

#### June 2023

#### Upcoming Events

#### LAST GENERAL MEETING UNTIL SEPT. 5TH

Date: June 6

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

Guest Speaker: Darlene Lucas

**Topic:** Forest Plant Identification for Medicinal Purposes



#### Garden Ontario Days Outing

Garden Days 2023 starts May 19, and goes until June 18.

How will you Live the Garden Life and celebrate your Garden Days?

How about a nature walk?

Date: June 24th

Time: 10 a.m from the Clearview Community Church

Walk Leader: Darlene Lucas

Location: McIntyre Creek Trail, Wasaga Beach

There will be a sign-up sheet at our June General Meeting

**Volunteer Opportunity** We are currently in search of an archivist. The job entails taking photos or using member photos to keep our archives up to date. All you need is a camera and a colour printer. Your friends at the garden club will help you get started.

## Some Memberships are past due

Membership fees were due in November. The renewal form is attached to this email along with your newsletter.

Now that things are almost back to normal and in person meetings are possible, we would love to welcome back our members who didn't join us last year.



#### CLUB PLANT SALE - JUNE 3rd, 2023

#### Outside Vendors:

If you know of someone who makes/sells garden related items other than plants ie: bird houses, garden ornaments etc.) who may be interested in bringing a table to the sale please ask them to contact a Plant Sale Committee member for details prior to May 15th.

#### Considerations:

When deciding which plants to donate from your garden please consider non-invasive species. There have been many new additions to the invasive plants list over the last few years.

Orange Day Lilies (ditch lily), Lily of the Valley, English Ivy, Vinca (periwinkle) are only a few examples.

#### Websites to check out:

https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/invasive-plants/species/

https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/resources/grow-me-instead/

We would be particularly pleased to receive a variety of Natives, Hybrids and Unusual Plants.

#### Tagging:

Following please find details to show on your tags for each plant:

Light requirement: Sun, Shade, Part Sun/Shade – just a sun shape at the very top of the tag: for Sun - not filled in, for Shade-completely filled in and for Part Sun/Shade - half filled in. Height of plant: denote inches or cm (12" or 12cm)

Name of plant ---- Colour of flower

If you have access to the Sharpie marked "oil" it won't fade or wash away from weather.

#### \*\*\*Please do not price your plants\*\*\*

Questions? --- Please call or email one of the committee members, we are pleased to help.

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#### STILL HOPING FOR SOMEONE \*\*\*\*\*\*\* VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Our club has received a request to divide and repot some houseplants for a Wasaga Beach resident who cannot manage it herself. She has about 9 or 10 houseplants she would like repotted or divided when the weather is appropriate to do the work outside at her home.

Please contact Ann Garrad 705 429-6928 for more information

# Road Trip



Date: Thursday, July 13, 2023

**Time:** 12:30 carpooling from Clearview Community Church **Location:** 307509 Hockley Road Mono, ON L9W 6M9

After we have had the opportunity to visit the unbelievablely beautiful gardens at Trish's farm, for those who want a little more adventure, we will also visit the Mono pollinators garden.

There will be a sign up sheet for this outing at our June Meeting



### Digging plants and potting up

Our plant sale committee and volunteers are doing a wonderful job of preparing for the big day





#### **GROWING RHUBARB**

Overcrowding is a common problem with rhubarb and can lead to subpar growth. Dig and split rhubarb roots every 3 to 4 years. Divide when plants are dormant in early spring (or late fall). Divisions should have at least one large bud on them.

- \* Mulch generously with a heavy layer of straw to retain moisture and discourage weeds.
- \* Water your plant well and consistently. Rhubarb needs sufficient moisture, especially during the hot, dry days of summer.
- \* Remove seed stalks as soon as they appear, as they will only drain energy from the plant that could otherwise be used for producing stalks or roots.
- \* Each spring, apply a light sprinkling of a fertilizer (10-10-10) when the ground is thawing or has just thawed. See your local frost dates.
- \* In the fall, remove all plant debris. Once your ground freezes, it's best to cover rhubarb with 2 to 4 inches of organic mulch, preferably well-rotted compost. By adding nitrogen to the soil, you're preparing the rhubarb plants for a good spring season.

#### 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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