

## Welcome to the Coldwater Garden Club Newsletter



A garden shed is a place to organize and store all the supplies and tools needed to help your garden grow.

“The Garden Shed News” is here to help **Shed** some light, and supply you with additional information and tools to keep your **Garden** growing.

The first Coldwater Garden Club meeting for 2012 will be held on Thursday March 15th at St. Andrew's Church, 28 Gray Street, Coldwater. This is a new location for 2012.

Our meetings start at 7:30 pm with the doors opening around 7:00pm. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of March, April, May, June, September, October, November. Lug-A-Mug refreshments served.

**Shari-Lyn Safir** will be our guest speaker on Thursday March 15th. Join us as Shari-Lyn presents lots of useful advice. “How to grow gorgeous Roses organically” Learn what to buy when selecting a rose, how to plant a rose, when to prune, fertilize and water, how to control pests and diseases that may be on your roses, and how to protect your roses for the winter. Shari-Lyn Safir is with the Canadian Rose Society.

**Diane Greenfield** will be our guest speaker on Thursday April 19th. This will also be the start of our 60th Anniversary celebrations. Details to follow.

There are two seed starting workshops being presented by Dianne Greenfield at the Askennonia Centre at the Midland Arena, 527 Len Self Blvd., Midland. Learn how to start perennials from seed, all material is supplied except a sharpie marker needed for labeling and a carry box to get your babies home. To register call Askennonia Centre at 705-526-7609. Prepayment is required. \$12.00 for Askennonia members, \$15.00 for non members. If you leave your email address, Dianne will send you detailed information in advance.

# 2012 Meeting Schedule

- January—February** No meeting. This is a good time to browse seed and nursery catalogues.
- March 15th** (Thursday) Guest speaker **Shari-Lyn Safir** “How to Grow Gorgeous Roses Organically”
- April 19th** (Thursday) Guest speaker **Dianne Greenfield** “Topic TBA”
- 60th Anniversary Celebrations** April 15, 1952—2012
- April 21st** (Saturday) **District 16 AGM** hosted by Penetanguishene Horticultural Society
- May 17th** (Thursday) Guest speaker **Shawn Gallagher** “Creating Gardens at Canada Blooms”
- Flower & Garden Show** held during meeting, member entries only
- June 21st** (Thursday) Guest speaker **Dave McMillan** “Irises, Lillies and Flowering Maples”
- July—August** No meeting. This is the time to pamper your garden for the Fall Flower Show.
- August 17th—19th** (Friday—Saturday) **O.H.A. 106th Annual Convention** hosted by District 9 in Niagara
- September 20th** (Thursday) Guest speaker **Edna Caldwell** “Preparing Entries for a Flower Show”
- September 28th—30th** (Friday—Sunday) **Coldwater Fall Fair and Flower & Garden Show**
- October 18th** (Thursday) Guest speaker **Glenda Bosley** “Designing your Garden”
- November 22nd** (Thursday) Guest speaker **Betty Bidmead** “Making a Christmas Door Swag”
- This is our **AGM and Elections**
- December 16th** (Sunday) **Annual Dinner and Awards** Pre-registration required.

## Pruning Tips for Flowering Shrubs

- Best practice is to prune flowering shrubs after they have finished flowering. This may encourage a second bloom on many plants.
- If it blooms in early spring, it blooms on growth from last season. Prune after flowering.
- If it blooms in late spring or early summer it may bloom on old growth from last season or new growth from this season. Prune after flowering if blooms on older growth. Prune in early spring if blooms on new growth.
- If it blooms in late summer it blooms on this seasons growth. Prune after flowering or before new growth begins in spring.



## Beautifying Coldwater

Public gardens in coldwater are planted and maintained by volunteer members of The Coldwater Garden Club. If you would like to lend a helping hand, a shovel, or a watering can, please let us know. We will be planning a spring cleanup day and a spring planting day towards the end of April or early May. As members we are proud to play a vital role in the beautification of the community, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Our volunteers continue to maintain and water the public gardens throughout the growing season.

## Upcoming Garden Events

### February

- 21st Lazy Seed Starting with Dianne Greenfield Contact Askennonia Centre, Midland 705-526-7609

### March

- 2nd Sprouting Workshop with Dr. Barbara Cowan “How to grow nutrient-rich and flavor-packed sprouts”  
Located in Orillia. Call to pre-register 705-684-9444
- 16th—25th Canada Blooms Direct Energy Centre, Toronto [www.canadablooms.com](http://www.canadablooms.com)  
There are 2 bus trips leaving from our area  
\* The Barrie Garden Club on Saturday March 17th leaving from Barrie Contact Catherine 705-725-0472  
\* Muskoka Travel Service on Thursday March 22nd leaving from Orillia and Barrie
- 16th—25th National Home Show Direct Energy Centre, Toronto Held in conjunction with Canada Blooms, visit both shows.
- 20th More Lazy Seed Starting with Dianne Greenfield Contact Askennonia Centre, Midland 705-526-7609
- 26th Gesneriads Family and African Violets with John Beaulieu Midland Horticultural Society
- 30th—April 1 Spring Cottage Life Show International Centre, Toronto

### April

- 1st Hosta Forum presented by the Ontario Hosta Society Located at Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington  
Pre-registration required 905-269-2430
- 12th—15th 20th Annual Successful Gardening Show and The International Home Show International Centre, Toronto  
There is almost 5,000 sq ft dedicated to promoting O.H.A. Societies. All members are encouraged to enter one or more of the 60 cultural classes of houseplants, pelargoniums(geraniums), spring flowering branches, perennials and bulbs. There are also 9 classes of designs as well as special exhibits. There are also entry categories in the Society class. Perhaps you would like to volunteer at the O.H.A. booth.
- 13th—15th Orillia spring Home and Cottage Show Barnfield Point Recreation Centre, Orillia
- 22nd Earth Day
- 23rd Dramatic Container Gardens with Paul Zammitt Midland Horticultural Society
- 27th Arbour Day

### May

- 6th Super Plant Sale hosted by Ontario rock Gardens and Hardy Plant Society  
Toronto Botanical Gardens 777 Lawrence Ave E., Toronto

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