

# News in Bloom

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NEWSLETTER

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"Tips for Dormant Pruning" coming up with Susan Richards March 11<sup>th</sup>.

"Never underestimate the power of planting a SEED."



### HOW/WHEN TO PRUNE FOR HEALTHY SHRUBS & TREES...GET YOUR QUESTIONS READY!

Check pg. 3 for our meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker will take you on a Pruning spree with **Tips for Dormant Pruning**. Don't miss out on **Seedy Saturday** March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 to 2pm. Mark the calendar for the **Plant Sale** on May 18<sup>th</sup>!



Seed Exchange; Exhibitions;  
Presentations;  
Kids' Activities; Vendors;  
Refreshments



## SEEDY SATURDAY! MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> 9AM TO 2PM

Highly attended last year, Seedy Saturday is back again on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9am to 2pm. You will not want to miss the variety of seeds available along with the speakers of the day and activities like the seed exchange, kid's table and helpful Master Gardeners and the Exhibitors.

**Exhibitors:** Clean North, Algoma Master Gardeners, Suzanne Hanna Memorial Community Garden, St. Joseph Island Hort Society, The People's Garden (Algoma U), Ermatinger Old Stone House, SSM Library & SSM Museum.

**Seed & Other vendors:** Three Forks Farms, Superior Gardener, Urban Tomato, New North Greenhouses, Red Roof Honey, Wilding Acres, Abby Obenchain, Maarit Steinwedel's hand-made cards, **SEED EXCHANGE TABLE—those who collected seeds-- please arrive bet. 9am – 9:30am to swap seeds;** after 10am Seeds can be purchased by the general public.

### Speakers:

**10am: Mary McLachlan** from **Deertree Apiary: Are You & Your Garden Bee Friendly?** This is a family run Honey Bee Farm where they manage several hives, have a wonderful perennial and herb garden and sell honey, infused honey, bee's wax & lavender products, and much more—all to do with the honey bee.

**11am: Wilding Acres.** The Wilding family and ancestors have been vegetable market growers for over a century! They've accumulated some great knowledge, handed down over the years. **Christopher Wilding,** will speak on **Starting Plants from Seed Indoors.**

**Noon: Cindy Crawford,** a knowledgeable gardener, who is always ready to share her experiences, presents **From Greenhouse to Garden: Tour & Tips.**

**1pm: Superior Gardener, Lindsey Palumbo** will conduct a **Question & Answer session with The Superior Gardener.** Get your garden questions ready. Lindsey grows and collects seeds right in her own backyard. Her Flowers, herbs, vegetable seeds are all organic, untreated.

While you're there, enjoy lunch with our food vendor, The Soup Witch.

**Seedy Saturday with the SSMHS at the United Baptist Church, 41 Malabar Street just off Great Northern Rd.**



## MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> MEETING 7PM

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# PRUNING ALLOWS WHAT'S LEFT TO BLOSSOM INTO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL!

Susan Richards will give tips on Pruning at our March meeting. You likely know Susan from visiting New North Greenhouses.

She has titled her talk, “**Tips for Dormant Pruning**”. Susan will discuss and demonstrate pruning techniques for late winter pruning. Learn the best time, tools and methods to keep trees and shrubs healthy.

Susan has been involved in horticulture since graduating from the Humber College landscaping program in 1982 and hired by New North in 1992 to start a retail garden centre. After a 32-year long career at New North Greenhouses, she has retired as Manager. We wish her a great retirement!

Plus, we will take a look at **JUMPinG WorMs**.... Don't miss it!

**Note: last minute change in speakers at newsletter printing/but not topic: Chris Faulkner from Ermatinger Old Stone House speaks on Pruning!**



**Meetings: 7 pm Mondays at the United Baptist Church basement.**

**March 11<sup>th</sup> Pruning with Chris Faulkner** 2) the topic of Jumping Worms

**April 8<sup>th</sup> Leaf & Yard Waste Program** in the City with Mike Blanchard

**May 6<sup>th</sup> Beneficial Insects in The Garden** with Elisa Muto of Sault College, School of Natural Environment. Lisa teaches entomology, ecology & horticulture. 2) Elia Marini of Parks Canada--History SSM Canal Natl. Historic Site.

### **Events:**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> Seedy Saturday** at the United Baptist Church basement. 9am to 2pm

**May 4<sup>th</sup> District 13 Annual General Meeting** at the Water Tower Inn- interested, ask a Board Member.

**May 18<sup>th</sup> – Saturday Plant Sale** at the **Canal Greenhouse** 8am to Noon - Cash or E-transfer; bring your own box or bag.





**Plant Sale May 18<sup>th</sup>! Greenhouse at the SSM Canal National Historic Site**

Bring your own boxes or bags or carts, so that you can stroll away with plenty of plants for your gardens. Weather permitting, we will have most of the plants outside the greenhouse in groups. If it rains, we will be inside. Bring cash/coins or small bills preferred or cheque. We can also take e-transfer. You will find perennials, annuals, vegetables and herbs.

**8am to Noon** on the lawn of the Canal Greenhouse next to the Superintendent's Historic House.

Free Parking



**2024 OHA PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION** The Ontario Horticultural Association has announced the categories for their 2024 photography competition, details of which may be found on their website. This year's competition is inspired by the 2024 convention's theme "**The Heartland of Gardens Growing and Rivers Flowing.**" Entries must be emailed to the Photography Coordinator no later than 12 pm, May 1, 2024. The 116th Convention will be held in Guelph, Ontario from July 12th to July 14th, 2024

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