



Carleton Place & District Horticultural Society

June 2024

President's Pen

Hello everyone

June is a nice gardening month. A lot of the heavy lifting has been done and it is time to sit back and start enjoying your accomplishments.

The weather has been beautiful. Raining every few days very consistently. And the plants are showing it.

In May we had our annual plant sale. A huge success.

I can't mention everyone who helped but a special thank you to Doreen who helped with the organizing and to Sandy and Rick for allowing us to use their property as the depot. Rick did a great job throughout keeping us all informed and motivated. We had many good volunteers potting up. Money wise this is our major fundraiser.

Our speaker is Ken Allison. Ken is an expert naturalist and former President of both the Ottawa Field Naturalist's Club and the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists. He will give a talk on the Alvar or the Burnt Lands close to Almonte. This is a very interesting area plant wise.



Ram's-head Lady's-slipper
by Ken Allison

One of the things I would like to do again this year is see the orchids at Purdon Conservation. This is well worth the drive to see literally hundreds of red lady slipper orchids. The time and date, sometime in June, is yet to be determined. If you are interested give me a hint as to when you prefer. Week day or weekend.

Paul Pietsch, President



Oenothera macrocarpa
Osark Sundrops or Missouri
Evening Primrose
by Paul Pietsch

Photo Competition

Theme: A Colourful Year – 2024

Class 1: The colour of the year for gardens is ORANGE. Let's see some pretty flowers and shrubs.

Class 2: A BRIDGE – with horticultural content, it could be wooden, stone, iron, old or new.

Class 3: INVASIVE – do you have an invasive plant in your yard or nearby, let us see it.

Rules

Photographs must have been taken during 2023/2024 and include horticultural content.

The original image must be taken by the member, but printing can be by the member or commercially.

Each member is eligible to submit two unmatted 4" x 6" colour photos in each of the classes.

Record your name and class number on the upper right-hand corner on the back of the photo.

Photographs will be displayed on a black background.

Photographs must be submitted in a sealed envelope, with an entry tag, to the Photography Convener, at the October general meeting.

The winning photographs will be displayed, and the winners announced, at the November general meeting.

Photography Convener: Doreen Harris
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How Do I Get Rid of Weeds in my Garden

Dale Odorizzi, Lanark County Master Gardeners (Article and photos)

Many first-time gardeners and a few long-term gardeners come to Master Gardeners with the lament—I just weeded my garden and now all the weeds are coming back. What can I do?

Weeding is a part of gardening—not our favorite part but an important part. There are some natural methods to reduce or eliminate weeds in your garden.

Mulch—An organic mulch, such as shredded leaves, straw or wood chips applied around your plants blocks weed seeds from sunlight, thus eliminating weed growth. Mulch also has the benefit of retain moisture, reducing the need to water your plants as often. Apply a layer of mulch at least 2.5 cm thick between plants and along the rows.

For persistent weeds, exclude light by covering the soil with dampened newspaper or brown cardboard. Use at least 10 sheets of newspaper. Put 5 cm of straw or compost on top. This method works best when starting a new garden bed. Do not use landscape cloth. People are often told that this prevents weeds. It may keep weeds from growing through the cloth but weed seeds love to germinate on top and send roots through the cloth and become almost impossible to remove.



Arbor with garden mulched



Hori-Hori Knife

Regularly pull the weeds out manually. Use a comfortable kneeling pad or knee pads. This activity brings you close to your plants so you can check on how they are growing. Cut the stems off at or below the soil. I was recently gifted a Hori-Hori knife that works very well for this.

One of our Master Gardeners always recommends planting a lot of plants, close together. This will reduce the area in which weeds can grow.

Every time you disturb the soil, you move weed seeds from underground to the top of the soil where they will happily germinate. The no-dig or no-till approach to gardening reduces the weed numbers. Weed gently and avoid disturbing the soil.

Finally, if you cannot do a thorough weeding job, at least dead head the weeds to keep them from going to seed. You can compost the leafy parts of the weeds, but most home composters do not raise the temperature in their compost bins high enough to prevent the weeds from going to seed.

Don't look at weeding as a chore. It can be a pleasant way to spend an afternoon. Enjoy the plants close up and butterflies and bees and birds that come to your beautiful garden. When I lived in the county, I had lots of gardens. Hubby used to say that if he was looking for me all he had to do was look to the sky and see the Turkey Vultures circling. I was a meal about to happen as it had been so long since I had moved very much.

So often we gardeners, look at our own garden, and only see the flaws. When we look at someone else's garden we see the beauty. Enjoy the beauty in your own garden.

Have a Wonderful Summer!

If you have a gardening question, contact us at lanarkmg@gmail.com. Visit us at the Perth and Almonte Farmers Markets.



Liatris planted close so weeds don't grow

May 25, 2024 Plant Sale Recap

And what a successful plant sale!

Kudos to everyone who participated in the effort to make this plant sale the best we have had in many, many years. With over 1,000 plants (160 feet of tables), more than 450 volunteer hours and over \$4,000.00 in the coffers, the plant sale was a huge success.

Lineups started early which was a great sign for what turned out to be an exceptionally successful Plant Sale. CPDHS volunteers chatted up the crowd ahead of the opening. Everyone was in great spirits with high anticipation of a fun morning.

Our official master of ceremonies was Carleton Place councillor Linda Seccaspina who, with the able assistance of her grandson (a budding plantsman), did an exceptional job of announcing and opening the Plant Sale and welcoming the buyers. We really appreciated Linda's enthusiasm and support.



Volunteerism was practiced by a large number of our members, from our longest-tenured members to our newest members, including for potting up, digging donor gardens, those donors who let us into their gardens and then helped, members who collected up plant pots and dropped them off at the potting-up site, often more than once and usually without knocking on the door, soliciting more than 125 cardboard vegetable cartons for transporting plants, sign/poster design, printing and distribution to

businesses in CP, creating pricing sticks, doing plant pricing, volunteering plants for the sale, growing plants for the sale, transportation from the potting up site to VSG, loading and unloading plants on the Friday, working the sale on the Saturday in a variety of roles, donating and delivering old blinds for plant name tags plus a member making and delivering a full box of name tags custom made from wood, and many more things.



Special thanks to Doreen Harris for organizing the plant sale and to Rick and Sandy Roberts for letting us use their garage and yard to pot up plants and store them for the sale. Also, thank you for all the tender, loving care that was given to the plants; they looked very good when placed on the tables at the plant sale. Also, a big thank you to Irene Tobis for organizing the digging, potting up and selling of the native plants that were donated to the society.

Happy gardening, Rick Roberts and Linda Bartlett

All photos taken by Rick Roberts

2024 District 2 Flower & Edibles Show

Saturday
August 17, 2024



Show Theme:
Bridging Communities



Hosted by Almonte, Carleton Place and Pakenham
Horticultural Societies

Open to the Public 1:00-3:30 PM
Free Admission
Tea Room, Silent Auction and Vendors

Almonte Civitan Hall
500 Almonte Street (Wolfgrove Road)
Almonte, Ontario

Garden Ontario



Carleton Place & District Horticultural Society is part of the organizing committee for the District 2 Flower Show. There will be vendors, a silent auction, and a tea room at this event. As a member of the horticultural society, you can participate in the Flower Show by showing your horticultural specimens or entering a design to demonstrate your creative side. For more information or to have a copy of the Schedule sent to you, please email Linda Bartlett at lmbartlett@mail.com. We hope to see you at the Show.

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Membership Benefit Horticultural Discounts

As a member of the Carleton Place and District Horticultural Society and upon presentation of your current year membership card, you will receive a discount on **PLANTS** only at the following Garden Centres (including Ottawa and surrounding areas).

Garden Centre	Discount
Budd Gardens 2832 Innes Road, Ottawa	10%
Gemmell's Garden Centre 11862 ON-15, Smiths Falls	10%
Green Thumb Garden Centre 17 Tristan Ct, Nepean	10%
Kiwi Gardens 687 Harper Rd, Perth	13%
Reid Gardens 142 Pick Rd, Carleton Place, ON	10%
Rideau Woodland Ramble 7210 Burritts Rapids Rd, Merrickville	10%
Stoneridge Gardens & Nursery 1851 Galbraith Rd, Clayton	10%
Whitehouse Perennials 594 Rae Rd, Almonte	10%

Note: Canadian Tire Garden Centre, Carleton Place usually gives 10% discount on plants only to CPDHS members upon presentation of their membership card.

When you are at a Garden Centre, anywhere in Ontario, all you have to do is ask if they offer a discount to OHA Horticultural Members upon presentation of their membership card. It never hurts to ask.

Laura Cupper
Membership Coordinator

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 7:00pm. Our speaker is Faye Hepworth, Quilting With Plants in Mind.

Faye will talk about drawing inspiration from the plant material around her or her husband's photography in various fibre arts such as clothing, quilting and appliqués.