



Greely Gardeners Group

Newsletter

April 2012

GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETING -- Wednesday May 2

Topic: **“Creating Your Spring and Summer Planters”**

Guest speaker: **Catherine Disley**

Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY MAY 26 – ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE

Andrew Shields Park, 1145 Old Prescott Road,

9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

If you are dividing perennials or simply removing ornamental plants and shrubs that you no longer need, please pot them up and put them to one side for our Annual Spring Plant Sale. If you need pots let us know (Heather: 613- 821-7445).

MONTHLY MEETING -- Wednesday June 1

Topic: **“Culinary Herbs and Their Uses”**

Guest speaker: **George and Gerry, The Herb Garden (Almonte)**

Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY JUNE 9 – MEMBER’S FIELD TRIP

Details to be announced

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 and filling it in ahead of time. At only \$10 for the year, we are still the best bargain in town!

OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

- **Manotick Horticultural Society**, Monday May 14, “Roses, Roses, Roses”, André Poliquin; 7:30 p.m., Main Hall, RCMP Campground, Long Island, Manotick.
- **Russell and District Horticultural Society**, third Monday of the month 7:00 p.m., 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 p.m. at the Osgoode Library on Osgoode Main Street. For information please, call Linda Laframboise at 613-826-0906.
- **Spring Plant Sale**. Saturday May 12, 8am to noon at the Scobie Farm, 6274 Rideau Valley Dr. North, 7 km south of Manotick. Large selection of perennials, annuals, vegetable seedlings, herbs, shrubs, trees, pond plants and houseplants. Proceeds to Trinity United Church in Kars.

APRIL MONTHLY MEETING REPORT



On Wednesday April 4, 2012, a full house of close to 60 people attended the Greely Gardeners meeting and heard from Richard Aubert on “2012’s Best New Perennials”. For the past 20 years Richard has supplied trees, shrubs and perennials to nurseries and growers from Ontario to Newfoundland and is extremely knowledgeable on what can and cannot grow in the Ottawa area.

He presented plants that were new to some of us, such as the *Delosperma* ‘Lavender Ice’ (shown in photo right), a full-sun, hardy ground cover (2”-3”) that likes sandy soil and is very drought tolerant; just what we need in Greely. We plan to try *Delosperma* in the newly designed Flagpole garden!



Richard also presented new colours for familiar plants such as Echinacea; including 'Marmalade', 'Hot Papaya' or 'Southern Belle' as shown in the photo on the right.



New in Heucheras, mainly grown for their foliage, he noted 'Berry smoothie' a lovely rich pink leaf (shown left).

In the Heucherellas, two new varieties of 'Sweet Tea' and 'Gold Zebra' were described (shown below) – the plant name is enough to tell which is which.



The presentation was appreciated by all who attended and many of us will be searching for some of the new varieties to try; though Richard did note that some might be easy to obtain and others may be harder to find.

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