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Garden Beet

Ennismore
Garden Club
Spring 2019



WINTER BASKET-MAKING

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

Notes from Our Co-Presidents

by Helen Young and Hope Boehm

Happy Spring to all of you! Hopefully by the time you read this letter the snow will long be gone! When our last newsletter was distributed, we were approaching a busy November and it was indeed!

The first week of November we concentrated on collecting greenery and whatever else we could find, to make our Winter Baskets beautiful. It is a lot of hard work. The Thursday before the Saturday workshop we gathered to fill the pots with sand and sawdust in preparation for the big day. Friday, we trimmed branches and went out in search of more pine. Saturday November 6th arrived with a wintry blast, but over 30 people were busy inside creating their own designs. We made 127 planters to sell that day, three to place in public places and three to take to our AGM. This is our main fundraiser for the year. We raised about \$4800.00. When we were finished, we enjoyed pizza and dessert.

On November 15th we held our AGM with a delicious potluck supper. Boy, we have a lot of good cooks! Pam Chellew, our District 4 Director, swore in the new Board of Directors. Then we were entertained by one of our own members, Jutta. She created a unique Christmas Decoration which someone was lucky enough to take home. We didn't have much time to breathe before it was time to put up the Christmas Lights at the James Gifford Causeway. We were lucky to have the help of Shaun Milne's equipment and employee. Once more the weather didn't co-operate. It was a cold job. Our official tree lighting was November 25th and residents of the community were once more cheered by this festive sight. The lights themselves as most of you probably noticed had a mind of their own this year.

December and January were a welcome rest for all of us but now we are recharged and ready for a busy 2019.

- Helen Young, co-president

This year I am working with Helen on the President's job on a Co-President basis. I am trying to fill very big shoes, but I will do my best with Helen at my side. 2018 was a very successful year and we have another ambitious year planned. In 2019 the EGC priorities we have identified are the following: Horticultural-related landscaping, Fundraising & Grants, Youth Development and Volunteer Development. Each priority has several activities associated within it. If you would like more detail, please contact me at hopebo@gmail.com.

Globally, Pollinators have become a focus. We know that protecting habitat and nurturing insects (bees, wasps, moths, butterflies, flies, beetles) plus as many as 1,500 species of vertebrates such as birds and mammals, will be an important principal in all of our gardening lives. The EGC commits to providing information to our members and the community about how you can get involved as well. Last year we supported Selwyn Township to become a Bee City. Here is more information about Bee City Canada: beecitycanada.org. There are numerous websites about Pollinators for you to check out also.

Come out to the meetings to hear our interesting speakers, break bread with your neighbours, network and meet new people, and share gardening ideas. Also, we can always use a few more hands at our events. Hopefully you may have a few hours to volunteer. I look forward to meeting up with all our members during our busy 2019 season.

- Hope Boehm, co-president

Your 2019 Board

Again, this year we have a great board who are ready to work hard for your Garden Club.

They are:

- ❖ Co-President - Helen Young
- ❖ Co-President - Hope Boehm
- ❖ Vice President - Ethel Shackleton
- ❖ Secretary - Gail Murray/Smith
- ❖ Treasurer - Diann Butt
- ❖ Social Convenor - Kelly Young
- ❖ Gardens - Cindy Sweeting
- ❖ Memorial Gardens - Mary Lou Young
- ❖ Membership - Margaret
and Paul Bessey



2019 Sprouts Registration

by Helen Young and Hope Boehm

Hi Everyone,

I know we are all thinking Spring but here it is snowing again.

I wanted to send out the information about the "Sprouts" registration in case you have grandchildren or neighbouring children who might like to join this fun group.

Carmelle and Claudette Sullivan will be the leaders and we are hoping to have an active group this year. Please pass the word around!

Sprouts can still register by calling Claudette of Carmelle Sullivan, or by getting in touch with Helen Young at 705-292-9483.

Thanks,

Helen and Hope

Membership

Our first meeting was held in February and we are happy to announce that we currently have 50 Ennismore Garden Club members and 10 Sprouts.

If you have not yet paid your 2019 membership fees, please contact us or any board member to arrange payment. Fees are \$20.00 per person or \$25.00 per family. 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.

Margaret and Paul Bessey

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Speaker Line-Up for 2019

Ennismore and District Horticultural Society

February 21st – Melissa Spearing

"Native Trees to Our Area"

Melissa is a Forest Gene Conservationist of Ontario Trees and Shrubs.

March 21st – John Shaw Rimmington

"Dry Stone Waller of Canada"

A teacher who creates beautiful stone/rock structures without mortar. John instructed and helped created our Ennismore Garden Club's stately stone arch landmark.

April 18th – Leslie Abram - Photographer

"Small Wonders"

Join Leslie for a photographic tour of her garden, focused on finding the fascinating tiny creatures that call it home.

May 16th – MJ Pilgrim – Master Gardener

"How to Plan a Successful Vegetable Garden"

June 20th – David Retallick

"The King of Daylilies"

Dave has been hybridizing daylilies for 25 years and grows over 200 varieties on his farm in Millbrook. David also operates a garden maintenance business.

July 18th – Tour of Master Gardener MJ Pilgrim's gardens in the Hamlet of Selwyn

September 19th – Griffin's Greenhouses

Vikki Whitney will demonstrate and instruct how to create an "Autumn Container" with various plant choices. Some lucky winner will take it home!

October 17th – Liz & Nick Case

"Garden Trends for 2020"

Master Gardeners Liz and Nick will provide an entertaining presentation of their gardens, speaking about companion planting, soil preparation, and tips and tricks.

November 21st – AGM

Potluck Christmas supper at 6pm being held at the Ennismore Arena, upstairs. **Roger Hill** of Hill's Florist, Lindsay, will be our feature speaker, *"Keeping Winter Plants Alive and Thriving"*.



Ennismore Memorial Forest

by Mary Lou Young

With lots of sunshine back and Spring around the corner, our trees at the Memorial Forest will soon be waking up! We have been fortunate to have had lots of snow this winter to give the trees a good start when the ground thaws. Hopefully we won't get quite as hot a summer this year, but we have our watering tank now if we need it. We now have 3 different kinds of oaks in our Forest.

Take a look if you are down at the Ennismore Waterfront Park, where the Memorial Forest is located. Our 2 flowering bushes, beside our stone bench, are still covered with snow, but we are looking forward to seeing that splash of colour come June. The bees and butterflies will be happy to see them too!

We will be expanding the Memorial Forest in the near future and if you have any questions or concerns, please call Mary Lou Young at 705-292-7335. You can leave a message and I will call you back.

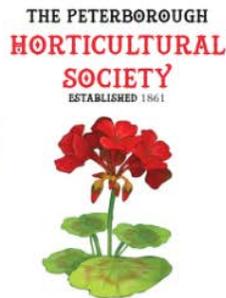
Peterborough Horticultural Society Annual Garden Show

By Gail Murray/Smith

This one is not to be missed. You don't have to drive to the big city. The venue and form have changed this year and promise to be an even better show, if that is possible. Thanks to such a great group for making this all available to us in our backyard. Tickets this year are \$10.00 for the whole weekend. Check the website for speakers, film, and event schedule.

Website: <https://peterboroughgardenshow.com/>

Show Dates: April 26, 27, 28



Seasonal Gardening Tips

By Cindy Sweeting

Are we ready for Spring? Soon the bulbs you planted last fall will be poking through the ground and bringing beauty to the world once again. The bees also will be waking up to get the nectar and spread the pollen to the next plant. They will appreciate the time you spent on planting their first good meal with all the bulbs. So, sit back and enjoy the flowers and the smells of spring. I can't wait.

Cindy



5 Great Reasons to Grow Peas

By Gail Murray/Smith

If you have never grown peas before, you should. This is a summary of an article written by Angela Judd in Garden Gate Magazine, March 5, 2019. [The link is here.](#)

Why you should grow peas.

Growing your own peas will give you the sweetest peas and the best taste ever. As soon as the peas are picked the sugar starts turning to starch so fresh is best. Here are Angela's 5 reasons to grow peas:

1. Peas are one of the first vegetables you can plant in the spring. Peas thrive in cool weather and young plants can tolerate light frost. Once germinated, peas adapt well to the cold, damp climate of early spring. They love it.
2. Peas are easy to grow! Choose a disease-resistant variety like Little Marvel, Legacy, Sugar Lace, Dalvay and Sabre. Be sure to water them and provide a structure for them to grow up. Once the peas are ready to harvest, keep picking them so the plant will produce more pods.
3. Most of the pea plant is edible. The peas, the pod and the new shoots on the vine are great in salads or raw.
4. The more you harvest your peas, the more they will produce. If we leave the peas on the vine too long, the plant thinks its job is done.
5. Growing peas improves your soil. Nitrogen is stored in the roots of the pea plant, so when your plants are all done producing, cut the plant off at the base and leave the roots in the ground. They will release their stored nitrogen back into the ground to be used for fertilization by other plants.

There is a great video with Angela's article called 5 reasons to grow great peas.

Good luck,

Gail Murray/Smith



Colour of the Year

By Gail Murray/Smith

The Pantone Colour Institute helps companies make informed decisions about colour for their brands and products. Each year they decide what the "colour of the year" will be. They are a global team of colour experts looking for new colour influences. Influences come from the entertainment industry, art, fashion, travel, lifestyles, play styles, new technologies, social media and sporting events.

This year the colour is "Living Coral." It is a bright coral shade. It is described as an animated, life-affirming shade of orange, with golden undertones and pink tinted hue.

Pantone states "the living coral symbolizes our innate need for optimism and joyful pursuits - a feeling that, perhaps, people might be craving in today's landscape.

So, look for this colour in the greenhouses this spring. Maybe it will make its way to your planters and beds this year. Here is a couple of examples.



Useful Links



[Ennismore Garden Club Facebook Page](#)

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