



Greely Gardeners Group

NEWSLETTER

September 2012

GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETING -- Wednesday September 5

Topic: "Irisés"

Guest speaker: Sandy Ives

Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETING -- Wednesday October 3

Topic: "The Monarch Butterfly: A Phenomenon of Nature"

Guest speaker: Jean Lauriault, Canadian Museum of Nature

Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETING -- Wednesday November 7

Topic: "Seasonal Planters"

Guest speaker: Catherine Disley

Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

GGG Executive Committee Nominations for 2013

The election of the GGG 2013 Executive Officers will take place at our Annual General Meeting which will occur as part of our monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 5th.

There are five Executive Officer positions on the Executive Committee and nominations (self-nomination is permitted) are being requested. At present, there are potentially three vacancies on the Executive Committee.

The Executive 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 Committee, please contact Lee Nickerson at 613-574-0214 or by e-mail at: landpnick@gmail.com

OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

- **Manotick Horticultural Society**, “Dallying in Daylilies”, Monday September 10, Barry Matthie, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall, RCMP Campground, Long Island Locks, 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 of upcoming events are posted on their website: <http://www.russellgardeners.ca/>
- **Osgoode Garden Club** meets on the third Wednesday of the month; from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Osgoode Library on Osgoode Main Street.
- **Ottawa Horticultural Society**, “Renovating an Old Garden”, Mary Reid, Tuesday September 25, 7:30 pm, Tom Brown arena 141 Bayview Avenue (at Scott).

MONTHLY REPORT – FIELD TRIP TO THE ARBORETUM - SUNDAY AUGUST 12

On Sunday August 12 the Friends of the Central Experimental Farm hosted a classic Victorian Tea served on the lawns of the Arboretum. There was also a best hat contest and many of those serving the tea were in period costume, including our GGG friend Edythe Falconer (who spoke to us on roses and who was on hand when we toured the rose garden at the Central Experimental Farm last year).

Though only a few of our members attended, it was considered a very worthwhile trip and their feedback is that the event is a highly recommended outing for next year’s calendar.

A HUMMINGBIRD IN THE GARAGE

As Gary left to play golf today, a hummingbird flew into the garage. Have you ever had a hummingbird in the garage? Both garage doors were wide open and it was sunny outside but the bird flew round and round up high near the roof and did not come down. Having left everything open for an hour or more I returned to the garage to find the poor bird was still flying around. By now it was getting rather tired as it would fly around a few times and then perch on a wire up high. Something had to be done!



My first move was to drag our four large pots of red hibiscus into the garage in a line heading for the door. After ten minutes, it was clear that my low level exit route was not working. My second move was to pick a few heads of bright red geraniums (pelargonium) and tie them to a bamboo pole and stick it in the first pot of the "hibiscus highway" just below the level of the garage door in full view of the hummingbird's perch.

A few flight from perch to geraniums and back was soon followed by a flight from the perch to the geraniums and then to the "4-pot-hibiscus highway" out the door!

I was probably as happy as the hummingbird by the time it realised the last hibiscus was in fact in the open air!

Just in case you ever have a hummingbird fly into your garage.

Heather :-)

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