



Greely Gardeners Group

Newsletter

December 2009



Happy New Year

2010 CALENDAR

Thursday, January 7: Topic: **Vermicomposting**. Guest speaker, Andrew Aitkens. That's a fancy word for composting with worms. Not as yukky as you're probably thinking, as Andrew will explain how you can learn to love those little red wrigglers. Greely Community Centre 7:00pm.

Thursday, February 4: Sorry ... there will be no meeting in February.

Thursday, March 4: Topic: **Japanese Flower Arranging**. Guest speaker, Wendy Batson of the Ohara School of Ikebana. Location to be announced.

OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

Osgoode Garden Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the Osgoode Library on Main Street. For information call Louise Boudreau 826-0385.

Russell and District Horticultural Society meets on the third Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall, corner of First Street and Legion Lane.

Manotick Horticultural Society meets on the second Monday of the month in the RCMP Club House off Nicholl's Island Road. For information contact Mary Kealey at 823-1658.

DID YOU KNOW? The symbolism of the Amaryllis:



Legend has it that the amaryllis - the stunning red flower we've come to associate with the holidays - began as a shy, timid nymph. Amaryllis fell in love with Alteo, a shepherd with Hercules' strength and Apollo's beauty, but her affections were unrequited. Hoping that she could win him over by bestowing upon him the thing he desired most - a flower that had never existed in the world before - Amaryllis sought advice from the oracle of Delphi.

Following his instructions, Amaryllis dressed in maiden's white and appeared at Alteo's door for 30 nights, each time piercing her heart with a golden arrow. When at last Alteo opened his door, there before him was a striking crimson flower, sprung from the blood of Amaryllis's heart. With this romantic - albeit tragic - tale as its beginning, it's not surprising that today the amaryllis has come to symbolize pride, determination and radiant beauty.

2009 A FEW PHOTOS



Spring Plant Sale, May 23, 2009. The photograph of our first customer Dave Smith was taken by Tom Collins and was published in "This Week". The Spring Plant Sale is the biggest fundraiser for the GGG and one in which all members can participate by donating plants and/or by purchasing plants. The prices we charge are extremely good for the buyer.



The **Members Garden Tour** took place on June 20, 2009. The photo shows the visit at Jan Brown's garden. The tour is an opportunity to identify and discuss plants that members may have in their gardens.



Our last stop on the Members Garden Tour this year was at Lorena Wallace's garden in Greely, just down the road from the Community Centre.



At our **November meeting**, Lindley McPhail told us about a project undertaken by the Russell and District Horticultural Society where a group of volunteers -- with a little professional help -- built the beautiful dry stone bridge in MacDougall Park in the town of Russell.

Note from Heather: If you know about any upcoming gardening related events in our area that you think might interest other GGG members or if you have contributions or suggestions for articles for the Newsletter, let me know and I'll try to include them in future newsletters. Please contact me at (613) 821-7445 or by email at haclemenson@sympatico.ca.

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