



MAY 2015

GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

UPCOMING

GREELY COMMUNITY GARDENS CLEANUP

Thursday April 30, 10:00 a.m.

We need some help, so if you can spare the time, please join the GGG Executive for a 'hands on' learning experience as we revive the Greely Community Gardens. Bring your favorite tool and a smile!

MONTHLY MEETING – Wednesday May 6

Topic: “Amazing Annuals”

Guest speaker: Mary Ann Van Berlo, Master Gardener
Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a photographic tour of stunning new and unusual annuals you can add to your pots and flower beds including some that you can start from seed or seed directly into the garden.

We'll also have seeds of some gorgeous annuals to give away.

ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE – Saturday May 23

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Andrew Shields Park

Be there early so you don't miss out!

MONTHLY MEETING – Wednesday June 3

Topic: "Best New Perennials and Shrubs"

Guest speaker: Cindy Cluett, Beyond the House Garden Centre
Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS' GARDENS TOUR – Saturday June 20

This is a free morning event for members plus one guest, followed by a potluck lunch. The exact schedule will be communicated to all participants at our starting place: the Greely Community Centre parking lot. Time to be confirmed. Please register at the May 6 or June 3 meeting.

FIELD TRIP TO PERTH AREA GARDENS – Saturday July 25

This is a GGG-sponsored all day event to the Perth area where we plan to visit Stoneridge Nursery, Kiwi Gardens Nursery and Rock Wall Gardens, as well as take in a leisurely lunch at Crossroads Tearoom in Perth.

Cost: \$40. (Plus a \$10 Membership Fee, if not already a member.)

Bus and Lunch are included in the price.

Payment is due upon registration: either in cash, or by cheque made out to *Greely Gardeners Group*.

Registrations are limited to 26 persons, and open at the May 6 meeting.

GGG MEMBERSHIP FEES

If you know someone who is planning on taking on a membership at our next meeting, please advise them to print a membership form from our website <http://greelygardeners.ca/GGG%20Membership%20Form%202015.pdf> and fill it in ahead of time.

Memberships are \$10/year and are good until December 2015.

PAST MONTH EVENT

APRIL 1 PRESENTATION: "Growing Roses"

We were privileged to have André Poliquin, an international rose expert,

speak to us at the last meeting. André's talk and photo presentation were very informative.

We found out about the three divisions of roses: Species, Old Garden roses, and the Modern roses (hybrid tea, grandiflora, floribunda, English/Austin, miniature, hardy roses (Agriculture Canada) that have appeared since 1867.)

Basic facts about growing roses:

- All roses need a minimum of 6 hours of direct sunlight per day, good ventilation, lots of moisture and heavy soil (not sand) with good drainage;
- 2 to 4 inches of mulch around the plants and watering early in the morning are important for pests and diseases prevention;
- Planting should be done after the roots of a rose bush have been wetted for at least 12 hours;
- Seasonal pruning can be done to remove dead, crossing and weak stems either in autumn or early spring, or both;
- Bushes, old garden roses, climbers and miniatures can be pruned by one-third;
- Modern roses can be pruned hard in autumn. To shape, prune to an external bud with 5-7 leaflets (a true bud);
- Spring pruning cuts should be done on the diagonal;
- Disbud after flowering to encourage production of new blooms;
- Most roses need winter protection from the wind and burning effects of the sun. White protective cones or rose blankets are ideal as they repel heat.



From right to left, André Poliquin (GGG Featured Speaker), Lee Nickerson (President) and Elaine Newton (our gracious yellow roses donor!)

DO YOU HAVE A "FIRST" 2015 GARDEN PHOTO TO SHARE WITH US YET?

If you have a photo to share, please send it to Gary at:

greelygardenersgroup@gmail.com

Visit <http://greelygardeners.ca/2015%20pix.html> to see what has been posted so far!

GGG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

WANTED: E-NEWSLETTER EDITOR

What is involved?

This Member-at-Large is responsible for

- attending two meetings per month:
 - a. the Executive meeting (for what's coming up or communiqués required), and
 - b. the general monthly meeting (for information on the presentation);
- reporting (or editing reports) on GGG outside activities, such as the spring plant sale, the members' gardens tours and the summer field trip;
- maintaining the GGG e-newsletter distribution list;
- distributing the e-newsletter on or about the 20th day of each month.

For more information, please contact Denyse Becker at 613-425-1157. This position is open to all GGG members. Training will be provided.

OTHER GARDENING EVENTS IN THE AREA

Canadensis Botanical Garden Society, Monday March 11, "Larger Landscapes", Ken Smith, 7:00 p.m., The Chamber, Ben Franklin Place, 101 CentrepoinTE Drive, Ottawa. Non-Members: \$15. Free parking.

More info at: <http://canadensisgarden.ca/new-beyond-the-edge-2015/beyond-the-edge-2015-special-events/>

Friends of the Central Experimental Farm (CEF):

Tuesday May 5, "Rejuvenating a Tired Garden", Mary Reid, 7:00 p.m, Building 72 C.E.F., just east of the Prince of Wales roundabout. Non-members: \$15. Email info@friendsofthefarm.ca or call 613-230-3276. Free parking.

Sunday May 10, "Rare and Unusual Plant Sale", from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In the Parking Lot beside Neatby Bldg. at Carling & Maple Drive, Lot #293, C.E.F. Free parking on Maple Drive and the Observatory parking lot. Free admission.

Tuesday May 19, "Plant for Continuous Garden Joy", Judith Cox, 7:00 p.m, Building 72 C.E.F., just east of the Prince of Wales roundabout. Non-members: \$15. Email info@friendsofthefarm.ca or call 613-230-3276. Free parking.

Manotick Horticultural Society: Monday May 11, "What's Invading Your Garden", Iola Price, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall, RCMP Campground, Long Island Locks, Manotick. A guest fee applies.

Russell & District Horticultural Society, Monday May 18, "Yummy Centerpieces (making floral arrangements using fruits and veggies)", Robert Goddard, 7 p.m., Royal Canadian Legion/Lion's Hall, 24 Legion Lane, Russell.

REQUESTS FOR THE GGG ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE

If you have healthy perennials, tubers, corms, rhizomes, ornamental plants, shrubs or seeds that you would like to give to the GGG for our May 23 Annual Spring Plant Sale fundraiser, please make sure to label them all with all the pertinent information (i.e., name, sun or shade, colour). Popsicle sticks are perfect for this! (We'll have some available at the May 6 meeting.) Also, please let us know if you need pots!

We ask that items be brought to Andrew Shields Park, 1455 Old Prescott Road, Greely between 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday May 23rd.

We will be there ready with wheelbarrows to help you get your items to the plant sale area! *And likewise, we will help you bring your new purchases directly to your car!*

Greely Gardeners Group – 2014-2015 Executive Committee

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