



Garden Beet

Ennismore
Garden Club



Fall 2018

SUNFLOWERS

OCTOBER

Note from Our President

by Helen Young

I hope that you are all enjoying this fall weather. Now we can perhaps get a rest from garden duties. In our last newsletter, we told you about the names put forward for the Rebranding of our Society. The name chosen by secret ballot was "Ennismore Garden Club". "Ennismore and District Horticultural Society" will remain our legal name for Banking and official Reports.

In August we had some changes to our Board of Directors. Susanne Gardiner, our Secretary, resigned, as she and Scott were moving to Quebec. We really miss her! Gail Murray Smith moved into the Secretary position and Ethel Shackleton became Vice President. Hope Boehm, who had taken the lead on "Bees and Pollinators", is waiting in the wings to co-president with me in 2019.

I want to thank those who came out on Sept 14th and 15th to help us thin out our gardens and then to sell the plants on Saturday. Also, a big thank you to those who donated from their own gardens. It was a cheap way for folks to obtain perennials.

By now the scarecrows will be out—hope some of you made one. Don't forget to take the scarecrow tour! As you know, we were the recipient of \$1400 from the St Martin's Youth Group's first Scarecrow Contest.

November is fast approaching, and winter planters are on our minds. It takes a lot of work to collect the supplies for the actual building day, November 10th. If you can help in any way to collect ingredients it would be greatly appreciated. This is our main fundraiser. We will end out the year with our AGM on November 15th and, oh yes, Christmas Lights at the Causeway and at the Ennismore Arena in late November.

Whew, now I know why I'm tired!

- Helen Young

Meetings start at 7:00pm with Social Time at 6:30pm.
Optimist Club Space located below the Ennismore Library.

Upcoming Events

by Gail Murray

Scarecrow Competition - You have probably noticed the scarecrows around the community. Our club got together on Sept. 25th to get ours dressed for display. The St. Martin's Youth Group sponsors this contest and this year proceeds are shared between the Youth Group and the Ennismore Public Library. Check their face page for a driving map to see all the displays. It will be well worth your time.



October Ennismore Garden Club meeting -

October 18th, 6:30 for social and 7PM meeting. Our guest speaker is Cindy Cartwright and the Hummingbird Project. This speaker was recommended to us from one of our members, so I am sure it will be good.

November 10th we again will be making our Winter Baskets - This is our major fundraiser of the year. We need all kinds of greenery, dried sedum, hydrangea, willow, birch, coneflower, dogwood, grasses and your help on the Saturday morning and before to assemble, sell and sort everything. The Club provides coffee break snacks and pizza lunch. It really is a fun time. We are appreciative of everyone's help but especially our male members who do all the heavy lifting for us.

November meeting is our AGM - This will be a turkey supper. Our Club supplies the turkey and all the trimmings. We ask our members to bring a side dish as well as your plate and cutlery. This year the very talented Yutta Coussins will be our guest, showing us how to make a Christmas decoration. We will have a share the wealth and donated draw prizes.



In December and January, we will regroup for 2019. The Directors will be meeting to plan, but there will be no general meeting until February.

Next year I thought it would be nice to feature a couple of our members' gardens or projects in each newsletter. Let me know what you think of this idea.

Pollinator Watch!

By Hope Boehm

You are going to be hearing a lot more about Pollinators (bees, butterflies, birds, wasps, moths, beetles, caterpillars, etc.), because helping them to reproduce and thrive has become a global cause. With this in mind, we have formed an EGC Pollinators Sub-Committee. Our purpose is evolving but we plan to provide information to our members, review our existing gardens, plan for "pollinator-friendly" plants in future plantings, and encourage our members to think about their gardens as well.

Currently our members are Rika and Bill Brouwer, Dave Horton and Hope Boehm. If you are interested to become a member please contact Hope at Hopebo@gmail.com.

Here is a list of plants to consider: [Plant List from Pollen Bee Nest.pdf](#)

With support from our EGC, Selwyn Township was successful in their bid to become a Bee City. Here is a link to the Bee City website for you to discover more information about Pollinators:

<http://www.beecitycanada.org/>.

From the Ontario Horticultural Society, here is a link to the OHA publication: [Roadsides – A Guide to Creating a Pollinator Patch: Roadside Pollinator Garden Guide](#).

Here is a link to a You Tube video to construct a simple, waterproof bee house for your garden:

<https://youtu.be/3zaOzJxSheQ>.

Please stay tuned for more information from the Ennismore Garden Club about Pollinators - a crucial resource.



Membership

By Kelly Young

We are happy to announce that we currently have 124 EGC members plus 12 Sprouts.

2018 memberships are finalized now, but our fees will remain the same for 2019. We will begin our 2019 membership drive at our AGM in November. The fees are \$20.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple. Please remember to tell your friends and family about the Ennismore Garden Club as new members are always welcome.

Thank you so much for supporting the Ennismore Garden Club.

Sprouts Report

By Carmelle and Claudette

We have been having a lot of fun with the sprouts so far. In May we had our first meeting at the Optimist club. Each sprout planted a bean in a cup to take home, they coloured, and we played some interactive games. In June we planted flowers and cleaned up the garden at the cemetery. In July we had a BBQ with sprouts and families at the Ennismore waterfront park.

Our next meeting will be this month at the Deslaurier's. At each meeting we provide a snack and a drink.



DATE	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
MAY 24 6:30-7:30 PM	INTRODUCTORY MEETING AND REGISTRATION	OPTIMIST CLUB 551 ENNIS RD BELOW LIBRARY	COST OF REGISTRATION: \$10 PER CHILD, \$25 FOR FAMILY OF 3 OR MORE
MAY 26 10-11AM	PLANT/BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER	BEL ROTARY PARK CAUSEWAY	PLEASE BRING A DOZEN BAKED GOODS
JUN 16 10AM-12 PM	SPRING PLANTING	ST MARTINS CEMETARY TARA RD	BE PREPARED FOR ALL WEATHER
JUL 21 11AM-1P M	FAMILY PICNIC AND GAMES	ENNISMORE WATERFRONT PARK 1053 ENNIS RD	IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, JULY 28 WILL BE THE MAKE-UP DATE
SEPT TBA	TREES & LEAVES	TBA	OUTDOOR MEETING
OCT 25 6:30-7:30	HALLOWE'EN	OPTIMIST CLUB 551 ENNIS RD BELOW LIBRARY	INDOOR MEETING
NOV TBA	CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS AND PIZZA	JESSE'S TAP AND GRILL	PIZZA AND DRINKS PROVIDED
DEC TBA	CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING	BEL ROTARY PARK	WE WILL DECORATE THE TREE WITH ORNAMENTS MADE AT NOV MEETING

Seasonal Gardening Tips

By Cindy Sweeting

It's Fall.

Time to make sure your garden is ready for spring.

Time to plant spring flowering bulbs.

Take your pick of Tulips, Daffodils, Muscari, Allium.

These are some of the tall flowers, or you could pick some cute little ones.

The famous crocus or Species Tulips, Starflowers, Snowdrops, Hyacinth or, my favourite, Squills.

Then there's also Bareroot plants, Dwarf Iris, Daylilies, Hostas, Large German Iris.

There are so many choices and so little time.

For a beautiful and colourful spring.

Dig, plant, enjoy.

Memorial Forest Report

By Mary Lou Young



Our Memorial Forest, situated at the Ennismore Conservation Area, has survived our hot, dry summer! We installed a watering tank to help us take care of the trees when Mother Nature was on holidays! Our two flowering shrubs accented the stone bench and the bees loved them. We are looking forward this Fall to our maples showing off their red colour. We have 4 new trees to be planted in the near future.

Thanks to all who helped these trees get through their first summer. Many hostas were donated, as well, and will be planted when our new trees arrive in October. Hoping for a moist Fall and a good snow cover to protect the trees in the winter.

Pruning your Petunias

By Gail Murray

I'll admit I let my petunias get leggy and straggly. The leaves were yellow, and a few small blooms were hanging on to the end of their stems for dear life. My sister, a very good gardener, was coming to visit, and I was a bit embarrassed about their condition.

I had heard you should cut them back to rejuvenate them but had never tried it till two weeks before my sister's visit. I cut them all back severely. They looked half dead. I fertilized them with half strength fertilizer every two days and within a week they looked like the photo above. To say the least I was very happy and learned that not only should I have done this years ago, but I am going to buy more petunias next year.



Then I looked up the proper way to rejuvenate petunias. Here are a few highlights:

- ⊗ begin early
- ⊗ petunias will only produce flowers at the end of a stem so as the stem grows you will only get flowers at the end of bare stems
- ⊗ clip a few stems every week after the stems are 8 inches long
- ⊗ clip above a node and the plant will produce 2 new growing tips
- ⊗ you still need to dead head to prevent seed production
- ⊗ check out the YouTube video "Rejuvenating Petunias" by Skip Richter, horticulturalist

Fall Clean Up



Making Scarecrows



Fall Gardening Checklist

Landscape Ontario

Landscape Ontario has published an excellent checklist for fall gardening. Here are some of their tips for October:



- ❑ Cut diseased areas out of perennials. Do not compost.
 - ❑ Remove dead annuals from the garden, after a frost.
 - ❑ Cut back perennial foliage to discourage overwintering pests. Leave flowers with seeds for the birds.
 - ❑ Trim tall grass away from trees and corners of your home to discourage small rodents from creating nests.
- For the complete October gardening checklist, and for advice for September, November and December, see the complete checklist at <https://landscapeontario.com/fall-gardening-checklist>.

Hibiscuses for your Garden

By Gail Murray

If you were like me and thought you could not grow hibiscus in your zone 4 garden, we were both wrong. The zone 4 hardy hibiscus is a herbaceous perennial, which means it dies back to the ground each winter and regrows from its roots in the spring. These herbaceous hibiscuses were trialled in 2011 at the Landscape Ontario Trial Garden and are growing in popularity for their spectacular tropical beauty.

We grew 10 hibiscuses in our garden, different colours that are just finishing blooming now. They were planted last year and cost only \$18 each from a reputable local nursery and boy did they deliver a big show.

I decided to find out more about them and share it with you, and maybe they will find a spot in your garden.



Some informative facts about hibiscuses:

- 🌸 let the plant die down with the autumn frost and then trim it near to the ground
- 🌸 cover this root crown heavily with mulch for winter protection
- 🌸 it is a very late plant to sprout in the spring, so don't think it is dead
- 🌸 full sun is best
- 🌸 they need both moist and well-drained soil
- 🌸 is a sprawling plant (3ft. X 4ft.) so give it lots of space
- 🌸 no pruning required
- 🌸 flowers are short-lived, but there are so many of them, it gives a good show from late summer to early fall
- 🌸 likes a balanced fertilizer
- 🌸 they really are a mammoth flower, sometimes greater than 12 inches across

That's all I can say about these beauties. Hope you give them a try.



Useful Links



[Ennismore Garden Club Facebook Page](#)

- OHA Trillium Newsletter - www.gardenontario.org
- Omeme and District Horticultural Society www.omemeeblooms.ca
- Peterborough Horticultural - www.peterboroughhort.com
- Lakefield Horticultural - www.lakefieldhort.org
- [Selwyn Township Guide](#)
- Garden Making - gardenmaking.com

Keeping your Iris Patch Blooming

By Gail Murray

I live with a Dutchman. A Dutchman who is a really good gardener. He learned from his father in Holland. I think you get the picture.

I must admit I have never touched an iris patch other than to divide it, but I learned what I needed to do to get iris to perform like his in the picture below.



Apparently, iris can get infected with borers that eat away at the bulb. This borer is a fat, ugly worm. Left unchecked, the leaves will turn brown or have tan stripes, flowers will weaken, and your patch look unkept.

So, each year you should dig up all the iris rhizomes when they have finished blooming. Trim away any brown leaves or ones with brown spots. Cut the leaves about 5-6 inches from the rhizome in an upside-down V shape. Then wash the roots with the hose and inspect the rhizomes for worms (see next page).

If there are any worms or soft spots you must break that off and discard. This takes a while so get a stool and get your Dutch neighbours to drop in and encourage you that ruthless is best. The female lays her eggs for next season in the brown leaves, so you just have to do it. All iris are susceptible.

After all this, work up your iris garden and replant your clean iris rhizomes. Remember they do best in a sunny spot with well-drained soil. We plant them in twos, facing each other kind of in a circle. Do not mulch and plant shallow, allowing the rhizome tops to bask in the sun. Water them in.

Your iris bed will look clean and tidy. In less than 6 weeks you will have lovely healthy green spikes right till frost, not the brown tipped spotty yellowing spikes I used to have. Good luck.



Fall Plant Sale



*Guest Speaker,
Dan Cooper*

