



Winter 2010

Growing Together Revamped

This being the new version of "Growing Together" it seems timely to provide our readers with what the executive of CHS sees as being the purpose of the new abbreviated format. First and foremost this one page newsletter is meant to keep the members informed regarding :

- 1) Horticultural Events that have passed and reminders of those to come.
- 2) Issues which concern our gardens and neighbourhoods.

We will also use less paper.



Murray & Margaret Dillon, Beth Hoselton with her daughter, **Mayor Peter Delanty** on Nov. 17, 2009 at the Five Corners Garden.

Sculptures at Five Corners

Two beautiful **Carl Hoselton** sculptures, "Virgin" and "Virgin and Child" now reside in the Five Corners Garden thanks to the generous donation of **Murray and Margaret Dillon**. Moved by the Cobourg Parks and Recreation staff and installed by **Adi and Joanne Bulsara**, formerly of Anvil Artistry, the statues were placed in a location chosen by Councillor **Miriam Mutton**, who designed the original garden.

Mayor **Peter Delanty** unveiled the sculptures on the 17th November 2009 and **Beth Hoselton** spoke on behalf of her family: "These sculptures will stand as a permanent testament to my father's desire to share his talents with everyone. This garden will also stand as a testament to the 150 years of devotion and love for horticulture by the members of Cobourg Horticultural Society - both garden and sculptures forever enjoined to enrich Cobourg's outdoor spaces."

Special Thank You

Thanks to the outgoing editor and her capable layout assistant for their seven years of special attention to giving us our beautiful tri-yearly issues of "GROWING TOGETHER". Your combined organizational, interview and writing skills have enhanced our horticultural lives. Best wishes to **Judith Goulin** and **Vikki McEachran** as they move to new endeavours.

Amy Reinert of CDCI West was the recipient of the 2009 CHS Scholarship of \$500.

We send Amy our best wishes in her continued studies in the Environmental Sciences at the University of Guelph.

If you have children or grandchildren at a Cobourg High School remind them to check our website for details about how to apply for this scholarship for 2010.
www.cobourggardenclub.ca



Garden Tasks Schedule

In response to a request for a **schedule of monthly garden duties**, on a recent questionnaire the following guide is reproduced courtesy of and with thanks to The Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners.

January

- inspect stored bulbs and discard the bad ones.
- clean, repair and sharpen garden tools. Wipe them with oil.
- plan gardens for this year. Look at ways to add more winter interest and improve habitat for the birds.
- try forcing some amaryllis and paperwhite narcissus
- Order vegetable and flower seeds.
- start slow germinating seeds, ie. geranium and begonia
- inspect and treat houseplants for white fly, spider mites, and aphids.

February

- Take stem cuttings of geraniums and fuchsias
- plant impatiens, peppers and eggplants indoors
- prune fruit and shade trees except maple and birch
- check out the dates of garden shows

March

- visit your local greenhouse
- order summer-flowering bulbs
- prune summer-flowering shrubs (ie Hydrangea)
- plant flower and vegetable seeds indoors
- prune grapevines
- start summer flowers and tender perennials (tuberous begonias, cannas, callas, and caladiums in pots.)
- loosen packed mulch and press back frost heaved perennials
- cut some spring flowering shrub branches for forcing inside.

April

- prepare annual beds for planting. Incorporate a generous amount of compost and other organic material
- apply dormant spray to fruit trees and pest-prone shrubs (non-freezing temperatures, before buds open).
- cut down ornamental grasses. Remove all debris from perennial beds.
- top dress perennial borders with compost
- gradually remove protection on rose bushes
- prune and apply dormant oil before the buds break. Move dormant bushes if needed
- direct seed cool weather vegetable seeds (peas, spinach) and frost resistant annuals (larkspur, sweet peas)
- repair lawn with compost, seed, rake and fertilize (late April early May)
- plant/move shrubs, trees, and hedges
- mow the lawn only if necessary
- begin to move ornamental grasses and perennials
- setup water collection system
- open the pond

Reminders & Events



February 3 Meeting

Heritage Seeds - Dan & Mary Brittain plus a **SEED SWAP**. Please bring your seeds in small packets of between 12 and 20 seeds. Use **labels** such as:
variety
colour
growing instructions

The Brittains and Seeds of Diversity will also have seeds for sale.

March 3 Meeting

Water Features - Rowena Burns

Canada Blooms 2010

March 17-21

Direct Energy Centre, Toronto
<http://www.canadablooms.com/>

Successful Gardening Show

March 18-21

International Centre, Toronto
www.home-show.net/successfulgardening/index.html

April 7 Meeting

Peonies - Hazel and Joe Cook
Please be advised that by checking available stock on their website that you can **place an order in advance** and your peony will be delivered to the April 7 meeting.
<http://www.blossomhillnursery.com/>
Also an **option to purchase kenzans** for flower arranging.

Peterborough Garden Show

For the Love of Gardening
not on Easter weekend in 2010
April 9 - 11
Evinrude Centre, Peterborough

We extend our sincere condolences to the family of one of our Cobourg Horticultural Society Members and Ecology Garden supporter

Lynn Fabris

who passed away in October 2009.