



Greely Gardeners Group

Newsletter

May 2013

GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETING – Wednesday May 1

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

Guest speaker: Amber Payne

Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE – Saturday May 25

Andrew Shields Park, 1145 Old Prescott Road - 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

If you are dividing perennials or 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 5

Topic: “Low Maintenance Gardens”

Guest speaker: Mary Reid, Green Thumb Garden Centre

Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

Manotick Horticultural Society: Guest speaker: Suzanne Patry, Whitehouse Perennials, “What’s New and Hot for 2013”. Monday May 13, 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/>

Ottawa Orchid Society 32nd Annual Orchid Show, April 20-21st (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

Rare & Unusual Plant Sale: Sunday, May 12, 9am–1pm,
Tropical Greenhouses on Maple Street, parking lot, Central Experimental Farm

JUNE 15TH GGG FIELD TRIP TO MONTREAL BOTANICAL GARDEN



The **Montreal Botanical Garden** comprises 75 hectares of thematic gardens and greenhouses. It was designated a National Historic Site of Canada in 2008 as it is considered to be one of the most important botanical gardens in the world due to the extent of its collections and facilities.

A visit to the Garden by the members of GGG and their guests is planned for Saturday, June 15th, 2013. Transportation in the form of a 56-passenger bus will be provided, with a departure from the Greely Community Centre at 8:45 a.m. and leaving the Gardens for return trip at 4:00 p.m.

The cost for members will be \$25.00 and for guests \$35.00. Tickets will be on sale at the GGG monthly meeting on May 1st and will close on the 31st of May 2013.

Members and guests will be required to sign a waiver as part of the ticket sales process. Questions may be directed to Lee Nickerson at 613-574-0214 or Jane Rietze at 613-699-6330.

MONTHLY MEETING REPORT – APRIL 3

“A NATURALIST GARDEN” – JEFF SKEVINGTON

With the spring gardening season about to begin we were very fortunate to feature Jeff Skevington, a long-time Ontario Naturalist from the Ottawa area, at our April monthly meeting. Jeff's talk provided an overview of suggested native plants and where to find them in our local area. He walked us through a photographic tour of his yard and how, over the years, he and his family have turned it into a beautiful smorgasbord of colour and texture.

He graciously agreed to provide a listing of native species that people might wish to explore. The list is available on the GGG website with the plants organized in his personal preference based on how they grow, how available they are and how they appear. Jeff, being a world leader in research on *Pipunculidae* (big-headed flies) ended his presentation with a discussion on some fantastic insects that are likely to be attracted to our naturalist gardens. A true expert in this area, his talk was both informative and entertaining.

At the meeting Jeff handed out a document which provides examples of native plants to use when gardening in Eastern Ontario. For a copy please see the GGG website at www.greelygardeners.ca

GREELY LIBRARY GARDENS CLEAN-UP SATURDAY APRIL 20

When we woke on Saturday morning to a snow squall it was a bit of a shock to the system. But by the time ten 'o'clock rolled around and six of us met at the Greely Library to begin cleaning up the grasses and other shrubs, the sky was blue and the sun was shining. Half an hour later the snow came back! We managed to clean up all around the Library and hauled away 9 bags full of garden waste.

However, we did get a little wet! Many thanks for all the hard work to Gill Toll and Phyllis Nickerson (photo on left), Julie Chartrand and Denyse Becker (photo on right) and Lee Nickerson (below).



During the season we head over to the gardens at the community centre to plant, weed and generally clean up now and then. If you are interested in helping out either at the end of the work day (after 5:00pm) or on a weekend can you let us know. We will add your name to a list and call you when appropriate. Please add your name to a list at the May meeting, or call Heather or Gary at 613- 821-7445 if you want your name added.

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