



# Greely Gardeners Group

## *Newsletter*

August 2014

## GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

### GGG SUMMER FIELD 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](http://www.greelygardeners.ca))

#### **Registration is limited to 26 seats**

(As of July 12, there are still 3 seats available. If you would like to come but have not yet purchased a seat on the bus, 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.

## **MONTHLY MEETING – Wednesday September 3**

Topic: **“You’re Not Done Yet”**

Guest speaker: Mary Shearman Reid, Green Thumb Garden Centre  
Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

Master Gardener and Green Thumb Garden Centre owner, Mary Shearman Reid, will inspire us to enjoy our gardens during the cooler fall weather and complete important fall tasks that will ensure that our plants will emerge next spring healthy and strong. Mary has wonderful tips and tricks to minimize effort and maximize results. You will want to hear what plants can be moved in the fall, when to plant fall bulbs and how to keep squirrels from digging them up and what to use to deter rabbits from chewing your shrubs this winter. If you have garden questions, Mary has the answers. Gardening and planning this fall will really pay off in 2015.

## **OTHER GARDENING EVENTS**

### **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](http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/con_reg.php)

### **Ottawa Horticultural Society:**

Tuesday 23 September, “Fabulous Fall Florals”, speaker Catherine Disley Engler, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tom Brown Arena, 141 Bayview Road.

**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>

## **GGG RECOGNISED AT THE FIRST OFFICIAL GARDEN DAY IN OTTAWA, FRIDAY JUNE 13**

His worship Jim Watson, Mayor of the City of Ottawa, officially proclaimed Friday June 13, 2014 as the first official Garden Day in Ottawa. Ottawa's official Garden Day celebrates our community's garden culture and heritage and our local horticultural industry. Certificates of Recognition were given to approximately 24 volunteer gardening groups and businesses that provided volunteer services to various gardens in the City.

The Greely Gardeners Group was recognised for the work that we undertake in maintaining the Greely Community Centre and Greely Library gardens. Five members of the GGG were on hand at the ceremony to receive the certificate. They are pictured below along with the dignitaries at the ceremony.

Many thanks go to all the GGG members and Executive who have come out over the years to work on the Greely Community Centre and Greely Library gardens. The certificate will be placed in the Community Centre.



From left to right: Gary Hall (Past President GGG); Ed Hanson (the President of the Ottawa Chapter of Landscape Ontario); Elaine Routledge (GGG Speaker Coordinator); Mayor Jim Watson; Councillor Doug Thompson; Heather Clemenson (GGG Newsletter); Ed Lawrence (special guest); Melissa MacDonald (GGG member); Sue Young (Member at Large, GGG Executive).

## **MEMBERS' GARDEN TOUR AND POTLUCK LUNCH SATURDAY JUNE 21**

We had a lovely sunny day for this year's members' gardens tour and a convoy of members visited five gardens in the Greely area. Thanks very much to Carol Mitchell, Shelley Piercey, Jacquie and Ivy Livingstone and Melody Tomka who welcomed us to their gardens and our answered questions.

As usual the gardens were all very different and had a great variety of plants, some familiar and some new. It is always interesting



to visit other people’s gardens and to appreciate the time and effort that goes into maintaining a garden.

The potluck at Melody’s home on Bank Street was a veritable feast and enjoyed by all who attended. It was lovely to sit and chat, to meet new members and to eat good food. Thanks very much to Melody who made everyone welcome to her garden and who was a gracious host once more to the GGG. Thanks also to everyone who brought food. We sure know how to enjoy ourselves!

Photos: Jane Rietze and Heather Clemenson



## PLANT HEALTH NOTES

(Taken from Peter Knippel Nursery Inc.e-mail - [knippel@rogers.com](mailto:knippel@rogers.com))

### APPLY A BAKING SODA MIXTURE TO PREVENT COMMON PLANT PROBLEMS IN HOT, HUMID SUMMERS

Common household products come to the rescue again, with this recipe for a preventative fungicide. Mix 1 tsp of baking soda and 1 drop each of dish soap and oil (vegetable or grape seed oil works well) per quart of warm water and apply to the plant's foliage using a spray bottle. We've seen a significant reduction in the incidence of fungal problems, even in plants in close quarters in our hot, humid greenhouse. We apply this treatment every 10 days.

### 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](mailto: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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## Greely Gardeners Group – 2014 Executive Committee

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