



# Greely Gardeners Group

## *Newsletter*

July 2011

### GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

#### Saturday August 20 Annual Bar-B-Q

This year our annual summer Bar-B-Q will be hosted by Melody Tomka at her home; at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 20th. All GGG members are welcome, and you can bring a guest (spouse, friend, etc.). Hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and juices will be provided by the GGG. We are looking for volunteers to bring appetizers, salads and desserts.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by contacting **Gary or Heather** at **613-821-7445** or by e-mail at [gthall@sympatico.ca](mailto:gthall@sympatico.ca) before Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>. We will provide directions to Melody's home, if needed.

Also, if you wish to bring your drink of choice, that's okay, but please remember that drinking and driving don't mix, so a designated driver is a must. Bring a chair or two, and anything else you would normally bring to an outdoor event.

#### MONTHLY MEETING -- Wednesday September 7

##### Planting Bulbs for Spring and Storing Tubers over the Winter

*Guest speaker:* Neill Ritchie of Ritchie Feed and Seed will talk about bulb varieties available, when and how to plant them, as well as when to bring in and how over-winter tender tubers (e.g. cannas, dahlias, gladioli). *Greely Community Centre: 7:00 pm.*

### OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

- **Manotick Horticultural Society:** Monday, August 8, Garden Tour – MHS members only for this event.
- **Russell and District Horticultural Society,** August 20 Garden Tour – details are to be posted on their website. 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. For information please, call Linda Laframboise at 613-826-0906.

## GARDEN ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE/JULY

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

### 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

### August

- Monitor lawn for grubs
- Take notes and photos of your garden for future planning
- Continue to weed and control pest problems

## REPORT ON THE JUNE FIELD TRIP SATURDAY JUNE 11

At our May monthly meeting, the GGG members were treated to a presentation by Edythe Falconer on roses, specifically the “Roses of the Central Experimental Farm” (CEF) and as part two of this treat, our 2011 Field Trip took us to the CEF to learn more about the roses from Edythe (second from the right in the photograph). During the field trip, we learned that pruning was an ongoing task and that this year the CEF Roses were subject to some new challenges, specifically insect pests. Edythe showed us how some of these pests bore into the flowers in the bud stage and effectively destroy that flower.



The sixteen GGG members who participated in the field trip enjoyed Edythe's hands on insight into the challenges and rewards of growing roses here in the Ottawa area. The

experience was enjoyed by those present, and we would like to thank Edythe for her time spent with us on one of the first really 'hot' days of the late spring.

## REPORT ON THE MEMBERS GARDENS TOUR SATURDAY JUNE 25

By Lee and Phyllis Nickerson

Although the weather looked threatening as we sat in the Greely Community Centre parking lot, our small group of loyal and avid Gardeners would not let a few drops of rain interfere with our plans to spend a day out of doors visiting some of the best landscapes in the town of Vernon. After a head count and short meeting to hand out maps and to coordinate timings we launched our convoy of assorted multi coloured vehicles South on Bank Street. Miraculously, within 15 minutes we all arrived at our first destination, as a group, proving that even the most directionally challenged can follow the car in front!

In the next two hours we dropped in on Elaine Newton, Norma McNaughton, Helen Porteus, and Kay Porteus. Kay and her family generously opened their home for a fabulous pot-luck lunch. A sincere thank you to all those who contributed to making the lunch a gourmet delight in true GGG fashion.



Photo by Shelagh Heatlie (other photographs are on the GGG website)

After a circling of the wagons to ensure everyone was going in the right direction, it was off to Kenmore to visit the garden of Mary-Anne Schmitz. It was here that the rain decided to make its presence a little more obvious. Undeterred the Gardeners roamed freely around

the well-manicured grounds with an impressive array of plants all placed and lovingly maintained by Mary-Anne.

Judging from the questions, answers and comments the Gardener Tour 2011 was an unqualified success. Again, thanks to our gracious hosts who made this day possible and to the group of 25 gardeners who enthusiastically supported the event.

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