

GROWING

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A member of the Ontario Horticultural Association

TOGETHER

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What's been happening since our last issue?

Your garden club is a busy one. Here are some of the things that have taken place since the end of April:

Wed. May 5 - six members won Volunteer Service Awards from the Government of Ontario for their years of work with the club. They are:

Judith Goulin - 5 years

Judy Harris - 5 years

Ann Hancock - 10 years

Marjorie Heaton - 10 years

Christine Van Rooy - 20 years

Joan Long - 20 years

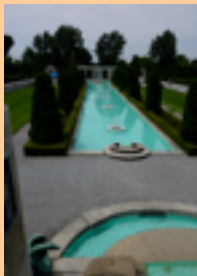
Wed. May 5 - Spring Flower Show participation rose from 95 entries in 2009 to 111 this year.



Sat. May 29 - CHS had a display table at the Victoria Hall Sesquicentennial Celebrations. (Our club is actually one year older than Victoria Hall.)

Wed. June 23

Thanks to **Judy Newman Brown** for organizing a wonderful tour and lunch at Parkwood Estate, Bowmanville Botanical Garden and the Oshawa Ecology Garden.



The Cobourg Rose-Growing Competition



was begun in 2009 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Cobourg Horticultural Society. White rose plants (symbol our society) were given to well known citizens of Cobourg to grow for one year. This summer the winner was chosen.

Congratulations to

Dr. Robert & Mrs. Ann Scott!

A large thank you to all of the participants.

What is a Tractor Scoot?

This piece of equipment has a 360° swivel seat, three position handle, tool tray, pneumatic tires and steerable front wheels. It will be introduced at our September meeting for **silent auction in October**. Be sure to come and check it out.

Fall Garden Tip:

If foliage is unpleasant, cut it back by one third to a half. This encourages new growth and sometimes new flower production.



Meet **Kate Hunter**, CHS Scholarship Winner for 2010

Daughter of club member, **Linda Redner-Hunter**, Kate is a graduate of CDCI West and a young woman with many interests. Camping, hiking and sketching nature bring Kate peace of mind and put her squarely into the environment that she wants to safeguard. Kate was part of the Eco Team during her high school career, also a member of the Cobourg Community Centre Operations Committee.

Kate will be attending the University of Guelph to study Landscape Architecture. Congratulations, Kate, and best wishes from all of us.!

President: Sarah Holland

Secretary: Carol Farren

Treasurer: Judy Newman Brown

Garden Tasks Schedule

This is the last installment of your **schedule of monthly garden duties**. Thanks to The Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners for giving permission for its reproduction.

September

- bring in houseplants before it gets too cold
- take cuttings from geraniums and coleus
- renovate perennial border or divide perennials
- divide and move peonies and oriental poppies
- plant spring-flowering bulbs
- prepare and seed new lawns
- plant new shrubs and evergreens
- fertilize and aerate lawns as required
- water all shrubs and evergreens well

October

- dig, dry and store summer-flowering bulbs and tubers
- prepare new garden beds. Incorporate nearly completed compost
- put ponds to bed
- cut off dead foliage particularly around hostas or lilies where pests can over-winter. Leave ornamental grasses.
- continue to plant spring flowering bulbs
- rake leaves from lawn and garden and add to reduced compost pile
- plant amaryllis for Christmas bloom
- remove and distribute almost finished compost and gather leaves and add to compost pile
- seed new lawns

November

- fertilize lawn
- make sure evergreens, shrubs and young trees are well watered for winter
- protect young trees from rodents
- plant some spring bulbs in pots for forcing
- store tools, hoses and other garden equipment and ornaments for the winter

December.

- watch for bugs on houseplants (white flies, spider mites, and aphids).
- protect rose bushes with plastic cones or by adding soil or compost just before the ground freezes.
- apply mulch to tender perennials just as the ground starts to freeze
- protect pyramidal evergreens, rhododendrons and other shrubs using burlap screens
- cut branches for winter decorations
- order seed catalogues.

Our Gardening Library

Our collection of gardening books has been organized anew. A listing of our books and videos may be viewed at www.cobourggardensclub.org At meetings please try the library card sign-out system now available thanks to **Keith** and **Suellen Stratton**.



Reminders & Events

Remember that September's meeting comes before Labour Day Weekend

Sept 1. Chrysanthemums, Queen of Flowers - Alvon Dormer

Oct 6 City Garden Harvest - Lorraine Johnson

Nov 3 Heritage Tomatoes and Saving Seed

Dec 1 Christmas Table Centrepieces - Barbara Bone

Watch for:

Information regarding the next invasive species on the horizon - **Himalayan Balsam**



Thank you to our Garden Care Teams

The Five Corners Millenium Garden was t ended spring and fall by **Ann Hancock, Jennifer**

Rogers, Pam Marsden, Marta Habermehl, Val MacIntosh and Naomi Higgins who is from Grafton Hort. During the summer months Ann has been assisted by Laura and the girls from Falconhurst.

The Edwin R. Haynes Memorial White Rose Garden was maintained throughout the season by **Rita Tennant, Lorraine Klein, Suzanne Anderson, Judith Goulin, Lorrain Prawecki and Keith Stratton.**

Thank you to **Toni Thompson** who organized the teams for community gardens.



Our appreciation also goes to **Flynn Flannigan** and the **Parks Dept.** for much needed supplies, so promptly delivered.

Welcome to new members:

Dick & Valerie Cowling
Alberta MacMillan
James Quelch