



Greely Gardeners Group

Newsletter

January 2010

GREELY GARDENERS 2010 CALENDAR

Thursday, February 4 – *There is no meeting of the GGG this month. We were unable to secure a room at the Greely Community Centre.*

Wednesday, March 10 – Topic: **Japanese Flower Arranging**. Guest speaker: Wendy Batson of the Ohara School of Ikebana. 7:00 pm at the Metcalfe Client Service Centre - Council Chambers (8243 Victoria Street – Hwy 6). *Please note the change of date and the location for the March meeting.*

Thursday, April 8 – Topic: **Edible Weeds**. Guest Speaker: Bob Stanley (Past President GGG). Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5 – Topic: **Growing and Using Gourds**. Guest Speaker: Claudette Hart. Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 29 (TBC) – **Annual Spring Plant Sale**, Andrew Shields Park, Old Prescott Road, 9:00 a.m. *When you're dividing your perennials or thinning out seedlings this Spring, be sure to pot up some of the extras for the plant sale.*

Wednesday, June 2 – Topic: **Wild Flowers**. Guest Speaker: Phillip Fry, Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June/July – **Annual Members Garden Tours**. (To be scheduled)

Wednesday, September 1 – Topic: **Presentation on Longwood Gardens**. Guest Speaker: Pauline Myer Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 6 – Topic: **Bird feeder wreaths**. Guest Speaker: Sue Hiltz, Rideau Nursery, North Gower. Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 3 – Topic: **Rock Gardens** Guest Speaker: Judy Wall, Rockwell Gardens. Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 1 – **Annual Christmas Pot-luck Dinner**. Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

OTHER GARDENING CLUBS

The **Manotick Horticultural Society** meets on the second Monday of the month in the RCMP Club House off Nicholl's Island Road. For information contact Margot Belanger, (613) 692-1575.

The **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.

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

OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

Russell and District Horticultural Society, Monday, February 15, 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, corner of First Street and Legion Lane; Lyle Slater from Upper Canada Cranberries in Greely will speak on **"Growing Low Bush Cranberries"**

Canada Blooms 2010, "Passions" March 17 - 21, Direct Energy Centre, 100 Princes' Blvd., Toronto, Ontario, <http://www.canadablooms.com/>

Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA), "Successful Gardening Show", March 18-21, International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga www.home-show.net/successfulgardening/index.html At this show the OHA holds an Annual Plant & Flower Competition with over 350 entries in design and horticulture.

"Ottawa is Blooming" 10th Annual Garden and Landscape Show, April 23-25, 2010, Kanata Recreation Complex, 100 Walter Baker Place, Kanata. For details see: <http://www.ottawaisblooming.com/8.html>

Ottawa Botanical Garden Society (OBGS) presents **"From Parking Lot to Paradise; The Making of an Urban Garden"** Monday, April 26, 2010, The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson. The Library and Archives Canada 395 Wellington Street. Tickets will be available to the general public as of February 1st, 2010. Cost: \$20 individual members of the OBGS; \$23 group members of the OBGS; \$25 general public. For details see: <http://www.ottawagarden.ca/>

JANUARY GGG MEETING

At our January meeting Andrew Aitkens gave a very informative talk on **vermicomposting**. He brought along a large Rubbermaid container and explained in detail how to make a composter, what to feed the worms and all the advantages and the few of the challenges of having an active vermicomposter.

The photo shows Andrew with handful of damp newspaper that helps fill the composter.



GGG members crowded around the composter to have a good look at the worms and the other contents. Andrew has worms for sale and if anyone is interested in trying a new composting experience.



In addition, Andrew mentioned another interest that he has in growing brugmansias. He will soon be taking cuttings and will take orders for them at \$10:00 per cutting. Andrew is currently away but we will obtain details from him as soon as possible and let members know both about purchasing worms and brugmansias in next month's Newsletter.

Greely Gardeners Group, 2009-10 Executive Committee

President - Shelley Piercey 821-1120; Vice-President - Anita Snelgrove 821-0447; Treasurer - Melissa MacDonald 821-9680; Past-President - Shelagh Heatlie 821-0816; Secretary - **vacant**; Events Co-ordinator - **vacant**; Newsletter – Heather Clemenson 821-7445; Website – Gary Hall 821-7445

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