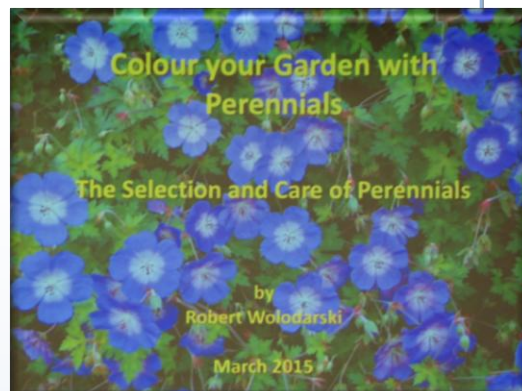


The Selection and Care of Perennials – March 5, 2015

At our March 5th monthly meeting, **Robert Wolodarski**, Perennials Manager for Artistic Landscape Designs, spoke to the Greely Gardeners Group on the subject of "***The Selection and Care of Perennials***". Robert stressed the importance of a healthy soil, one that is 50% solid, 25% air, and 25% water, in growing healthy plants.



Robert had a wonderful presentation where we were introduced to a great variety of shade-loving plants, and an equal variety of sun-loving plants. Robert had a few words of wisdom for each plant, all of which were shown with its name.

Robert also shared a few secrets here and there, that most of us endeavoured to copy down:

- Aluminum sulphate diluted in water kills slugs on plant;
- Malathine (a domestic-use mosquito chemical) diluted in water gets rid of ants between patio stones;
- 'Hens & Chickens' should be prevented from forming more than one blossom or they'll die;
- White Bleeding Heart (*Dicentra*) is a considered a weak variety.
- Plant only 'hardy' Redbuds in this area;
- Potted hostas (with drainage) can be overwintered outside if covered with geotextile to protect them from ice;
- Perennial hibiscus need gardeners to be patient, as these plants may not grow until the end of June.

