



Greely Gardeners Group

Newsletter

May 2012

GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

SATURDAY MAY 26 – ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE

Andrew Shields Park, 1455 Old Prescott Road, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

If you are donating plants please bring them anytime after 7:30 a.m.

If you are buying plants the sale starts promptly at 9:00 a.m.

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 - A GUIDED TOUR OF THE HEIRLOOM GARDENS AT UPPER CANADA VILLAGE

Upper Canada Village is an award winning, authentically re-created village of the 1860s. The site has over forty 19th century buildings and numerous heirloom gardens set among attractive landscaping, pathways and boarded sidewalks.

The cost per person for entry and a special guided tour is \$25.95. If you have never visited Upper Canada Village you have missed a treat. Even if you have visited before, the guided garden tour will bring a different perspective to the site.

Our plan is to meet at the Greely Community Centre at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday June 9th for car pooling and a prompt departure at 10:00 a.m. Upper Canada Village is about one hour south of Ottawa. Directions and further details as to where to meet at Upper Canada Village will be provided at the Community Centre.

The GGG tour is booked for 11:30 a.m. and will take approximately one and a half hours visiting heirloom gardens at the site. After the tour you will be on your own for lunch. There are a number of options: take your own picnic lunch; eat at the Harvest Barn Restaurant that offers a wide range of food services or; eat at Willard's Hotel, a full-service restaurant where costumed staff will serve you a period-style meal. Both restaurants are licensed.

If you are car pooling, you can arrange among your group when you would like to return to Greely.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in joining us. The sign-up sheet will be at the June 1st meeting, but if you are unable to make the June 1st meeting, either give us a call or at 613- 821-7445 (Gary or Heather) or send us an e-mail at gthall@sympatico.ca

OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

- **Manotick Horticultural Society**, Monday June 11, Garden Tour, Dessert and Tea back at the Main Hall, RCMP Campground, Long Island. Manotick Horticultural Society Members only.
- **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.

MAY MONTHLY MEETING REPORT



On Wednesday May 2, Catherine Disley gave an illustrated talk on “Creating your Spring and Summer Planters”. Catherine covered items such as the selection of planters, what to look for and what to avoid.

She only uses soilless potting mix in her contain planters but fertilizes with slow release plant food at the time of potting up and supplements every two weeks with a soluble fertilizer.

Catherine showed photographs of many planters and noted the great variety of plant material, both annuals and perennials that can be used. She talked about how to mix colours, texture and height of plants. It was a very informative talk and she had an appreciative audience of more than 60 people who asked lots of questions throughout her presentation.



After her illustrated talk Catherine also provided a hands-on demonstration of putting together a planter; though she noted that her choice of plants was somewhat limited in early May and the small size of pot used was not recommended, but was for demonstration purposes only.

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