



Carleton Place & District Horticultural Society

April 2023

President's Message

Hello Everyone

Carolyn and I arrived home Saturday night late after a very eventful weekend. My youngest daughter got married in Cambridge on Friday evening at the Butterfly Conservatory. What a great day! The icing on the cake was that the butterflies were attracted to her bouquet of flowers and followed her around.



The ice and snow will be gone soon enough, and once the ground is thawed out and you are out working in your gardens, please set aside plants that we can sell at the plant sale in May. If you need help digging them out, let Doreen Harris or any of the directors know, and someone will be found to help you.

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership. Membership numbers are very important to our society. Bring a friend if you can.

In May, we will have a speaker on grape growing and wine-making in the Ottawa area.

We will have door prizes this Wednesday and look forward to seeing all of you.

Paul Pietsch
President

CPDHS Show & Tell

Sometimes we make discoveries in the garden that we feel we just need to share with someone else. We are starting a Show & Tell segment at the start of our meetings where you can share your gardening successes, failures that you learned from, interesting observations and new ideas. Do you have a special plant that finally bloomed, or did you find a new trick to get rid of those bugs? Did you grow a spectacular vegetable or discover a new respect for a tenacious weed? The emphasis is on sharing things you've tried or discovered yourself. You can bring in a potted plant or small item to illustrate that "aha!" learning moment you had in the garden and tell us all about it for about 5 minutes. Just email us at cpdhsmembers@gmail.com before the meeting to let us know you want to share.

Daniel Brumar, Director

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Earth Fest 2023

Saturday, 22 Apr 2023 - Time: 11:00AM - 3:00pm

Market Square Pavilion - Beckwith St/Lake Ave , Carleton Place , ON

Carleton Place will celebrate with hands-on workshops, activities for children & youth, live music by Broken Bridges, a sustainable marketplace, and discussions on circular economy & sustainability.

The Carleton Place and District Horticultural Society will have two tables at this event.

Brianna Logan will be heading up a Children and Youth Workshop. She is organizing four different activities.

1. Recycled DIY Planters and seed planting - Kids decorate pre-cut recycling planters and plant vegetable seeds with popsicle stick label. They will go home with simple plant care instructions. Example, planters will all be animals native to Ontario.
2. Earth Day and native species-themed colouring sheets & worksheets - intended to appeal to younger children.
3. Garden Art - painted rocks featuring native species and eco-friendly twig hanging decorations.
4. Upcycled mug planters with succulents - advertised as a teen activity. We will give out a handout on upcycling as well.



Brianne has done a great job of organizing this event and has received a lot of donations from the community, but we invite members to contribute with the following donations: seed packs (bean, cherry tomato, sunflowers, etc.), recycling for planters (500 ml yogurt containers or 1L pop bottles, 1L or 2L drink cartons), colouring utensils, children's paintbrushes in good condition, and popsicle sticks. You can drop off your donations in Carleton Place before April 14th. Valencia Logan has kindly agreed to receive donations for the next couple of weeks. She lives in the apartment building at the CP Market Square (11 Beckwith Street). If you have any donations or would like to volunteer to help with this event on Saturday, April 22nd, please email Rick at cpdhsmembers@gmail.com so he can coordinate with Valencia and you.

At the second table, the Climate Change group led by Daniel Brumar will have three activities:

- ▶ the first activity is a demonstration (with live plants) of common container gardening mistakes – which will involve an interactive activity matching plants with their mistakes and solutions on flash cards. Subsequent conversation will likely take place with participants about those mistakes;
- ▶ the second activity is a flyer/tip sheet titled: What can You do in Your Garden about Climate Change and have short, simple ideas to do with water, composting, choice of plants, mowing etc. Ideally, there will also be interchanges with participants who are interested in these tips;
- ▶ The third activity is have a Master Gardener to be on hand to answer questions on gardening and climate change if there are any.

We will also promote the Horticultural Society and hopefully get some new membership interest. Come out and join in the event.

Frugal Gardener

Written by Helen Halpenny - photos by Helen Halpenny (Member of Lanark County Master Gardeners)

With grocery prices soaring, we gardeners look for ways to feed our families with good nutritious food for less money. Vegetable gardening is a great solution. You can grow lots of food if you have a plot of land, a small yard with a raised bed at least 8 inches deep, or even large pots. Fruit bushes can fit into most gardens as well.

Plants need sun, soil and water. They need at least 6-8 hours of sun to thrive. Garden soil, amended with compost, will ensure good growth. Raised beds and large pots often use potting soil, sometimes with garden soil and compost added. Soil holds the nutrients that plants need. Nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium are the macronutrients needed, but micronutrients are also required. Drainage is a necessity for raised beds and pots. Large pots, the kind that trees come in, can be partially filled with wood chips and topped with 8-10 inches of soil. A bonus feature is that pots can be moved around to sunnier locations. Water is critical to plants. Use rainwater whenever possible. Rain barrels are a good investment. At least 1 inch of water is needed each week. Pots will need watering more often. It is better to water the soil rather than the foliage.



Should you buy seeds or transplants for your garden? Seeds are cheaper; you can find your favourite variety in seed catalogues or online. You can save seeds of open-pollinated vegetables and share packages with a friend if you only need a few seeds. Transplants cost more, but harvest time will come sooner. If you only want four cabbages, for example, transplants may be the better choice. Transplants need to be hardened off (acclimatized to outdoor conditions) if they have been started indoors.

Watch for plant sales in May. Most Horticultural Societies grow vegetable seedlings and often have rhubarb, raspberry canes, etc. GET A BARGAIN!

Some vegetables, like peas, lettuce, onions and radish, can be planted as soon as the ground can be worked. If you plant spring salad crops (package may contain lettuces, beet greens, kale, etc.), you can harvest an early crop with scissors, leaving 2 inches, and they will grow again. Sometimes you can harvest three times.

Grow several crops of beans, green onions, carrots, and cucumbers by planting at intervals throughout the summer months, thus ensuring tender, young harvests.

Pickling, freezing, and preserving can be real money savers. Picking your own fruit and vegetables can result in significant cost savings and fresher food. Leave root crops in the ground until a hard frost is predicted. Dig and clean carrots, beets, turnips, and parsnips. Put into plastic bags with some holes to aid ventilation. Store them in the vegetable compartment of your fridge, and they will keep for several months. Potatoes and onions need an above-freezing, dark, dry storage area.



Grow the vegetables that your family likes to eat. Keep an eye out for garden pests and use environmentally friendly controls. Rotate crops around the garden. Some fungal diseases can stay in the ground for several years.

Growing your own food can bring real satisfying results well beyond the cost savings. Enjoy your garden!

2023 Spring Flower Show

May 3, 2023

All entries are to be staged prior to the 7:00 pm business meeting.

DIVISION 1: Horticulture

Section A: Spring Bulbs

- Class 1:** Tulip, single, 1 bloom
- Class 2:** Narcissus, 1 scape
- Class 3:** Any other flowering bulb, named, 1 stem

Section B: Houseplants

- Class 4:** African violet, 1 pot
- Class 5:** Flowering houseplant, named, 1 pot
- Class 6:** Foliage houseplant, named, 1 pot
- Class 7:** Succulent, other than cacti, 1 pot
- Class 8:** Cactus, 1 pot
- Class 9:** Trailing plant, named 1 pot



DIVISION 2: Decorative

Section C: Floral Design

Theme: Spring Fling – Jump into Spring

Designs will be staged on a white table covering.

- Class 10:** Bring on the Flowers - A Modern Line design
- Class 11:** Bring on the Flowers - A Modern Line design - NOVICE
- Class 12:** Harmony of Spring - A Miniature design – displayed in a black niche.

Definitions:

Line Design – Modern: A design in which line direction is dominant, characterised by a minimum of plant material and other components. Line is strongly defined and either vertical, horizontal, or diagonal. Lines may extend from more than one area of interest, and in different directions. Plant material used to form the line has bolder forms than that used in traditional Line Design. Focal area should not destroy the strong linear thrust.

Miniature Design: A design with maximum dimensions of 5" (inches) in any direction. For good proportion, the container should not exceed 1.5" (inches) in height.

2023 FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE

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2023 RULES GOVERNING FLOWER SHOWS

General Rules

1. All exhibitors, except where specifically noted, must be paid-up members of the Carleton Place and District Horticultural Society.
2. Only one person per family may exhibit in any one class, except for the Decorative Classes.
3. All entries must be labelled using entry tags provided by the Society. For those entries for which naming is not a requirement, to promote the educational value of the show, the common, cultivar and botanical names should be included whenever possible.
4. The Flower Show committee reserves the right to add, delete or divide classes.
5. Care will be taken with the exhibitor's property, but the Society will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
6. The judge's decision is final. Judges may withhold an award if, in their opinion, the exhibit is not worthy.
7. Judging will be in accordance with the Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Design, Second Edition, 2019 (OJES), available from the show chair. Please refer to the OJES for information and definitions.

Rules for Horticultural Specimens

1. The exhibitor must have grown the horticultural specimens.
2. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of two entries in each of the specimen classes, provided that each entry is of a different cultivar.
3. Exhibitors will provide their own containers: clear, uncoloured glass for horticultural specimens is recommended.
4. Exhibitors are encouraged to name their entries; in the event of a tie, the named specimen will win.
5. Houseplants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 3 months.
6. Harmful, scarce, protected or endangered plants must not be entered. Please refer to OJES, page 14.

Rules for Design Classes

1. Only one entry is permitted per class per exhibitor.
2. Members who have never previously exhibited may show in the Novice Design class for a maximum of two years. They may show in the Open class, but cannot show in both classes and, having shown in the Open class, cannot return to the Novice class.
3. Fresh plant material may come from your garden or any other source.
4. Fruit, branches and decorative wood may be used, and dried and/or treated material may be included. No artificial plant material is permitted.
5. Accessories are permitted, unless otherwise noted.
6. Plants in soil are not permitted.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for correct placement of their entries. Members of the Flower Show Committee will be available for assistance.

Awards and Trophies

- Prize ribbons will be given for first, second, and third place, and honourable mention. Best in Show ribbons will be given for each division. Additional ribbons may be given at the judge's discretion.
- Trophies and awards will be presented at the Society's Annual General meeting.

Points will be accrued as follows:

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| First Prize: 5 points | Second Prize: 3 points | Third Prize: 2 points |
| Honourable mention: 1 point | Best in Show: 5 points | |

2023 Plant Sale

Mark your calendars! CPDHS is hosting our annual Plant Sale at Carleton Place & Beckwith Museum's Victoria School Garden on May 27th. The plant sale is the primary fundraiser that enables our society to make the many contributions to the local community that it does.

However, there is work to be done before the plant sale day arrives!

We are reaching out to CPDHS members to donate plants and for volunteers to help pot up donated plants before the plant sale:

"POTTING UP FOR THE PLANT SALE – Calling all Potters!"

We need lots of plants and we need lots of potter-uppers! Here is how it works....

Society members take large clumps of perennials out of their gardens/or donations and deliver them to Rick & Sandy Roberts' at 238 Lyndhurst St., Carleton Place on the corner of Mississippi Road and Lyndhurst Street. If no one is home, place them near the gates by the driveway.

If you have plants to split or share and need some help, please call Rick Roberts at 613-451-3013 or email him at cpdhsmembers@gmail.com. Rick has a team of members who are happy to help.

We will use Society provided pots and black soil to pot up the plants, label them, and put them to one side to grow lush and sturdy by the time of the sale on May 27th.

Potting days are Tuesdays' May 9th, 16th and 23rd and Saturdays' May 13th and 20th at the Roberts' home at 238 Lyndhurst St. Please join us, between 9:30am – 11:30am or any time in between. Just bring gloves and a trowel, thanks.

OR, Members can choose to pot up plants on their own and bring them to the Carleton Place & Beckwith Museum's Victoria School Garden the Friday (26th) evening before the Sale.

Have plants but unable to dig them?

Contact Rick Roberts by calling 613-451-3013 or email him at cpdhsmembers@gmail.com. Rick will schedule volunteers to go around to dig them at a time that is convenient to you. A knowledgeable person will be on hand to make sure that the plants are dug safely and that your garden is protected.

Willing to volunteer as a digger?

We need a few more volunteers to dig and divide plants for those who have plants in their gardens that they are willing to split or donate but are unable to do themselves. Each digging crew will include an experienced coach... so don't worry about being unqualified. Call Rick at 613-451-3013 or email him at cpdhsmembers@gmail.com to let me know you are willing to volunteer as a digger. He will add you to the volunteer digger list and work out schedules after we know when gardens are available.



VOLUNTEERISM WILL POWER THIS YEAR'S CPDHS PLANT SALE TO GREAT SUCCESS!

Happy gardening, Rick Roberts

Plants NOT to bring to the Plant Sale

Dale Odorizzi, Master Gardener

Here is a list of plants that should NOT be sold at a Horticultural Society Plant Sale. We should also not purchase or give these plants to anyone. These plants are all non-native and considered to be invasive in our eco-system.

Periwinkle (Vinca Minor). The Annual version is OK

Common Orange Daylily (commonly called Ditch lily)

Lily of the Valley

Gout Weed

Yellow Archangel

Wintercreeper

English Ivy

Bugleweed (Ajuga)

Creeping Jenny

Miscanthus

Norway Maple

Amur Maple

Winged Euonymus

Russian Olive

Japanese Barberry

Honeysuckle Non-native including the vine

Yellow Flag Iris

22ND OF APRIL!

WORLD EARTH DAY!

SAVE THE PLANET!

TOGETHER WE CAN **SAVE OUR PLANET!**

