



The Bleeding Heart

Cannington Horticultural Society Newsletter
A Member of the Ontario Horticultural Assoc. & District 17

As I sit at the computer working on the newsletter, I wonder where spring has gone. My annuals are shivering under wraps and the deck chairs sit alone and abandoned. The cool weather hasn't slowed the bird traffic to our feeders. We are fortunate this spring to have several pairs of Baltimore Orioles and a pair of Rose Breasted Grosbeaks frequenting our backyard. A one-time sighting of a Wood Duck in our trees certainly took us by surprise.

The District 17 meeting in Udora was attended by 17 of our members. Joy Noble and Shirley Park took home a number of prizes for plant entries and the Newsletter received a 1st. place. Shirley also had several awards for her photo entries. Next year's Annual Meet will be hosted by Uxbridge.

Your Society has purchased a new double-sided billboard sign with removable panels to advertise our various events: Meetings, Flower Shows, Bake Sale and Plant Auction. This is part of our efforts to increase our visibility in town.

The OHA convention is in Brampton this year. The central location will enable more members to attend. Mark August 22-24 on your calendars.

We have several celebrity gardeners in our midst. In June the Bissonnette and Real gardens will be on tour as part of the 'Inspiring Gardens of the Durham Region and Vicinity' with Frank Kershaw. The tour features unique gardens in the north-east of Toronto and the area around Port Perry, Sunderland, and Uxbridge.

Theresa Gibson

Programs and Events

All events take place in the Senior's Centre, 21 Ann Street N., Cannington starting at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise stated).

June 11—Here Comes Summer. Iris Show and Tea. 2:00-4:00 p.m.

June 30—Regal Roses. Rose Show and Strawberry Social.

Program presented by Paul Zammit, manager of the perennial department, Plant World, Etociboke. Topic is planning and planting for all seasons of interest.

July 13—Our Garden Tour.

Aug. 9—Bake Sale. Senior's Centre, 10 am-3:00 p.m.

Aug. 20—Summer Harvest. Summer harvest show & tea. 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Aug. 22-24—102nd Ontario Horticultural Assoc. Convention. Sheridan Institute of Technology, Davis Campus, Brampton.

Sept. 29—Remember September. Fall Flower Show.

Program presented by Lorraine Mennen from Pathways to Perennials, Kettleby. Topic is perennial design for a healthy bio-diversity.

Plant Auction

This year's plant auction netted us \$710, over \$300 less than last year. Special thanks to all those who donated their time, plants and goodies for the auctioneer's basket. Thirteen garden centres donated plants to the auction, their generosity is very much appreciated. (ed. See list on second page.)

The proceeds from this fund raiser will go a long way to help pay for our speakers, judges, civic improvements, premiums and other benefits all members enjoy.

Next year we will be holding the



Sue Bissonnette and our new sign.

auction as a replacement for our May meeting. Hopefully the later date will provide us with better weather and allow more of us to get out into our gardens and pot-up some plants for the sale.

Sue Bissonnette

Special Events

June 5: 7 pm-9 pm—Container Gardening. Presented by Durham Region Master Gardeners. Location is Cullen Central Park, 300 Taunton Rd. W. Learn how to select and pot-up the plants for your containers, taking into account location, colour, texture, scale and shape. Register online: www.whitby.ca or by phone 905-430-4310. **FREE** workshop.

June 11: 11 a.m.—Frankie "Flowers" from Breakfast Television will be speaking about 'Planters For Sun And Shade' at the Canadian Tire in Port Perry.

June 14 starting at 9 am.—My Top Low Maintenance Perennials and Why’. Presented by Dawn at Gardens Plus Nursery, 136 County Road # 4 Donwood), Peterborough. Cost is \$7.50 with funds donated to Cancer Society. Email or call to register: 705-742-5918 or info@gardensplus.ca

(Editor: gardens are worth a visit)

June 22—Peterborough Art Gallery Garden Tour. Admission \$12. Tickets available at the Art Gallery, Avant Garden Shop, Burley’s Nursery & Display Garden, and Happenstance, Lakefield.

Earthworms... Garden Goodies

What is happening below the surface...earthworms! As they feed, earthworm’s insides start mineralizing small pieces of organic matter. As they excrete this matter, it becomes readily available to plants in the garden. Once into the soil, their castings quickly stabilize and are resistant to chemical and physical breakdown, which helps to prevent the soil from compacting. Nutrients such as carbon and nitrogen also are also stored in the castings.

An added bonus—as the worms make their way through the earth, they are helped along by a mucous that their body produces...this mucous contains a high nutrient count, which the plant roots feed off of once the worm has moved on and left it’s burrow behind. How do you encourage earthworms? By doing your spring clean-up! Adding rich, organic compost will draw the worms to your garden...giving them lots to feed on. Also, by forking (not turning your soil), you help to keep the soil much looser, allowing the earthworms to move more freely about. Finally, it is important to keep your soil’s moisture level even...worms do not like it to be too wet (because their burrows flood) or too dry (hard to move and hard to feed).

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Pathways to Perennials*

Plant Auction Contributors

Thank you to the following businesses who supported our plant auction.

Goodwood Nurseries

378 Hwy 47, Goodwood

Highland Blooms

Dawn Smith, 13801 Mast Rd, Port Perry

Otters Greenhouses

315 Medd Rd, Port Perry

Mother and Daughter Daylilies

1825 Brock Concession 2, Sunderland

Richters Herbs

#357 Highway 47, Goodwood,

Greenbank Garden Centre

19251 Hwy. 12, RR 3, Uxbridge

Mason-Hogue Gardens

3520 Durham Road #1, Uxbridge

Brock 2000 Gardens

John Nowakowski, 1110 Brock Concession Rd 10, Sunderland

Anna's Perennials

62 Shoreview Road, Lindsay

Home Hardware

92 River, Sunderland

John's Garden

Concession 7, Uxbridge

Belles Flowers, Cannington

Gardening Tip

Only remove the foliage from spring bulbs when it has died back naturally; after it has turned yellow and looks like it's drying out. Do not bundle the foliage with elastic. This impedes the ability of the foliage to send nutrients to the bulb.

*Queer things happen in the garden in May.
Little faces forgotten appear,
and plants thought to be dead suddenly wave a green hand to confound you'*

W. E. Johns

Spring Fling Flower Show

Seven members had entries at the show for a total of 74 entries. This was down from the 103 we had last year.

Best Speciman tulip—Joy Noble

Best Speciman narcissus—Sue

Bissonnette

Best House Plant—Mollie Wood



Jean Dewar: 1st
Section IV Design: 'Spring Song'



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

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