



Greely Gardeners Group

Newsletter

July 2014

GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

MEMBERS' GARDEN TOUR AND POTLUCK LUNCH - SATURDAY JUNE 21

This year five member's gardens are on the tour and all are within fairly close proximity in the Greely area. Members and their guests are welcome and the event will take place rain or shine.

The plan is to meet at the Greely Community Centre at 9:00 a.m. for car pooling and a prompt departure at 9:15 a.m. when we will head out to visit the first garden. Directions will be available at the community centre parking lot.

A sign-up sheet was available at the June Monthly Meeting. However, if you were not able to sign the list and are interested in coming along, please call Gary Hall at 613-821-7445, so we can have an idea of numbers attending.

If you are interested in the potluck lunch, please also bring a finger food snack that can be shared. Our last stop on the tour will be at Melody's home on Bank Street where she has invited us to enjoy our potluck lunch. Soft drinks will be available.

The member's garden tour is an opportunity to see local gardens and to learn what grows well in our area and to see different combinations of annuals, perennials and shrubs that you may not have in your own garden. It is also an occasion to get to know some of your fellow GGG members and to ask questions about plants in an informal setting.

At our last garden visit before the potluck lunch, members will have the opportunity to purchase hostas and other perennials that have been divided from a neighbour's garden. Each plant will cost no more than five dollars. Bring some cash if you are interested in purchasing a plant or two!

GGG SUMMER BUS TRIP – SATURDAY JULY 19

Guided Tour of Maitland and North Augusta Gardens (Brockville area)

9:00 am to 5:30 p.m.

The cost of the trip* (lunch is included) is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members (includes the cost of membership). Cash or cheque is accepted. (Membership forms can be downloaded from our website at www.greelygardeners.ca)

Registration is limited to 26 seats

(As of June 12, there are still 6 seats available. If you would like to come but were unable to register at the June 4 meeting, please contact Jane Rietze, GGG Treasurer, at 613-699-6330)

Itinerary Saturday July 19

DEPART GREELY COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 9:00 A.M. SHARP

MORNING: VISIT TO MAITLAND GARDEN OF HOPE, MAITLAND

We will have a guided tour of this privately owned 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/>

LUNCH: We will be eating at Maplehurst Manor, a lovely country property that is only a few minutes from the first garden. <http://www.maplehurstmanor.com/>
(Please advise us at Registration if you have special dietary requirements).

AFTERNOON: VISIT TO TARA MACKENZIE'S GARDENS, NORTH AUGUSTA

We will have a guided tour of the property that comprises 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>

RETURN TO THE GREELY COMMUNITY CENTRE BY 5:30 P.M.

Expect to do a lot of walking, some of it on uneven ground. Closed walking shoes are recommended.

*The Greely Gardeners Group is pleased to sponsor this event and has made a financial commitment on behalf of our members based on committed numbers. Individual last minute cancellations, for other than emergency reasons, sadly cannot be entertained.

OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

Friends of the Central Experimental Farm (FCEF):

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, NAVCentre, 1950 Montreal Road, Cornwall.

Registration at: http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/con_reg.php

Ottawa Horticultural Society:

Thursday June 26, "Hostas Galore" 7:30 p.m., Tom Brown Arena, 141 Bayview Road, Ottawa. <http://ottawahort.org/events/>

Russell and District Horticultural Society:

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m., the third Monday of each month except November and excluding July, August and December, upstairs at the Royal Canadian Legion/Lion's Hall at 24 Legion Lane in Russell.

<http://www.russellgardeners.ca/meetings.html>

Manotick Horticultural Society:

Meetings are held the second Monday of the month 7:30 p.m., Main Hall, RCMP Campground, Long Island Locks, Manotick. During June, July and August members garden tours are organized that are for members only.

<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/manotick>

Canadensis Botanical Garden Society: Saturday June 21 and Sunday June 22, Country Garden Tour with an optional car rally, a major 2014 fundraising project to help re-establish a botanical garden that once existed at the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa. For details see:

<http://canadensisgarden.ca/over-the-hedge-garden-tour/>

Marcel Beauchamp's (our speaker November 2013) garden at Morewood is also part of this tour (see also below).

Victorian Afternoon Tea and Garden Tour:

Saturday June 21 (Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation Benefit) Three Tea Sitings: 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 p.m. 1250 Stevens Road, Morewood.

Tickets: \$30. RSVP (613) 448-3087 or (613) 443-5627.

SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE - SATURDAY MAY 24TH

Our Annual Spring Plant Sale was a rousing success. Once again, a large crowd of eager plant hunters were waiting outside the ropes at 9:00 a.m. for the sale to begin. By 9:45 many of the plants had been purchased and were being taken away to their new homes in the Greely area.

The GGG Executive Committee wish to thank the GGG members who donated divisions from their perennial gardens with additional thanks to the members who showed up early at Andrew Shields Park to help with the sorting and pricing of the plants and with the actual sale.

A big 'thank you' also goes out to the GGG members and the general public who attended the plant sale and purchased plants for your gardens. Your support in this sale, our major fundraising event for the year, helps the Greely Gardeners Group to plan and provide an increasingly interesting array of speakers for our monthly meetings throughout the year.

Special thanks from fellow members go to GGG Executive for planning the day and their contribution to making the Annual Spring Plant Sale a great success!

MEETING REPORT – JUNE 4

"DAZZLING DAYLILIES" PRESENTATION BY KELLY NOEL

Although always interested in gardening, Kelly became a more serious gardener in 1994 – just before she retired after having taught high school mathematics for 35 years. She joined Master Gardeners in 2003 as a way to do some volunteering, to meet other gardeners and to spread the good news about gardening! Kelly's love of daylilies dates back to childhood but she began to hybridize daylilies more recently. She planted her first daylily seeds in 2009 – as backyard hobby. Now Kelly is on the executive of the Ontario Daylily Society. In her garden she and has hundreds of registered daylily cultivars as well as hundreds of her own unregistered crosses.



Kelly believes that the daylily is the perfect perennial. She began by noting the difference between daylilies and other lilies; the daylily (plants of the genus *Hemerocallis*) does not have a bulb and unlike other lilies is not susceptible to the ravages of the Japanese lily beetle. There are daylilies of many shapes and sizes and it is possible to have daylilies in bloom throughout the growing season from mid-June through to mid-September. What is really good about them is that they need very little care; in a normal summer they need little watering and no fertilizing particularly if an organic mulch or other general soil amendments are used in your garden. It is good to keep the plants looking tidy by deadheading on a regular, even daily basis; though spent blooms will drop off and even deadheading is not essential.



There are a myriad ways of describing daylilies and Kelly described each type with the use of an illustration: for example “self” means all one colour; “bi-colour” is two different colours while a “bi-tone” is two shades of the same colour; the “eye” is the dark patch in the centre of the lily; a “band” is a mark on the petals only; a “halo” is a faint suggestion of an “eye”; a “polychrome” is a wash of colours. There were numerous other terms used which illustrated the incredible variety of flowers that have been developed.

There are in fact six recognised forms of daylily: “single” which has three petals and three sepals (illustration - taken from website indicated below); “doubles” which resemble a peony; “polymerous” designates a daylily with more than the normal three sepals (usually four or five) in the outer whorl and more than three petals (usually the same number as sepals) in the inner whorl; “spider” describes a flower whose petals have a length-to-width ratio of at least 4 to 1; “unusual forms” is a class of daylilies based exclusively on the shapes of the petals or sepals; and “sculpted” where three-dimensional structural features emanate from the part of the petal surfaces which result in pleated, cristate or relief forms (for more details on the forms see: http://www.daylilies.org/ahs_dictionary/flower_forms.html)



Kelly also spent time describing the methods of cross-pollinating daylilies which she does in her own garden. Her descriptions were illustrated with examples of daylilies that she had cross-pollinated herself and the results were very interesting. Kelly's visual presentation was excellent and her talk was extremely well received by the members present. There may well be a few daylily cross-pollination experiments in the Greely area over the next few years and almost certainly more daylilies in our gardens!

HEADS UP

Marilyn Light will be our guest speaker at the October 1, 2014 meeting. Her presentation will be "**Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden**". 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 to 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/>

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