



# Greely Gardeners Group

## *Newsletter*

June 2011

### GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

#### **Saturday May 28 – Annual Spring Plant Sale**

*Andrew Shields Park, 1145 Old Prescott Road, Greely: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*

If you are donating plants, please bring them to Andrew Shields Park any time after 7:30am. If you are buying plants, the sale will open at 9:00am. The sale will take place rain or shine as the plants will be under cover at the picnic shelter in the park. Any questions: please call Heather at 613-821-7445.

#### **Wednesday June 1 – Vines and Climbers**

*Guest speaker: Mary Reid, Master Gardener. Come to learn about plants that can be used to add vertical interest to our gardens. Greely Community Centre: 7:00 pm.*

#### **Saturday June 11 – Field Trip to the Central Experimental Farm Gardens**

Edythe Falconer, Master Gardener, who spoke to us at our meeting in April will be on hand to answer questions about roses.

*Meet at the Greely Community Centre at 9:30 am; car pool leaving at 9:45 am.*

If you are interested in the Field Trip and did not sign up in May, the sign-up sheet will be at the June meeting. Any questions: please call Gary at 613-821-7445.

#### **Saturday June 25 – Members Gardens Tour**

Enjoy a visit to other members gardens; this year gardens of our members in Vernon.

*Meet at the Greely Community Centre at 9:30 am; car pool leaving at 9:45 am.* If you are interested in the Members Gardens Tour and did not sign up in May, the sign-up sheet will be at the June meeting.

Any questions: please call Phyllis or Lee Nickerson at 613-574-0214.

**PLEASE NOTE:** OUR ANNUAL BAR-B-Q WILL BE ON SATURDAY AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> – DETAILS WILL BE SENT IN AN E-MAIL WITH THE NEWSLETTER IN MID-JULY.

THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE GGG WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>.

## OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

- **Manotick Horticultural Society:** Monday, June 13, Garden Tour – MHS members only for this event. 7:30 pm, Flower Show followed by Dessert and Tea - Main Hall, RCMP Campground, Long Island, Manotick.
- **Russell and District Horticultural Society**, have many activities listed on their webpage for June. See: <http://www.russellgardeners.ca/>
- **Osgoode Garden Club** meets on the third Wednesday of the month; 7:00 pm at the Osgoode Library on Osgoode Main Street. Osgoode Garden Club also has a plant sale at the Osgoode Library on May 28, 9:00 to noon. For information please, call Linda Laframboise at 613-826-0906.

### GREELY COMMUNITY CENTRE GARDENS

EACH YEAR THE GREELY GARDENING GROUP VOLUNTEERS TO MAINTAIN THE GARDENS AT THE GREELY COMMUNITY CENTRE AND HAVE AGREED TO MAINTAIN THE GARDENS AROUND THE NEW GREELY LIBRARY. WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT WITH THE SPRING CLEANING AND PLANTING AS WELL AS THE OCCASIONAL WEEDING THROUGHOUT THE GARDEN SEASON. "MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK".

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OFFERING JUST A FEW HOURS OF YOUR TIME TO JOIN US IN ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES IN LATE MAY AND/OR EARLY JUNE, PLEASE CALL GARY AT 613-821-7445. THANK YOU.

## GARDEN ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE/JULY

Prepared by the Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton – suggestions for June/July:

### June:

- Prune evergreens and hedges
- Thin out crowded annuals and vegetables
- Add garden waste to compost
- Stake plants that need support
- Check plants for any infestations, hand pick bugs where possible
- Prune spring flowering shrubs and trees after flowering

### July

- Raise mower height of cutting blade
- Shallow hoe garden regularly, if not mulched
- Hand pick weeds that have made it through the mulch
- Check for aphids on roses, nasturtiums etc. (A strong spray from a hose should remove them)
- Prune climbing roses

## REPORT ON THE MAY 4TH MONTHLY MEETING

At our May meeting, Edythe Falconer gave a detailed presentation on roses from soil to planting, care and nurturing, diseases and pruning. Edythe showed many wonderful photos of roses at the Central Experimental Farm, as well as some 'soon to be on sale' hybrid roses from rose breeders Neville and Catherine Arnold of Morrisburg. View their website: <http://www.northernhybridroses.com/Main.php> .

Edythe also made reference to the Summer, 2009 Newsletter of the “Friends of the Central Experimental Farm” which can be found at: <http://www.friendsofthefarm.ca/pdf/summer09.pdf> . This issue has a number of articles about roses as well as a profile of Edythe herself.



Edythe Falconer sharing her knowledge of Roses with the GGG members and guests

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## Greely Gardeners Group – 2010-11 Executive Committee

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