



# The Bleeding Heart

Cannington Horticultural Society Newsletter

The dark days of winter are gradually mellowing into longer daylight hours and the sun is once again warming our souls. We ever-hopeful gardeners are allowing ourselves to once again look forward to the coming growing season.

“As I write, snow is falling outside  
my ... window,  
and indoors all around me  
half a hundred garden catalogues  
are in bloom.”

*Katharine S. White*

## Membership

Do you have your membership yet? Premiums for paid-up members will be distributed at the May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. We have a great line-up of speakers for our monthly meetings.

**March 27**—*Creating a Wildlife Friendly Garden*. Presented by Shirley Wonnacott. Presentation prepared by the Canadian Wildlife Federation.

**April 29**—*Lilies in Your Garden*. Presented by Anne and Don Martin of Cedar Ridge Gardens in Bobcaygeon.

**May 29**—*Creating Baskets with Annuals and Perennials*. Presented by Dawn Smith of Highland Blooms in Port Perry.

**June 26**—*Different Perennials for Your Garden*. Presented by Anna Wrublewskyj of Anna's Perennials in Omeme.

## Upcoming Events

Your participation will make the following events successful. Additional information will be given at the monthly meetings before the events.

**April 22**—*Earth Day*. 10 a.m. in McLeod Park. Dress warmly. Supplies will be provided. Plan to walk the trail and participate in the clean-up of our environment.

**May 15**—*Annual Plant Auction*. Senior's room. Gather some pots to fill with plants from your garden for this fundraiser.

**July 16**—*Garden Tour*. The committee will be busy organizing this year's tour during the coming months. Do you know of a garden that should be included? Contact any committee member.

We will again have a Photography Workshop with Bernie Leroux. This is planned for **May or June**. Final details including date and location are TBA.

## Congratulations

### Life Member Award

Bernice Andrews joined the club in 1980 and has an enviable service record involving most committees, the board and the executive. Since 2001, Bernice has directed her considerable talents and energy to the Nature Trail Development Project. All this and a brand new grandchild!



### Nature Trail

Plans are being developed to complete the landscaping around our new kiosk. This will include extending the existing path to the brow of the hill, grading and planting the west side of the kiosk, and installing a bicycle rack. A new set of note cards will be available at our March meeting.

## Workshops & Seminars

**Goodwood Gardens**—No pre-registraton required

**Mar. 11**—*Ideas to Inspire*. Vicky Taylor-Scott.

## OHA AND DISTRICT 17

### OHA

#### August 11-13—Ottawa Convention

The *Ontario Gardener* has an offer that they are extending only to members of horticultural societies affiliated within our Association: an annual subscription to *Ontario Gardener* at a dramatically reduced rate of \$17 (plus GST) for an annual subscription. For more information about subscriptions, contact Chris LeFrancois at chris.lefrancois@pegasuspublications.net or 1-800-403-0798.

This March, Canada Post will issue four new domestic rate stamps (51 cents) celebrating the best of Canadian

Gardens, and commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Association. The stamps illustrate the four main types of gardens, including sunny flower gardens, shade gardens, rock gardens, and water gardens. Stamps will be available at most post office locations across Ontario on March 8. If your local branch does not stock the stamps, phone Canada Post at 1-800-565-4362 to place an order.

### District 17

**April 29**—*Annual meeting*. Hosted by Ajax Garden Club. Carruthers Creek Golf Centre. April 8 deadline for registration.

**Mar. 25**—*The Garden Potted*. Heather Hockley.

**April 8**—*Panel discussion*. The experts from: Goodwood Gardens, Upper Canada Tree Services; Lamrock's Country Garden.

**Mason Hogue Gardens** call 905-649-3532 to register.

**Apr 6 or Apr 8**—*Pruning* \$25

**May 4 or May 6**—*Hands on Container Workshops*. Free

## Gardening Events

**Canada Blooms: March 8-12:** Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building; info@canadablooms.com or 800-730-1020.

Tour landscaped gardens—in bloom. The show offers the hottest garden gadgets, plants, and accessories, in one place.

**Success with Gardening Show: March 16-19:** Toronto International Centre:

www.successfulgardeningshow.com or (416)512-1305

Mark Cullen, Denis Flanagan and Art Drysdale are just a few of the speakers at free clinics. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the OHA will showcase the talent and imagination of Southern Ontario's private gardeners.

**Scugog Spring Garden Show: April 22 & 23:** Scugog Community Rec Centre, Port Perry

Features vendors, speakers, demonstrations, a flower show, and garden displays

**For the Love of Gardening: April 14-15:** Evinrude Centre, Peterborough: 705-295-4953

Workshops, lectures, and garden displays. 10:00—6:00 each day.

**Niagara Flower and Garden Show: June 9-11:** Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens. 905-309-3959: niagaraflowerandgardenshow.com

Speakers, "hands-on" demonstrations, plants and other "must haves" from over 100 vendors, all in an outdoor setting throughout the Botanical Gardens

## On the Shelf



Title: *Well-tended Perennial Garden*

Author: *Tracy DiSabato-Aust*

*The Well-Tended Perennial Garden* describes the maintenance and long-term care of herbaceous perennial plants. Offers guidelines for the various stages of creating a perennial border and specific pruning techniques for deadheading, cutting back, pinching, disbudding, thinning, deadleafing, and preparing for winter and spring. An Encyclopedia of Perennials includes information on climate zones, size, exposure, time of flowering, related plants, and techniques for pruning and maintenance.

## Connected



Just in time for the spring migration, *GeoBirds.com* makes it easy to identify and learn more about the feathered visitors to your garden. Use the BirdBrain ID tool to find a match to any unknown birds you've seen—view a photo and read all about it. Each record has a distribution map showing how rare or common the species is to your region. You can post and compare your sightings with others in your area, and browse a field guide of North American birds. The site also features a fun identification game and a birds in the news section.

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Our membership forms will be asking members for their email address. These will be used for the distribution of club information and **will not** be used for any other purpose.

## Destinations

**April 27**—*Brookside Cottage Garden Tool Day*. 10 am to 4 pm. 7054 Lettner Rd. RR1, Bowmanville. From Regional Rd. 57 go east on Concession

7, ½ km to Lettner Rd.—Free event. Tour the gardens. Lee Valley Tools will be onsite with a display of gardening equipment. Tool sharpening will be available for a nominal fee.

**Merlin's Hollow—Open Garden:**

**May 13.** 181 Centre Crescent, Aurora: 905 727-8979.

The first open garden day this summer will feature spring bulbs, wild flowers and alpine scree. Merlin's Hollow is an English flower garden with over 1500 different plants, and designed as a series of garden "rooms" on ¾ acre. The fragrant garden, flowering perennials, knot and alpine gardens, frog ponds and fern walks are just a few of the rooms. Open 10:00-5:00, rain or shine. Free.

**March 18: 9-2:30: Seedy**

*Saturdays:* Lindsay, Queen St. United Church. An annual series of community seed exchanges held across the country. Attend a variety of workshops, swap your favourite seeds and buy open-pollinated heritage seeds and plants that are not genetically engineered from local vendors.

www.seeds.ca

## Message from the Editor

Members are invited to submit articles/news of horticultural interest (nurseries, gardens, day trip destinations, walking trails, or happenings in the community, etc.).

Starting with this issue the newsletter will be posted to the club's website.

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