



Greely Gardeners Group

Newsletter

August 2011

GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

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.

MONTHLY MEETING -- Wednesday October 5

Preparing Your Gardens for Winter

Guest speaker: Lindley McPhail, Russell Horticultural Society

Greely Community Centre: 7:00 pm.

GGG Executive Committee Nominations for 2012

At the September meeting, we will be asking for volunteers to serve on the Executive Committee of the Greely Gardeners Group for the next year. There are several positions vacant.

The election of the 2012 GGG Executive Committee will take place at our Annual General Meeting which will occur as part of our monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 5th.

Since the committee meets only once a month (at the most), the time commitment on the Executive Officers is not very onerous.

If you are interested in being on the Executive, please contact Gill Toll at 613-821-6123 or by e-mail at: gilltoll@xplornet.com

OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

- **Manotick Horticultural Society:** Monday, September 12, “Roses and Clematis” André Poliquin, Main Hall, RCMP Campground, Long Island, Manotick.
- **Russell and District Horticultural Society,** Coming events details are posted on the website: <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 AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

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

August

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

September

- Prepare and seed new lawns (wait 6 weeks after applying corn gluten meal)
- Add white Dutch clover seed to lawns for biodiversity (wait 6 weeks after applying corn gluten meal)
- Top dress existing lawns and garden beds with compost or manure
- Plant evergreens
- Renovate perennial borders, divide perennials.

GARDEN TIP: PLANTING PERENNIALS IN THE FALL

The early fall is good time to plant or to divide many varieties of perennials. Even though early frost may cause the tops to die, the soil is usually warm enough to allow the roots of replanted perennials to continue their growth. Fall planted perennials have an ideal start for the following spring and will bloom at their proper time next season. It might be a good idea to provide newly planted perennials with additional winter insulation,

especially if you are not sure that there will be lasting snow cover throughout the winter. This is easily done with mulch; for example conifer bows or other airy materials make excellent winter mulches to help keep the soil frozen during periods of no snow cover.

When you are replanting divided perennials cut back the vegetative top growth (stems & leaves) by approximately half to reduce water-loss stress. Do not fertilize perennials (new or divided) when planting in the late fall as this will stimulate unwanted growth that might weaken the plant for over wintering. However, do water the plants thoroughly and keep them well-watered for a few weeks.



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