

Annual Picnic / Flower & Vegetable Show

Forty-one members and friends enjoyed a tasty dinner at the August picnic at the Tuttle homestead in Port Britain on Lake Ontario. The weather was delightful and those gathered visited each other, the gardens, and the many competitions of flowers, vegetables and designs that were entered in the Summer Flower & Vegetable Show. The judge was impressed with the variety of flowers and vegetables and the creativity obvious in the presentations



Marilyn Homewood received Judge's Choice for her design, "New Beginnings" (right)



Carole Elliott got Best in Show for her Pink Hydrangea. (left)

A special thanks to Bonnie who once again coordinated the picnic and hosted it with husband, Ron. We're certainly fortunate to be able to meet in this wonderful setting.

Clematis: Queen of Flowers

On September 18th, we'll resume our monthly meetings at the Parish Hall of St John's Anglican Church on Pine St. We'll learn more about Clematis from Anna Leggatt, a former high school botany teacher, a gardening specialist, and well-known garden writer. In addition, Anna worked for 30 years at the Kortright Centre for Conservation, while also travelling widely photographing around the world. She calls herself a 'mad gardener' who gardens in a comparatively large Toronto garden with lots of shade and visiting mink, deer and groundhogs. Her interests include shrubs, bulbs, rock gardening, and wildflowers.



Bev Batchellor and Carolyn Lowery will treat us with refreshments.

Join the Next Coffee Gathering

Wednesday, October 4 at Starbucks in the Pharmasave Building on Ontario St, Port Hope at 10:30am for refreshments and to socialize with friends – new and old.

Winter Planters

We need a creative team to design the three planters for Lent's Lane as well as the three planters that are likely to be placed in front of the Town Hall. Last year the theme for Lent's Lane was Winter Sports and the others were Cardinals and Bird Houses (shown right).

A few things for the team to consider are: Bonnie will coordinate getting the greens; these planters are on display all winter (not just at Christmas); the planters near the Town Hall will likely have spotlights on them; there is a budget for expenses; we have birch branches & wooden animals available; and we try to avoid plastic/Styrofoam.



This is a very rewarding task that brings visibility to the Garden Club and pleasure to one and all. Interested? Contact Bonnie

Native Plant Garden

We want to name our new garden. So far suggestions include:

Pollinator's Paradise	Pollinator's Retreat	River Rush Garden
Ganny Pollinator Garden	Welcome Pollinator Garden	Pollinator's Habitat Garden
Garden Club Oasis		

We will decide the name at the September meeting and then have signage made.

OHA District 4, Fall Seminar – Sexy Soil

The OHA Fall Seminar will take place on Saturday, October 21 at the Robert E. Young Complex, 553 Ennis Rd, Ennismore at 9 am for 10 am. As a special note, as the Port Hope Garden Club will host this event next October, it would be great to have a group attend. Our club pays the fee for everyone attending.

Charlie Dobbin will be talking about "Sexy Soil". You'll recall that Charlie spoke to our club a few years ago. She is a well-known gardening specialist and host of a Saturday morning radio show.

Northumberland Learning Connect: The Power of Trees

The Northumberland Learning Connection (NLC) is offering a multi-faceted program called "The Power of Trees." Check out the details at www.connectnlc.ca. You might want to add your names to NLC's email list.

Interesting Links:

Baltimore Valley Garden Centre, Baltimore is having plant sales: **September 16 – 25% off**
September 30 – 30% off

Branch Ranch Workshops — Check the branchranch for information about Fall workshops and sale. [LINK](#)

Garden Visits

In September, members were able to tour Marian Jean's dahlia garden. Always a treat. Thanks Marian.

Let's look at some interesting information available to gardeners

Empress of Dirt:

Downloadable goodies – Printable garden planner, handy ebooks and digital collections of tips, how-tos, and printables [LINK](#)

Soil Calculator [LINK](#)

Spring Bulbs ... Good for Pollinators [LINK](#)

Gardening Calendar

Effects of Forest Fires on Plants [LINK](#)

10 Underrated Plants [LINK](#)

Nature Conservancy Canada

Feel good effects of our feathered friends – What birdsongs tell us [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.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL THIS ROLE, PLEASE ARRANGE WITH ANOTHER MEMBER TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.

Many thanks to those who contribute information for our newsletter.

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