – PHHF](#) for information.

The Branch Ranch — Living Willow Workshops 2023

Join us this spring to create beautiful Woven Trees, Braided Trees.

Workshops Available In April: April 1, 15, 16, 22, 29 [LINK](#)

Forager's Farm — Plant Sale 2023

On-Farm Seedling Sale **Sunday May 21st 10am-3**

3517 Rowe Road Cobourg (turn left at the barn)

OR

Pre-Order Plant Sale **Sunday May 21st 10am-3 Tuesday May 23rd or Friday May 26th 2pm-6**

3517 Rowe Road Cobourg (turn left at the barn)

Pre-Order Plant Sale: Want to have a garden but don't know where to start? Let us take care of your garden plant starts this season! We grow a variety of herbs, vegetables and flowers for you to have a strong start to your garden. All organic. The list of veggies include but aren't limited to: tomatoes (3-5 varieties), peppers (3-4 varieties), cucumber (2-3 varieties), greens (kale, choy, lettuce, chard), herbs (parsley, basil, cilantro, oregano, thyme, mint, rosemary, chamomile, violas, marigolds, dahlia, dianthus, and more). Visit www.foragersfarms.ca

The Cobourg Garden Club

The Cobourg Garden Club is holding a sale of native plants and trees. At their March 1st meeting speaker Carolyn Oster talked about native plants and how necessary they are to improve biodiversity..

If you are interested in purchasing any of the plants you can find more information and download the forms to order by 31st March 2023. [LINK](#)

Link of interest: Ageless Gardens – [LINK](#)

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REMINDER: THE ROLE OF THE REFRESHMENT FOLKS INCLUDES BRINGING MILK AND CREAM, MAKING TEA AND PUTTING THE DISHES IN THE DISHWASHER AFTER THE MEETING. YVONNE LANE WILL MAKE THE COFFEE.

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