



Greely Gardeners Group

Newsletter

June 2012

GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

SATURDAY JUNE 23 – MEMBERS' GARDENS TOUR

Four member's gardens are on the tour this year all within fairly close proximity in the Greely area (about a 16km round trip). The plan is to meet at the Greely Community Centre at 9: 30am for car pooling and a prompt departure at 9:45 am when we will head out to the first garden. Maps will be available at the community centre parking lot.

If you are planning to come along and have not already signed the list can you please call Lee Nickerson at 613-574-0214. Members and their guests are welcome and the event will take place rain or shine.

If you are interested, please also bring a finger food snack that can be shared. At the end of the tour we will be stopping in a local small park for a picnic lunch. Soft drinks will be available.

THERE ARE NO GGG MEETINGS IN JULY

SATURDAY AUGUST 11 or 18 – MEMBERS' PICNIC/BAR-B-Q

The GGG Executive Committee is planning a trip and social event for members sometime in August. We invite suggestions from our members, and will send details to all members as soon as possible.

OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

- **Manotick Horticultural Society**, Monday July 9, Members Gardens Tour, 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 26 ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE

On Saturday May 26 we held our Annual Spring Plant Sale. It was a huge success thanks to the many plants that were donated by our members and thanks to the many people who came to buy plants.

We had a very busy and hectic start that soon settled down to a more sedate pace. Though we advertise that the sale would be held from 9:00am to 11:00am, most of the plants had been sold well before 10:30am.

Many thanks also to those members who came to help set up and to help sell the



plants; Joyce Levya, Claire Maxwell, Cindy Smiley, Terry Sutcliffe. It was nice to see some new faces helping out with such enthusiasm.



Thanks also to the GGG Executive Members, Lee and Phyllis Nickerson, Jane Rietze (and her husband Forest), Sue Young, Gary Hall and Heather Clemenson.



Proceeds from the Plant Sale are used to pay for speakers for the GGG monthly meetings as well as to purchase plants for the Greely Community Centre gardens.

(Top photo, Joyce Levya with a customer; middle photo, Cindy Smiley and Lee Nickerson; and to the left, Claire Maxwell another of our helpers)

COMMUNITY CENTRE GARDENS

If you have visited the Community Centre recently, you will see that the flagpole garden has been completely replanted and the roadside sign garden now has its summer look with a new bed of red geraniums.

Many thanks go to the members who worked on the redesign of the flagpole garden: especially Elaine Routledge (who did much of the shopping for the new plants and led the team in putting the plants in their new home); Kim Bonner; Joan Clow, and Denyse Becker as well as the



Executive Lee and Phyllis Nickerson, Gary Hall and Heather Clemenson, Jane Rietze and Sue Young. The final cleaning out of the bed and planting was all done one sunny afternoon.

The photo shows the happy band of workers after clean-up task was completed, and the new plants were laid out in position waiting to be planted. Kneeling left to right: Phyllis Nickerson and Heather Clemenson; Back row left to right: Jane Rietze, Denyse Becker, Gary Hall, Lee Nickerson and Elaine Routledge.

JUNE MONTHLY MEETING REPORT



On Wednesday June 6, George and Gerry from The Herb Garden came to speak to our members on the subject of; “Culinary Herbs and Their Uses”. The presentation was very informative and provided information on planting a herb garden as well as some general tips about herbs.

It was, for example, recommended to remove flowers from herb plants as flower production detracts from the flavour of the herb. It was also noted that basil loses its flavour if dried and it was recommended to freeze basil if you want to keep some.

A list of herbs and the types of dishes that they go well with was shown at the meeting. The list is available on The Herb Garden website at:

<http://www.herbgarden.on.ca/explore-learn/cooking-with-herbs/>

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