

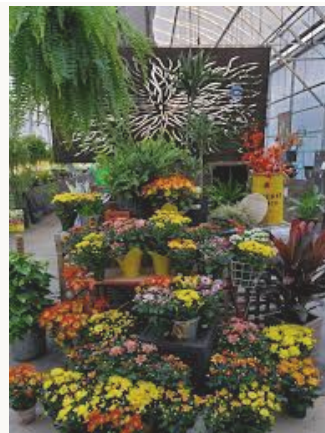
## October 16th Meeting

Our speaker will be Victoria Whitney, owner of Griffin's Greenhouses in Lakefield, a family run business for over 40 years. Victoria will speak about Winterscaping.

Griffins is a true family run operation, including Ann, Jack, Vikki and Kyle. Ann grew up in her family-run greenhouse business. Then she began a small seasonal greenhouse at her home in 1976 as a way to supplement her “stay at home” income. She worked alone with children, Vikki and Kyle, and other family members helping out as needed. In the early days husband Jack worked in sales and helped on weekends. As the demand for their exceptional quality plants grew, he retired and began working the greenhouse business full time.

In 2001, Vikki became general manager when she left her teaching career to move to Peterborough with husband and two children.

Vikki continued to expand the business adding several series of workshops and extended the reach of the business by doing speaking engagements. In 2006 Kyle chose gardening over photojournalism and became the greenhouse manager, streamlining many processes and adding to the display garden. Now the grandchildren help out regularly – a true family business!



*Refreshment to be provided by Suzi Gabany and Anthea Loke.*

**September's Speaker** Anna Leggatt gave a very interesting presentation about Clematis “The Queen of Flowers” which was an inspiration to us all. She gave tips on soaking the plant in the pot before planting, digging the hole, keeping the roots shaded, filling with water, waiting until it drains away before adding compost and plant so the crown is 5cm below the soil level. She also talked about how yellow leaves mean mineral deficiency, use Epsom salts 2 tbsp per litre of water spray on leaves, soil, use tomato fertilizer every 2 weeks after flowering. Powdery mildew, spray with 3 parts water to 2 parts milk.

Her favourite book is “An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Clematis by Toomay and Leeds.

Recommended suppliers Peter Keeping – Contact [info@onrockgarden.com](mailto:info@onrockgarden.com)  
[p.keeping@sympatico.ca](mailto:p.keeping@sympatico.ca) Mail order Phoenix Perennials in BC.

She brought seeds for Clematis Viorna and also Clematis Viticella to share with members and which can be planted now ready for next year.

**Coffee Klatch** – Join the group on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at Starbucks, Pharmasave, Ontario St, Port Hope at 10:30 am.

## Plans and Preparations for the Winter Planters

Sandra, Beverley & Bonnie met to share ideas for the planters and decided to use grapevines. On a very warm October day, a group of seven members met at Bonnie's. They harvested and used grapevines to make 3 four-foot trees for use in Lent's Lane. Solar lights and finishing touches will be added when the trees are positioned on a bed of greens. On a second work occasion, grapevine orbs will be made for the planters in the park. These planters will also have solar lights, large birch branches and lots of greens.

(Left) Members of the Winter Planters Committee: Beverley Batchellor, Darlene Mack, Denyse Johnson, Joan Ball, Maureen Frost, Sandra McIlveen and Bonnie Tuttle taking the picture.



Sandra and Beverley



Denyse, Joan and Darlene

## Riverview Pollinator Garden

Our area in the Rotary Centennial Riverview Park is taking shape. It is interesting to occasionally visit the garden to see how it is progressing. Some of the plants have done well although some didn't spread as much as hoped. And unfortunately, the bugs had a feast on some plants. Do plan to visit the garden near Cavan and Molson streets.





## Dahlia Garden Visit

Members enjoyed visiting Marian Jean's dahlia garden on a delightful day in September, even the bees.



**Northumberland Master Gardeners** will host a Seedy Saturday February 17, 2024 to be held at the Masonic Hall, 54 Toronto Rd, Port Hope. Watch For details

**Garden Club Website** needs a coordinator. Interested? Contact Anthea or Carole for details

**Take a break and have a look at some interesting links for gardeners:**

**Creeping Bellflower, *Campanula rapunculoides***

Now classified as an invasive species — Courtesy Northumberland Master Gardeners [LINK](#)

**How to Grow, Harvest and Eat Hostas** [LINK](#)

**Empress of Dirt:**

Fall Garden Checklist & Helpful Reminders (Printable) [LINK](#)

Unfortunate Garlic Growing Mistake you can avoid [LINK](#)

**Christmas Make & Take Workshops** — Baltimore Valley Garden Centre [LINK](#)

**All about Birds** — Listen to the call of the Blue Jay Click here [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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