



Greely Gardeners Group

NEWSLETTER

June 2014

GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE - Saturday May 24

OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

9:00 a.m. Sharp

Andrew Shields Park, 1455 Old Prescott Road, Greely

The plants for sale at our Annual Spring Plant Sale have been growing in our members' gardens for at least a year and are divisions or entire plants raised - **and donated** - by our gardeners. Prices start at 50 cents, and with a few possible exceptions, no plant is priced at more than \$5.00.

MONTHLY MEETING – Wednesday June 4

Topic: **“DAZZLING DAYLILIES”**

Guest speaker: Kelly Noel

Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

Looking for the perfect perennial - drought tolerant, hardy and adaptable, available in a rainbow of colours and a variety of shapes and sizes, and blooms from early summer to autumn? Master Gardener and daylily hybridizer, Kelly Noel, will share her love of daylilies and show us how daylilies are a stunning and versatile addition to any garden. She'll explain how to choose and care for them, where to buy them and how to make daylily babies in our own backyards. She'll even bring some of her little treasures as door prizes.

MEMBERS' GARDEN TOUR - Saturday June 21

MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY! Potluck lunch!

If you haven't done so already, you can still register at the June 4 meeting!

GGG SUMMER BUS TRIP - Saturday July 19

MEMBERS ONLY! (Yes, there's still time to buy a membership!)

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE JUNE 4 MEETING.

Watch out for a special email with detailed itinerary and cost of the trip!

GUIDED TOUR OF MAITLAND AND NORTH AUGUSTA GARDENS

(BROCKVILLE AREA)

Maitland Garden of Hope, Maitland

Private 1.5-acre garden featuring 20 theme gardens and over 5,000 perennials. It is a registered Monarch Butterfly way station. The owners are beekeepers and experts in attracting pollinators to the garden.

<http://maitlandgardenofhope.ca/>

Tara MacKenzie's Gardens, North Augusta

Four acres of country gardens including perennial and woodland gardens, a wildflower meadow and a three-level pond. Tara MacKenzie's gardens have been featured in the *Canadian Gardening* and *Garden Making* magazines.

<http://www.canadiangardening.com/gardens/featured-gardens/beauty-unearthed-in-an-eastern-ontario-garden/a/31085>

Greely Gardeners Group (GGG) regular monthly meetings (January to June; September to November) are open to both members and non-members.

Annual Membership cost is \$10.

Admission fee for non-members is \$2, unless otherwise posted.

Coffee, tea and 'treats' are served to all after the meetings.

The benefits of being a card-carrying GGG Member are:

- Monthly e-Newsletter
- Free access to all monthly meetings and access to all our special events
- 10% discount at **Beyond the House Garden and Floral Design Centre** (plants only), **Green Thumb Garden Centre & Landscaping**, and **Rideau Woodland Ramble Display Gardens and Centre**.

Want to become a GGG member? Just print the membership form from our website at: www.greelygardeners.ca, fill it in, and bring it to any of our meetings.

OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

Friends of the Central Experimental Farm (FCEF):

Saturday May 24, "Lilac Walk Tour", 2 p.m., Macoun Garden in the CEF Ornamental Gardens. (Parking at Ag Museum lot). No fee. Donations accepted.

Tuesday May 27, "Water Gardening: The Final Touch to your Landscape", Diane McClymont Peace, Master Gardener. 7:00 pm, Building 72, Arboretum, CEF, Ottawa. Fee: FCEF members \$12, non-members \$15. Register at: 613-230-3276 or by e-mail at info@friendsofthefarm.ca

Saturday June 7, "Fletcher Wildlife Garden Native Plant Sale", 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., CEF Fletcher Wildlife Garden. Admission and parking are free.

Saturday June 7, "Peony Tour", 9 a.m., CEF Ornamental Gardens. No fee. Donations accepted.

Sunday June 15, "Rose Workshop", 1:00 p.m., CEF Heritage Rose Garden. Bring a chair. No fee. Donations accepted.

Ontario Horticultural Society 2014 Convention:

Friday July 18 to Sunday July 20, NAV Centre, 1950 Montreal Road, Cornwall. Register by June 1 for reduced price. http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/con_reg.php

Ottawa Horticultural Society:

Tuesday May 27, "Annual Auction & Plant Sale", (Distinctive plants from OHS members' gardens), 7:30 p.m., Tom Brown Arena, 141 Bayview Rd (corner of Scott St), Ottawa

Russell and District Horticultural Society:

Monday May 19, "Bee Plant Ready", Lindley McPhail and Pegi Holtz, 7:00 p.m., Royal Canadian Legion/Lion's Hall, 24 Legion Lane in Russell.

Victorian Afternoon Tea and Garden Tour (Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation Benefit):

Saturday June 21, Three Tea Sitzings: 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm.
1250 Stevens Road, Morewood. Tickets: \$30. RSVP (613) 448-3087 or (613) 443-5627.

MEETING REPORT - MAY 7

"BIG, BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL PLANTS FOR YOUR GARDEN"- NANCY McDONALD

Our guest speaker for the evening, Master Gardener Nancy McDonald, guided us through a wonderfully illustrated presentation on "Big, Bold and Beautiful Plants". Nancy McDonald grew up on a farm on PEI & learned the practical aspects of gardening from her parents. She inherited a love of flowers from her grandmother who had a beautiful mixed garden and the importance of pollinators from her grandfather who kept bee hives.

Nancy enjoys her small suburban garden and the birds, bees and butterflies that visit. She became a Master Gardener 4 years ago as part of her retirement plan to challenge herself, to continue to learn and to share her love of gardening.

Nancy defined big plants as taller than one metre or having a large footprint. A plant may be bold because of its form, texture, colour or other feature. A beautiful plant is one that pleases the individual gardener.

It is not necessary to have a large garden to use big, bold and beautiful (BBB) plants. A big plant can be used effectively in a small space and can form the backdrop for layered plantings. BBB plants can have a dramatic impact, define garden spaces, camouflage undesirable views and provide privacy. They can have strong architectural interest due to growth habit, foliage, stem and flower shapes and can provide a focal point or a dramatic impact. They can also be used effectively in herbaceous and mixed borders.

BBB plants may, as specimen plants, have distinctive shape or very attractive flowers, fruit, foliage or stems. One specimen plant is often enough to bring drama and impact. Bold colours and colour combinations can bring drama to the garden.

Nancy showed stunning photos of over 60 BBB plants, explained their use and characteristics and shared growing hints.

An annotated list of these plants was provided to attendees and additional copies will be available at the June meeting.



Thanks to Jane Rietze for the photograph and to Elaine Routledge for the write-up of the meeting.

HEADS UP: YOUR HOMEWORK IS DUE ON OCTOBER 1!

At the October 1, 2014 meeting, Marilyn Light will be our guest speaker. Her presentation will be "**Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden**", and will help us to identify and to attract the right pollinators for our gardens.

She is very interested in what insects we might see in our gardens, and is looking forward to include some of your pollinator insects in her presentation.

Let us know about positive relationships you might observe this summer between some of your plants and some insects: Just drop us a line, and/or send photos, at greelygardenersgroup@gmail.com, and we will relay your message to Marilyn.

The following website might prove useful to identify your insects and plants.

<http://www.pbase.com/rcm1840/insects>

<http://davesgarden.com/guides/pf/>

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT...

GARDENING BY THE FULL MOON?

The last full moon in May is on the 28th. The Old Farmer's Almanac says that it is safe for us to plant annuals and tender perennials after that date.

TO-DO LIST

STAY AHEAD OF THE WEEDS: Set aside some weeding time at least once a week.

READ "THE EDIBLE GARDEN" for local vegetable garden advice:
http://mgottawa.mgoi.ca/media/TEG_May-2014.pdf Local Vegetable

PLANT WATCH: Get involved by recording flowering times for selected plant species and reporting these dates to researchers. <https://www.naturewatch.ca/english/plantwatch/>

FROG WATCH: Collect and report data on the amphibian species in your area, and contribute to researchers data on global climate changes.
<https://www.naturewatch.ca/english/frogwatch/on/intro.html>

WORM WATCH : Participate in the WormWatch survey. The data you collect will be used to create a Canadian database of earthworm species and habitat distribution.
<https://www.naturewatch.ca/english/wormwatch/>

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