

The Chrysanthemum Chronicle

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President's Message

Spring is a time of rebirth and we all wait in anticipation for the buds to appear on the tree branches. The spring air is so refreshing it gives us a sense of excitement as we wait for everything to burst forth from the earth!

While we're waiting for the flowers to put on their show, we can do a few things around the yard. Driving by a garden center this past week they had a sign out saying that now is a good time to apply dormant oil to your fruit trees and shrubs.

Even though you'd like to be out there getting your hands dirty, do resist the urge to dig too soon in your flower beds as you can damage the soil's structure. If you pick up a handful of soil, it should fall apart, not stick together like glue. When it's dry enough you can start to dig beds and add compost, etc. Don't forget to sharpen the lawn mower blade and oil it a bit.

We had a terrific turnout for March's meeting - 69 people to be exact. There were lots of smiles and positive comments about our new venue. Our speaker James Graham was a big hit - we could have listened to him talk all night!

We're all anticipating Leonard Teengs' "Spring Fling" presentation for April's meeting. Here's hoping that spring showers will bring a spectacular show of May flowers!

Happy Gardening to all!

Regards,
Pam



It's not easy being green ...



... but let's do our part by bringing our own mug to the meeting to reduce waste and cleanup time!

News

- 🌿 **Plant Sale** – Just a reminder that this is coming up on May 28, and we could really use help. Talk to Pam if you can help out.
- 🌿 **Second Annual Iris Festival** – Our members are invited to visit McMillen's Iris Garden late May through mid June and, in particular, on June 4 for the Festival. The event includes hourly workshops on what to look for when buying iris; how to plant, grow, groom, and maintain a healthy iris garden, and music from a local folk artist throughout the day. If any interest, they will also touch on hybridizing. If ordering, present your membership card to receive a free iris \$10-\$15 value. Contact information: info@mcmillen'sirsgarden.ca or jmcmillen@xplornet.ca.
- 🌿 **Merlin's Hollow Public Days** – Members, along with their family and friends, are invited to visit Dierdre and David Tomlinson's English flower garden, Merlin's Hollow, at 181 Centre Crescent, Aurora. The garden features over 2,000 different perennials and this is the 30th year of the Tomlinsons sharing their love of gardening with visitors from Canada and abroad. There are four open days in 2011 (rain or shine) and is free of charge:
- ❖ Saturday, May 14
 - ❖ Saturday, June 11
 - ❖ Saturday, July 2
 - ❖ Sunday, July 10
- For further information contact: Dierdre Tomlinson 905-727-8979.
- 🌿 **Fundraiser for Markhaven & UnionVilla** - On Wednesday, May 11 the Women's Committee of Markham is holding a fundraiser event at the Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club in Stouffville. The speaker is Denis Flanagan. Tickets are \$35.00 and the funds will be going to Markhaven and UnionVilla. Doors open at 10:30 am; Lunch is at 12:30, with a probable end time of 2:30 pm. For tickets contact: Judy Prentice at 905-947-4595 after April 4.
- 🌿 **Canada Blooms** – Thanks to the seven members who volunteered their time at the OHA booth this year: Diane Ward, Sherry Gibson, Colleen Garbos, Mary Copp, June o'Donnell Muriel Hoover, and Pam Stierhof. In the photo: Sherry Gibson, Diane Ward, and Colleen Garbos.



Pictorials

March Meeting

Sweet Table



Thanks to Jill McWhinnie and Bruni Neilsen for their donations to the prize table.



James Graham

"Buckets & Bounty in the Garden"

One additional piece of information about James that we didn't mention during the meeting is that James has a Bed & Breakfast place in Waterloo called "Colonial Creekside". If you are interested in more information visit: www.colonialcreekside.com





The Stouffville Garden Club would like to welcome the following new members:

Doreen, Boyd
Edna Linnard
Marilyn Logan
Debra Mills



Plants and People Growing Together

The Winners' Circle

Congratulations to Jean Painter & Valerie Tettmar who won the AGM Printed Materials Contest with their designs for the 2012 AGM Flyer – Jean for the drawing, and Valerie for the theme (see left). They will share the \$50 prize.

The Garden Bench ... The Members' Place

✂ If you have anything you'd like to share via the Newsletter, Email it to:

✂ Angie.benko@rogers.com

- ❖ Gardening tips and tricks
- ❖ Pictures
- ❖ Jokes
- ❖ Events
- ❖ Great websites
- ❖ Etc.

✂ If it is time sensitive, please indicate that – based on space availability some items may need to be saved for a future issue of the Newsletter.

✂ Also, if you have anything you'd like verbally announced at a meeting, please speak to Pam before the meeting or Email in advance.



A Compendium of Gardening Websites



Good browsing:

- www.flower-gardening-made-easy.com
- www.gardenguides.com
- www.gardenlady.com
- www.gardenmaking.com
- www.gardenpossibilities.com (lots of workshops and courses)
- www.markcullen.com
- www.pathwaystoperennials.com
- www.perennials.com
- www.sheridannurseries.com

Member Classifieds

Do your trees need pruning, removal, or a doctor?
Call **Robert Dunlop, Arborist**
905-642-2744

Don't want any surprises when you buy a home?
Call **Maureen Wood, Town & Country Home Inspections**
416-837-5144 (cell)

Members wishing to advertise their business in upcoming issues of the newsletter send pertinent details to: angie.benko@rogers.com





Events at a Glance

April

- April 18, 8:00 pm **Stouffville Garden Club Monthly Meeting** – Leonard Teengs – “Hop into Spring”
- April 21, 5:00-8:00 pm **Ladies Night: Spring Bling**
Pathways to Perennials, Kettleby
Info: angie@pathwaystoperennials.com
- April 22, 6:00-8:30 pm **Nature Month at the ROM: Life in the City – A Nature Walk in the Heart of Toronto**
Queen & John to King & Simcoe
www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/programs/ROM.htm
- April 27, 7:00-8:30 pm **Water for Tomorrow:** Planting a Kitchen Garden
Bathurst Clark Research Library, Thornhill
- April 29, 6:00-8:30 pm **Nature Month at the ROM: Mud Creek and the Secret Life of Water in the City**
www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/programs/ROM.htm
- April 30 **Ontario Horticultural Association District 5 Annual General Meeting**
Hosted by Newmarket Horticultural Society
Madsen’s Gardens, 160 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket

May

- May 7, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm **North American Native Plant Society Annual Sale**
Markham Civic Center
www.plantsale@nanps.org
- May 14, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm **Merlin’s Hollow Open Day** (see “News”)
- May 16, 8:00 pm **Stouffville Garden Club Monthly Meeting** – Laura Mills - “Elements and Principles of Design in Garden Photography”
- May 18, 7:00-8:30 pm **Water for Tomorrow:** Creating a Luscious Lawn the Natural Way
Maple Public Library, Maple
- May 24-31 **Lindsay Lilac Festival**
Logie Street Park, Lindsay
www.lilacgardensoflindsay.com
- May 26, 7:00-9:00 pm **Water for Tomorrow:** Great Shrub and Perennial Combos
Sheridan Nurseries, Unionville
- May 28, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm **Plant Sale**
Parkview Gazebo, Ninth Line

Events at a Glance (cont'd)



June

June 4 **Iris Festival**
McMillen's Iris Garden, ?
www.mcmillen'sirisgarden.ca

June 20, 8:00 pm **Stouffville Garden Club Monthly Meeting** – Shari-Lynn Safir – “Growing Roses without Pesticides” / Flower Show

July

July 18, 8:00 pm **Stouffville Garden Club Monthly Meeting** – Donna McMaster – “Ten Tips for Growing Great Clematis” / Flower Show

August

September

Sept 17 – 8:00 am to 7:00 pm **Stouffville Garden Club Bus Trip** - Mennonite Country / St. Jacobs / Greenway Blooming Centre and Butterfly Farm & Conservatory - Details to come

Sept 19, 8:00 pm **Stouffville Garden Club Monthly Meeting** – Sean Chubbuck – “Horticultural Therapy vs Therapeutic Horticulture” / Flower Show / Photo Contest entries

Visit us on the web:

www.GardenOntario.org/site.php/Stouffville/contacts

