

# GROWING TOGETHER

Cobourg Horticultural Society Newsletter

Summer Edition 2015

## SUMMER GARDENING FOR THE LATE...R BLOOMER!

Martha Baldwin, CHS Member



*I recently had the pleasure one Sunday afternoon in May, to catch a documentary film entitled "My Urban Garden;" a short Canadian piece about a single woman who converted every inch of her Halifax back yard into a vegetable patch to feed her family. It sounds straightforward (to plant a few tomato plants here and there), but what was evident was all the preparation she endured to ensure the health of her crops given the harsher and later growing season in Nova Scotia. The film was also older, (produced before my time in 1984), but left me thinking how truly unique gardening must be on the East Coast of Canada. Ironically, that same week, my partner was visiting his mother in*

*Nova Scotia and upon question, provided me with a report on the status of flowers in her garden, such as the bleeding hearts that were just poking through the ground, or the hydrangeas that were evidently still sticks without any foliage. "Much like the characteristics of the people or culture, the flowers take their time here," he said; they're slow and patient "late bloomers," Where in Ontario, we rejoice as the calendar turns to May 24<sup>th</sup> so that we can pop annuals into the ground, its nearly a month later that our neighbors to the East have their go at it. But I was surprised to learn when consulting with the Farmer's Almanac, that Halifax, despite the delay, actually incurs a longer growing season than that of many Ontario cities (averaging 166 days). Plus, without heat and humidity to contend with in Nova Scotia, there*



### OUR SUMMER EVENTS

**July 4, 2015**

Four Club Member's Garden Tour  
**Hosted by: Cramahe Hort Society**

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**July 11, 2015**

Summer, Fruit and Flower Show  
**Cobourg Public Library**

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**July 19, 2015**

Members Tea Party & Mini Tour  
**Cold Springs \*See Map on pg. 2**

**Summer Break! Note our Monthly Meetings Resume on Sept 2, 2015**

*also isn't the concern with constantly watering plants, in fact the rain does the job for you. The plant selection might also be unique. And a later season, might actually mean more time to enjoy the garden too! So if you're fretting about getting to the garden ready for summer, then relax...and think about our friends to the East who have really just begun digging in the dirt.. Happy Summer!*

*Announcing our...*  
**2015**  
*Scholarship*  
*Award Winner!*



The Cobourg Horticultural Society has awarded a \$750 scholarship to

**Sarah Irving,**

St. Mary's Secondary School

The scholarship is awarded to students based on academic standing, practical experience and their choice of an advanced program of study related to horticulture or the environment.

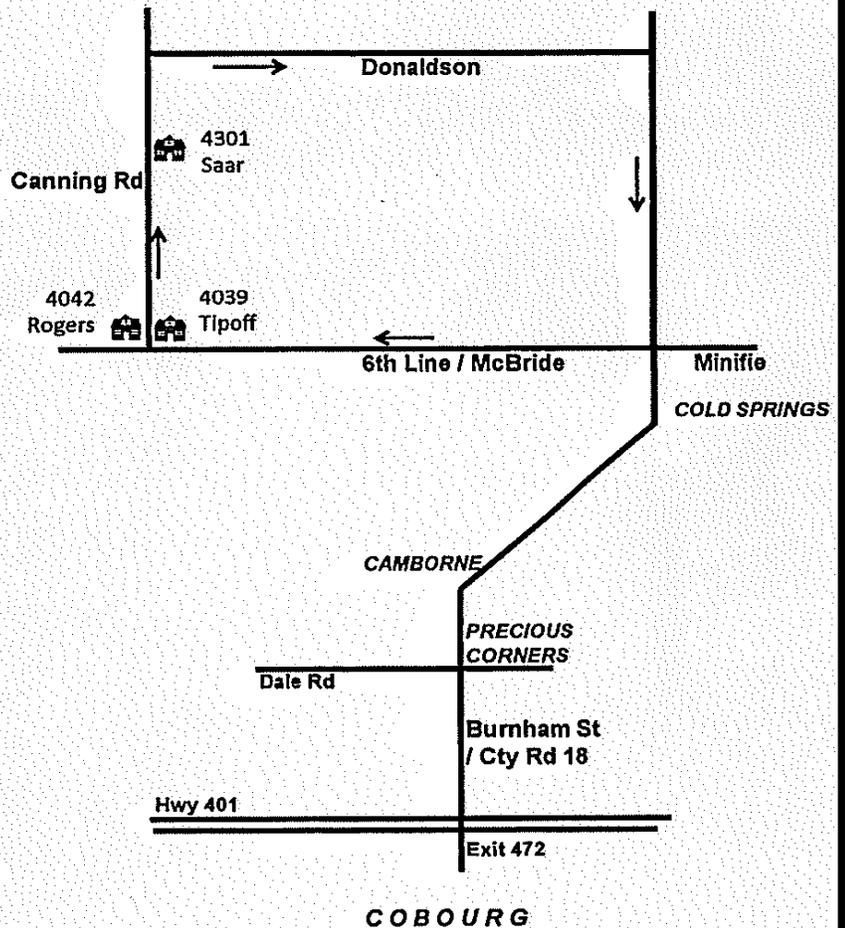
Sarah will attend Fleming College to study Environmental Technology.

**Congratulations Sarah!**

**Members' Mini Garden Tour  
 & Tea Party at 4039, 4042 and  
 4301 Canning Rd, Cold Springs**

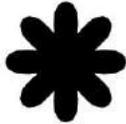
**Sunday, July 19, 2-4 pm**

*Members: Gratis*  
*Guests are welcome: \$4*



**For more information: 905-342-9548**

*Gardening Tours in  
Northumberland and  
Beyond ...*



July 11 is *the* day for tours in  
our area community!

**July 11, 2015**

**Port Hope ACO 15<sup>th</sup> Bi-ennial  
Garden Tour**

More info: [acoporthope.ca](http://acoporthope.ca)  
(905) 885-7929



**July 11, 2015**

**Town & Country Garden Tour,  
Belleville**

**Hosted by the Canadian Federation  
of University Women**

More info: [cfuwbelleville.com](http://cfuwbelleville.com)  
(613) 968-5825



**July 11, 2015**

**Trent Hills Garden Tour  
(Campbellford and Area)**

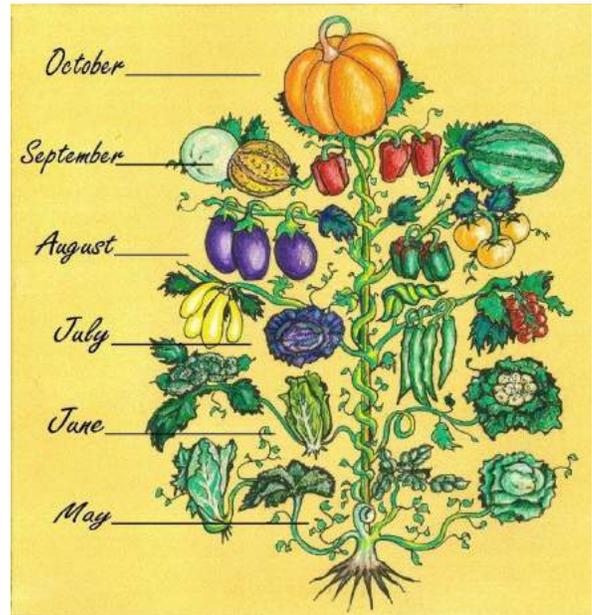
More info: (613) 395-3723



**July 11, 2015**

**Bobcaygeon Tour, Tea & Market**

More info:  
[bobcaygeonhorticulture.com/events](http://bobcaygeonhorticulture.com/events)



**Renew Your Garden with Mid-  
Summer Plantings**

*Quoted From the pages of:*

*"52 Weekend Garden Projects" by Nancy Bubel ©1992*

If you planted a Spring vegetable garden, you're probably feasting on lettuce, peas and beans and watching for the first ripe tomato. Enjoy all that fresh produce while you have it, because some of those spring-planted vegetables will soon sputter out. The long hot days of midsummer send spinach to see and make lettuce bitter. What then?

When spring plantings run their course, you can abandon the rows to weeds, or better yet, plant a new crop to enjoy at harvest time! A few hours spent renewing those gone-to-seed garden rows can earn you a whole new season of good eating. And once you've feasted on your own September corn, October romaine, November escarole or December baby spinach, my guess is that you'll want to make time each summer to replant for fall!

## 10 Neat Things

### About Daylilies



#### 1. The "perfect perennial".

Daylilies are often called the perfect perennial because they are easy to grow, come in many varieties (60,000 named and registered cultivars), are drought tolerant, have few pest and disease problems, tolerate all kinds of soil and light conditions and bloom from late spring until fall. Some put out 200 to 400 blooms in a season and others re-bloom (like Stella D'Oro). Daylilies will bloom 30 to 40 days in a row.

#### 2. Daylily dictionary.

The American Hemerocallis Society has created a daylily dictionary containing over 300 terms to deal with all the ways that have been created to describe the many variations of this wonderful plant.

#### 3. Beautiful lily.

*Hemerocallis*, the botanical name for daylily, is taken from the Greek. *Hemero* means day and *Kallos* means beautiful. It is not a lily, although its roots are sometimes almost bulbous, thickened to accommodate water storage. Roots can also be fibrous or cord-like.

#### 4. Diploid or tetraploid.

Daylily aficionados often use the terms "diploid" or "tetraploid" to describe the different kinds of plant. Diploid refers to a plant with two separate sets of

chromosomes. Diploids have 11 chromosomes from the egg cell and 11 from the sperm cells of its pollen which means that one set is inherited from each parent. Tetraploids have four sets or 44 chromosomes. You probably don't give a hoot about this except to note that tetraploids often have larger blooms and diploids often display the prettiest pinks.

#### 5. Nightbloomer.

If a daylily blooms at night is it a nightlily? Well, no, but some daylilies do open in the evening and last through the night until the following evening. These daylilies are often highly fragrant.

#### 6. That floozy, *fulva*.

Most daylilies are well behaved, growing into ever larger clumps until you get around to dividing them. Not so with *Hemerocallis fulva*. She wanders and leaves her offspring all over the place. "*Fulva*" refers to her tawny orange colour. This is a very invasive daylily that moves via underground rhizomes. Beware of daylily donations because you might be getting more than you bargained for.

#### 7. The proliferation.

Some daylilies produce a little plantlet at the juncture of the flower scape and a flower branch. This is called a proliferation. It can be planted to produce a daylily clone. It will bloom within two years of planting. Click the illustration on the left to see what this looks like.

#### 8. Pleasing your daylily.

Daylilies prefer slightly acidic soil, although they are not fussy. The paler flowers should get full sun to bring out their best hues and tints. The dark daylilies, the deep reds and almost-blacks, need part shade, especially during the hottest part of the day as their intense colour absorbs

sunlight which can burn the petals. Although they are drought tolerant, they enjoy a reasonable amount of water and if you plant them in competition with tree roots, be sure to give them ample moisture.

#### 9. Petal perfect.

Basic daylilies have three petals and three sepals, together referred to as tepals. In the daylily world, though, the variations on this simple design are endless. Petals can be curved, spidery, round, ruffled, or doubled. They can be banded, haloed, watermarked, edged, picoteed, tipped, dotted dusted, flecked... see why they need their own dictionary? Some petals are diamond dusted, their petals containing tiny crystals that give off a sparkly appearance in sunlight. Their throats may be yellow or green, golden or apricot.

#### 10. Divide and proliferate.

Divide in springtime when you first see growth. . They are not delicate so just cut them apart and replant the results. They may sulk for a year before blooming again, but be patient. You can get a lot of plants out of a four-year-old clump. In spite of this, not all daylilies are a dime-a-dozen, although you can probably buy one for about five bucks. However, you can also splurge and get a really rare new hybrid for \$500, too.



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## CHS Members Volunteering in the Community !!



May 2, 2015 • **Gardener's Day at Canadian Tire, Cobourg**

*Would you liked to volunteer for an upcoming Community Event??*

We've been invited to host an **information booth** at the **Cobourg Farmer's Market** on **August 15**

If you are interested in **helping out for a few hours** between 7am-2pm, please contact:

**Anne Parks** at 905-377-8590 or [aparks2@cogeco.ca](mailto:aparks2@cogeco.ca)



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