



# Greely Gardeners Group

## *Newsletter*

March 2013

### GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

**Note:** Our meeting in March is on a Thursday. We resume our usual meeting day of first Wednesday in the month in April.

#### MONTHLY MEETING – Thursday March 7

Topic: “Fruit Trees”

Guest speaker: Doug King, Make It Green Garden Centre  
Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

#### MONTHLY MEETING – Wednesday April 3

Topic: “A Naturalist Garden”

Guest speaker: Jeff Skevington, Agriculture Canada  
Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

#### MONTHLY MEETING – Wednesday May 1

Topic: “Vegetable Gardens – What to Grow in Ottawa”

Guest speaker: Amber, Payne  
Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

### OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

**Manotick Horticultural Society:** Guest speakers: two OHA Certified judges will be presenting a two-part lecture, first how to select material for shows when in the garden and secondly what criteria is used in the judging of specimens. Monday March, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall, RCMP Campground, Long Island Locks, Manotick.

**Osgoode Garden Club** meets the third Wednesday of the month; from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Osgoode Library on Osgoode Main Street.

**Russell and District Horticultural Society** meets 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/>

**Seedy Saturday, Ottawa**, Saturday March 2, 10am -3pm

Ron Kolbus Lakeside Centre, Britannia Beach, 102 Greenview Ave.

Seed exchange (bring your seeds), seed sales, garden talks, good food and much more. <http://www.seeds.ca/ev/events.php>

**Ottawa Orchid Society** 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Orchid Show, April 20-21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday from noon to 5:00pm; Sunday 9:00am to 5:00pm); General Admission \$10:00, Seniors (over 60) \$8:00; Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Ave, Ottawa.

[www.ottawaorchidsociety.com](http://www.ottawaorchidsociety.com)

## **MONTHLY REPORT – NEILL RITCHIE “LAWN MAINTENANCE”**

The February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting featured a presentation on Lawn Maintenance by Neill Ritchie of Ritchie Feed and Seed. Neill underlined that the best method to control weeds is to have a healthy carpet of grass, to be achieved by fertilizing at least 3 to 4 times per growing season. He provided hints on controlling weed seed germination through the application of corn gluten twice annually, and on watering, grub control, cutting and pesticides.

Neill concluded by answering many individual questions relating to the topic and he generously offered to respond to any post-meeting questions by visiting with him at the store. He is always a good source of information and we were fortunate to have him with us that evening especially because of the threatening freezing rain warning.

## **EMERALD ASH BORER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

At the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, information regarding the Ash Tree Replacement Program being planned by the City of Ottawa as part of its Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan (EABMP) was brought to our members' attention. One of our newer members provided details which the GGG Executive Committee has decided to place on our website for members to access.

The City of Ottawa's objective in circulating this information to the community was to ensure agreement on the stated priorities and to ensure priority/critical areas were not overlooked. This program will take place over the next three years, and the tree locations may be adjusted to take into account critical infrastructure such as electrical, gas, phone, and cable lines. The impact on the homeowner will also be considered, and the replacement trees will not be ash trees.

Obviously, some of the dates referred to in the information provided in the following links are behind us now however, the information is still relevant and is provided for your information.

The GGG will take no further action regarding this matter, leaving any discussions with city authorities to the individual. The appropriate contact within the City of Ottawa follows:

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See the GGG website ([www.greelygardeners.ca](http://www.greelygardeners.ca)) for links associated with this initiative.

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**Website URL** [www.greelygardeners.ca](http://www.greelygardeners.ca)