

GROWING TOGETHER

Cobourg Horticultural Society Newsletter

Autumn Edition 2014

THOUGHTS FROM THE "FALL" GARDEN!

- Martha Baldwin, CHS Member



What's not to love about the fall?! I am particularly fond of the cooler temperatures, the beautiful landscape of colour in the trees and the harvest of delicious apples with which to bake and cook. As gardeners we often reflect on the successes of an endless summer, but hopefully like me, you are also quick to realize that the gardening season is not quite over and there is still much to enjoy! A renewed stock of plants may just await your garden - like chrysanthemums, asters, flowering cabbage, sedum and even late blooming dahlias or perennial sunflower. In fact fall is a great time to shop for plants. Local nurseries often have sales and some remain open even past the Thanksgiving. Fall is also symbolic for many of us – a new season with new beginnings, perhaps

marking the return to school or a work routine. This fall will mark a new beginning for my dear parents; who over the course of the summer decided to sell our family home in order to downsize to a condo overlooking Lake Ontario. When assisting them with packing at the house, I took a break to stroll through the perennial gardens recalling nearly 30 years of memories. I will look forward to watching my parents "grow" into a simpler way of living over the next year, including taking up "balcony" gardening. But whatever plans are in store for you this fall, here are a few things I recommend giving a try in your garden, whether big or small: 1. Take a gamble and throw seeds of hardy annuals where you want them to bloom next year. Larkspur, poppies, cleome and cosmos will frequently take root from seeds sown in autumn and conditioned under winter snow. 2. Plant garlic in October, in a sunny spot with lots of manure dug

OUR FALL MEETINGS & SPEAKER SERIES

Sept 3, 2014

"Brenda's Banter about Birds"

- **Brenda Ibey**

Avante Garden Shop

* **Our Mini Fall Flower Show!**

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Oct 1, 2014

Inspirations from Gardens
Around the World

- **Marjorie Mason**

* **Also Our Flower Show Awards!**

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Nov 5, 2014

Members Presentations &
Annual General Meeting

in. When planted in October, garlic can be harvested in July.

3. *Autumn is also a good time for planting evergreen and shrubs ensuring the root systems take.*

4. *Lastly, when available, pop 'Icicle' pansies into spots where summer annuals have been cleared out. Believe it or not they will bloom until December!*

Happy Fall!

Cobourg Flower Show

Draws 187 Entries

Flowers, photos and fruit on display July 12, 2014



*Dilys Robertson won best in show for her delphinium at the Cobourg Horticultural Society's Flower, Fruit and Photography Show at the Cobourg Library on July 12, 2014. **Congrats Dilys!***

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From colourful blooms to fresh vegetables, the Cobourg Horticultural Society's annual Summer Flower Show and Tea drew 187 entries from 22 participants.

Held at the Cobourg Library on July 12, the show welcomed visitors to view award-winning cut flowers, perennials, roses, and garden theme photographs. There was a small section for mid-summer fruits and vegetables.



Plant a "Timely Roster" of Fall Bulbs for Spring!

Most spring bulbs are Hardy Zone 3 and 4. Consider planting bulbs this Fall that are spaced apart in their blooming period, so that they flower in non-stop in early, mid and late spring. Here are some suggestions:

Early Spring Blooms:

Glory of the Snow

Crocus

Snowdrop

Hyacinth

Dwarf Spring Iris

Summer Snowflake

Striped Squill

Mid-Spring Blooms:

Grape Hyacinth

Daffodil Narcissus

Tulip

Late Spring Blooms:

Foxtail Lily

Ornamental Onion

(Allium)

Fall Events of Interest in the Community:

Saturday September 6, 2014

Port Hope Fall Plant Sale @ the Port Hope Fall Fair Building, 8:30am-11am

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The 167th Annual Warkworth Fair (Percy Agricultural Society)
See Event Listings: <http://www.warkworthfair.com/events/>

Thursday September 25- Sunday September 28, 2014

Brighton Apple Fest, Downtown Brighton

See Event Listings: <http://brightonapplefest.ca/>

Saturday October 25, 2014

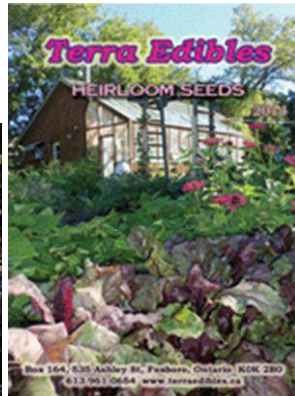
Ontario Horticultural Association – District 4 Fall Seminar
Village of Lakefield - 9:00am - 3:30pm

For More Information: <http://www.gardenontario.org/>



A Review of the Belleville Area Gardening Tour – July 7, 2014

- Written by **Gail Rayment, CHS Member** -



I like to discover new sources of plants for the garden, and although I have more than once said that I have no more room for new plants, a winter like the last one, or some serious pruning to expose more bed, means that I can squeeze more plants in. Judy Brown of the Cobourg Horticultural Society led a group of members on a tour of nurseries in the Belleville area. I will leave you to look up the various websites for addresses and directions.

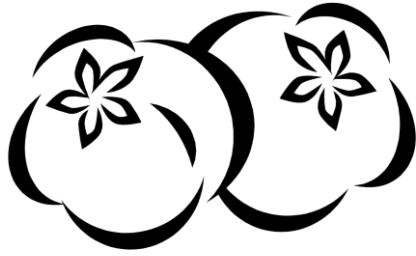
Our first stop was **Farmgate Gardens in Foxboro**. This is a beautifully landscaped property which includes some handsome old farm barns. They grow some of their own plants, but also buy in quite a lot of the plants they offer for sale. They have a number of different gardens you can wander through, and you can buy pre-planted containers and hanging baskets if \$90 is your idea of an OK price for the latter. The rather chatty owner is not reticent about telling you about her life. I did find a couple of interesting hostas to add to my collection.

Also in Foxboro we visited **Terra Edibles**, at 535 Ashley Street. This is primarily a place to buy heritage seeds, although there is a very nice gift shop called The Village Green which includes gourmet goodies. Also a really neat weeding hoe that is made in BC and I can't wait to try mine out.

Lunch we enjoyed at the **Quinte Golf and Country Club**. This is on Highway 2 to the west of Belleville. It is a somewhat old-fashioned country club with the dining room quite full of ladies who lunch of a certain age – including us. Food is not bad, and the view over Quinte Bay is lovely. Like many golf clubs they are happy to let non-members use the dining room. It offers lunches 11-2, weekdays only.

The next stop, for me, was “the find” of the trip. Peter Fuller is the owner of **Fuller Native and Rare Plants**. It has only been going for five years, he does all his own plant propagation and has a wonderful selection of native plants, with a few rare foreigners. I bought a couple of Canadian jack in the pulpits (jacks in the pulpit?) and an Asian one also. I lusted after a gorgeous one with a pink 'jack' that was in the propagation shed, and will keep an eye on his website in the fall to see if he has some for sale. It is not an easy place to find and we drove around for quite a while trying to locate it. The address is 175 Airport Parkway, and the lettering on the road sign at the turn-off is far too small to be easily read. Officially it is in a place called Cannifton but actually it is out in the country.

Our final stop on the way home was **Hollandale Landscape** on Highway Two in Trenton. I think most people who read this will know of it – a large traditional garden centre which is the go-to place for extremely expensive boulders by the pound. I succumbed to the temptation of a handsome Rex Begonia, even though I know they are fragile and temperamental plants and it probably won't last very long. Apart from the thunderstorms, it was a great day out!



Gardening at the Cobourg Day Care!

Members of the Cobourg club recently spent a day helping out the children at the Cobourg Day Care with weeding and planting their very own vegetable garden. The raised beds were constructed by the club last year and tomato plants were donated from our 2014 Spring Plant Sale. The kids learned how to weed, dig, plant and water the soil, all while enjoying the beautiful outdoors – what fun!



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