

Your Georgina-Brock Garden Club Newsletter

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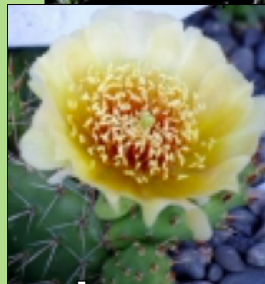
Sharing the Beauty

Summer solstice is here. Mornings have been starting earlier and I'm feeling like a farmer, getting up and going to bed with the sun. All that extra daylight time is being spent outdoors in my happy place. I'm getting a heck of a lot of things done and it doesn't feel like work. It never ceases to amaze the plant growth that occurs from one day to the next.

At our general meeting last week, I suggested an impromptu, no-cost, members-only garden tour. I'm looking for Georgina-Brock members willing to open their gardens for one hour on a weekday evening. No need to fuss or prepare; this is not a beauty contest. You just must be home to show us around and answer questions. We're all gardeners and our interest is in what

Succulents & Hardy Cacti

Join us as Anna Mizyn of Anna's Perennials Nursery & Gardens introduces us to different and interesting zone 4 species of hardy cacti, sedums and sempervivums. Plants will be available for purchase.



Monday, July 10 7:30 pm
Pefferlaw Lions Hall
38 Pete's Lane



What's in your garden?

Join in the flower, veggie & design show - hostas, phlox, roses, veggies, herbs and more on display.



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and how you are growing, not in weeds or the size of your garden. Don't be shy! If enough people are willing, we could tour one garden every week all summer. Doesn't that sound like fun? Please email me and we can set a date that suits you.

Happy gardening!

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Recipe for the Best Tomatoes on the Block

by Mark Cullen

1. Buy **short, stocky** plants with dark green foliage.
 2. **Plant** in the ground once the temperatures are a minimum of 20°C.
 3. Dig a hole about the size of a **half bushel**, or 3 shovels full. Dig existing soil into another part of your garden.
 4. Fill the hole with **triple mix** (one third topsoil, one third peat moss and one third compost or composted cattle/steer manure).
 5. Plant the tomato up to the second set of real leaves - **deeply**. And push the soil firmly around the main stem of the tomato to give the soil and plant contact. New roots will develop along the stem, producing a stronger plant.
 6. You can use **straw as mulch** around your tomatoes. Spread the straw about 25 cm deep per plant. Straw mulch helps to retain needed moisture during the hot, dry spells of summer and reduces weeds dramatically.
 7. **Water** using a compost tea solution (take an old pillowcase half filled with compost, drop it in your rain barrel and leave it there for 24 hours or a week - but no longer or it will begin to stink). OR Fertilize with your favourite tomato food. Keep in mind that tomatoes are heavy feeders.
 8. **Stake** in mid June using a spiral aluminum stake. No tying, no fuss. Timing is everything - get to this job before the tomatoes begin to bloom as you will double your crop as a result of getting them off the ground. Staking your tomatoes reduces the risk of diseases and insects.
 9. Apply Green Earth **Bordo Copper** Spray in July to prevent the #1 enemy of healthy tomatoes - early blight. Bordo Copper Spray is a copper fungicide which is mixed with water. Use it on fruit trees, ornamentals and vegetable crops to control leaf spots, blights, anthracnose, downy and powdery mildew and black spot.
- Tomatoes like **plenty of sun** - a full eight hours a day, in fact. They also like heat and shelter from the wind. They are heavy feeders so the soil should be rich with organic material at planting time. Water at least twice a week for the first 6 weeks or so, more frequently if the weather is hot and dry. **Harvest often** - do not allow fruit to rot on the plants. This will slow fruit production and is an invitation to insects and diseases.



What's Happening:

Thursday, June 22, Beaverton Garden Club, *Perennial Grasses with Anna Mizyn of Anna's Perennials Nursery & Gardens*, St. Paul's Anglican Church, 7:30 pm

Monday, June 26, Cannington Horticultural Society, *The Value of Conceptual Design with Neil Turnbull*, Cannington Baptist Church, 7:30 pm

If you have any suggestions for upcoming newsletters just contact kathiecb3@gmail.com



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