



# Greely Gardeners Group

## *Newsletter*

February 2012

### GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

#### MONTHLY MEETING -- Thursday March 1

Topic: **"Trees for Your Garden"**

Guest speaker: **Crispin Wood**, Central Experimental Farm Arboretum  
Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

#### MONTHLY MEETING -- Wednesday April 4

Topic: **"2012's Best New Perennials"**

Guest speaker: **Richard Aubert**  
Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

#### MONTHLY MEETING -- Wednesday May 2

Topic: **"Creating Your Spring and Summer Planters"**

Guest speaker: **Catherine Disley**  
Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

### Reminder GGG 2012 Membership Fees Are Now Due:

If you are intending to renew your annual membership at our next meeting, to save time please consider printing a membership form from our website [www.greelygardeners.ca](http://www.greelygardeners.ca) and filling it in a ahead of time. At only \$10 for the year, we are still the best bargain in town!

### OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

- **Manotick Horticultural Society**, Monday March 12, "Trees for your Garden" Crispin Woods, Central Experimental farm Arboretum, 7:30 pm, Main Hall, RCMP Campground, Long Island, Manotick.

- **Russell and District Horticultural Society**, Monday 7pm, Royal Canadian Legion/Lion's Hall at 24 Legion Lane in Russell. Details posted on 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.
- **Canada Blooms**, March 16-25, Direct Energy Centre, Halls A & Heritage Court, 100 Princes' Blvd., Toronto <http://www.canadablooms.com/>
- **Sogetsu Ikebana Exhibition** - Dance of the Flowers, Exhibition of Japanese flower arrangement in collaboration with the Japanese Embassy; 255 Sussex Drive; opening ceremonies 11:00 am Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>, open to public 10:00am- 4:00pm Saturday; 10:00 am-3:00pm Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>.

## FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING REPORT

On Thursday, February 2nd, 2012, Jim Tutton from Ritchie Feed and Seed shared his passion for attracting birds to our garden with his presentation “Birds and Bird Feeders”.

Jim's talk touched on the important points that we need to keep in mind if we are attempting to attract bird to our gardens year round. Although bird feeders and an assortment of food are essential (e.g. different types of sunflower seed, Niger seed,



Photo: Jim Tutton (left) with Scott Becker (GGG Member)

safflower seed and suet), Jim reminded us that many flowering plants, shrubs and trees provide food for birds (nectar for hummingbirds, seeds and berries for other birds) as well as shelter for nesting and escape from predators. He noted that providing water year-round was also important.

## Re-design of the 'flagpole' garden at the Greely Community Centre

On February 6<sup>th</sup> a small group of GGG members met in the Board Room of the Greely Library to begin planning the re-design of the 'flagpole' garden. There was an exchange of suggested plants and shrubs and discussion on the requirements of the full-sun garden. We are mindful of the need for plants that are drought tolerant, as we cannot guarantee regular watering of the garden. Also, we are looking for mainly perennial plants that have good colour and a fairly long blooming season; or a succession of plants that will enable the garden to have colour throughout the growing season and possibly through the winter months as well.

The next meeting will be in early March. If you are interested in joining the design team, please contact Gary at 613-821-7445, or by email at [gthall@sympatico.ca](mailto:gthall@sympatico.ca). All are welcome.

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