



Wasaga Beach Horticultural Society

August 2023

Upcoming Events

NO GENERAL MEETING UNTIL SEPT. 5TH

General Meeting

Date: Sept 5 (Visitors Night)

Time: 7:00 Social & 7:30 meeting begins

Guest Speaker: Trish Symons

Topic: "Where have all the flowers gone?" Creating gardens with the use of coloured foliage for three seasons of colour.

We are excited to present special guest speaker Trish Symons! Trish is a passionate gardener, photographer and blogger.

She claims to be an expert on nothing, but enthusiastic and well-versed about most things related to gardening and has been booked extensively over the years to share her ideas and experiences.

As well as being a Horticultural, Design and Photography Judge, Trish enjoys teaching Floral Designs classes, Photography workshops and presenting different shows on gardening.

She and hubby Bill own the 166 acre Hockley Meadows Farm on the Niagara Escarpment.

She creates between 50 and 100 planters each year for her decks, walkways and stairs. Her newest passion is building containers filled with succulent plants.

She hosts garden tours through her 3 acre garden which promotes diversity and organic gardening practices. Bill gets to play with the other 163 acres.

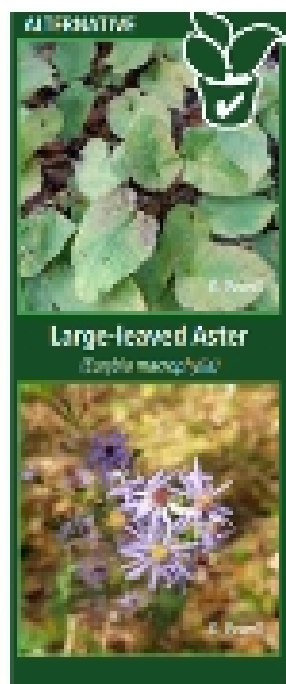
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Grow Me Instead

GOUTWEED is native to Eurasia but can now be found in gardens throughout North America. Also referred to as Bishop's weed and snow on the mountain. This perennial groundcover tolerates a wide range of soil conditions. It is highly shade tolerant and competitive once established, reproducing by seed and spreading by underground stems called rhizomes. It is most commonly found around shrubs in old gardens. Plants grow about 30 cm high with green leaves that are divided into three leaflets. Some cultivars have variegated leaflets that are green near the centre but whitish around their margins. Umbrella like white flowers appear in mid-summer.



Garden use: groundcover for shade/ partial light.
Growing conditions: tolerant of wide light range, and dry to moist soils.
Size and shape: 50 – 100 cm; forms large carpets.
Flower and fruit: delicate flowers in white, violet or lavender; many flowers per plant.
Leaves: heart-shaped large basal leaves (5 – 15 cm), with ovallance-shaped gradually becoming smaller as they ascend the stem.
Additional info: this aster is widespread in Ontario woodlands and edge habitats, and one of the first asters to bloom.



Contest is open to all members of the Wasaga Beach Garden Club

What photos are eligible

- Shades of Green
- Purple
- A Garden Helper

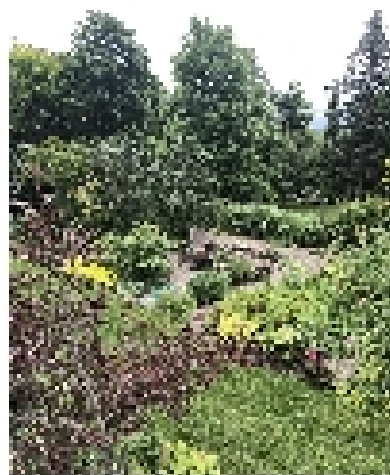
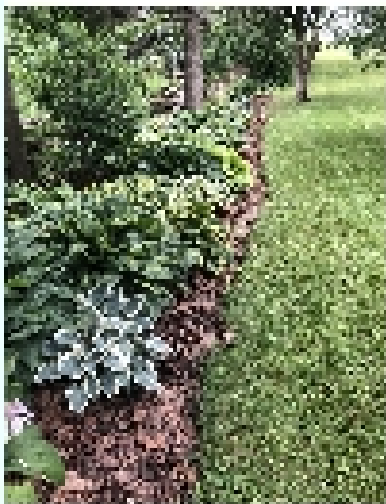
Mail 1 photo from each of the 3 categories to ncorles@adler.ca

The time frame for submissions is starting now until Labour Day

Voting by secret ballot for best photo from each category will be held at our October meeting

The winner of each category will win a Gift Certificate

Trish Symons. Hockley Meadows Farm



From the desk of Councilwoman Faye Ego

In March of this year, I brought forward a motion requesting staff to prepare a report pertaining to establishing a boulevard planting program. As you are likely aware, this is something that is gaining momentum across the country for its environmental benefits.

In order to do this, by-laws or Town policies needed to be amended. (This is a shift in approach for the Town but in our opinion is a more sustainable direction.)

The motion wishes to embrace more sustainable approaches to boulevard and front-yard plantings along with promoting town-wide beautification.

Planting native species in boulevards and front yards is a practice increasingly being encouraged in municipalities across Canada as a means to adapt to climate change, promote habitat for native species, encourage community engagement and improve beauty.

Research has shown that trees and gardens have a traffic calming effect on a neighbourhood. The presence of nature through gardening helps to foster a strong sense of community and belonging as neighbours are drawn together by sharing plans and gardening tips, while enhancing beauty in a community.

Many have associated catchy phrases such as:
Blooming Boulevards and Love My Hood!

This is not a program for people who just want an excuse to let their grass grow long: it is for those with green thumbs who take great pride in their gardens.

Do not hesitate to contact our Public Works Team (705) 429 2540 as we work together for the beautification our Town and learn the benefits of planting drought tolerant and native species: its one very positive way of adapting to Climate Change.

Thank you for contacting me and for the hours of gardening and beautification your Club does for our Town!

Faye



various varieties of creeping thyme

Easy Tomato Jam

Totally easy Tomato Jam recipe is what you need to make with that bumper crop of tomatoes this summer.

Sweet, jammy and slightly spiced... this is perfect for a dip or spread.

Prep Time 10 minutes

Cook Time 30 minutes

Total Time 40 minutes

Course: Appetizer, Condiment



Servings: 12 Calories: 67kcal

Ingredients

2 pounds very good ripe tomatoes cored and coarsely chopped, (I used roma tomatoes)

3/4 cup light brown sugar

2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar

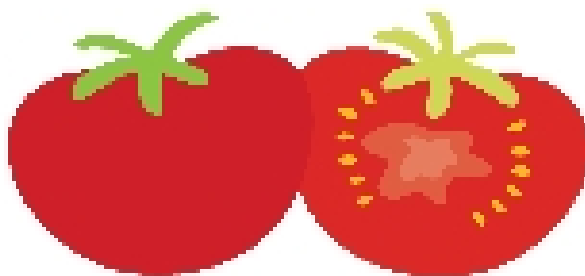
1 tablespoon fresh grated or minced ginger

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon ground cloves

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon cayenne



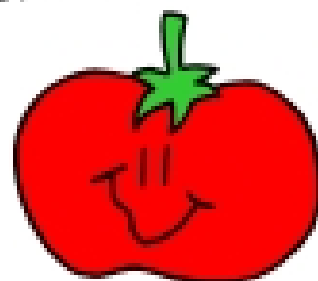
Instructions

Add all the ingredients to a heavy bottom saucepan and bring the mixture to a boil stirring frequently to prevent the bottom from burning.

Reduce the heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, until the mixture has thickened to the consistency of jam. Remove from the heat and allow to cool to room temperature. Transfer to an airtight container and store in the refrigerator for up to 10 days.

Nutrition

Serving: 0g | Calories: 67kcal | Carbohydrates: 16g | Protein: 0g | Fat: 0g | Saturated Fat: 0g | Cholesterol: 0mg | Sodium: 201mg | Potassium: 197mg | Fiber: 0g | Sugar: 15g | Vitamin A: 665IU | Vitamin C: 10.4mg | Calcium: 19mg | Iron: 0.3mg



Japanese Beetle- An Unwelcome Garden Visitor



Perhaps you are like me, and have noticed an abundance of a particular kind of beetle in your garden? Bronze backed, fairly innocuous looking...but watch out! The Japanese beetle does major damage to your garden vegetables and flowers.

I noticed the pests congregating in the ferns of my asparagus, and also in the bee balm. Usually in groups, having a regular bug party. All at the unknown expense of the host - that being you the garden owner



From Wikipedia: The Japanese beetle is a species of scarab beetle. The adult measures 15 mm in length and 10 mm in width, has iridescent copper-colored elytra, and a green thorax and head These pests arrived from Japan around 1916 via a tourist car. They liked the trip so much they stayed!

What we are seeing now on our plants is the adult beetle. They attack the foliage, flowers and fruit of more than 300 ornamental and agricultural plants. The adult beetle activity you see in July gives some indication what the grub activity will be like later in summer. So, get out your weaponry!

How to destroy these invasive pests or reduce their population? Of course, there are natural predators like birds, spider, and stink bugs. But obviously they need help in my garden. Using a plastic container with sudsy water inside, I knock them off the plant into the container. They drown. And to be absolute certain they are dead, it is perfectly fine to stomp them into the pavement of your driveway. We may not get rid of all of them, but it's a start!



Debbie M Grant

Repel Insects by Attracting Birds

One of the best ways to repel insects is to attract an army of birds to eat them! One chickadee can eat 10,000 insects a season. In fact, all birds eat insects at one time or another — even a hummingbird's diet is 10 percent insects. Bribe the birds into your yard with birdseed, and they will consume lots of insect pests while there.

Use different bird houses, feeders, bird baths and bird seed to keep your yard full of birds all summer long. Hanging suet baskets and suet cakes, bird feeders that attract small songbirds, hummingbird feeders and several types of birdseeds like; crimson clover seed, sunflower seed and wild bird blend.

Remember: If something isn't eating your plants, your garden isn't part of the ecosystem.



Let's be Environmentally Friendly

What are you collecting for your favorite cause? Jean Dickson is still collecting pop tabs. Now she is also collecting the outer bags from milk bags. Let's all keep collecting for her. Let us know if you're collecting pop tabs, grocery tapes, or any small item. What a great environmentally sound idea that will keep these items out of our landfill sites.



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