

Belle River & District Horticultural Society

Newsletter



Don't wear perfume in the garden - unless you want to be pollinated by bees. ~Anne Raver

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"A Garden is a Friend
You Can Visit Anytime"

Caring for your Easter lily in
and out of the house:

<http://gardening.about.com/od/springinthegarden/a/EasterLily.htm>

Are you growing a flower or a
weed?

<http://www.garden.org/weedlibrary/>

Need A Garden Expert 24/7?

<http://faq.gardenweb.com/faq/>

PRESIDENT PAUL'S PERSPECTIVE - A MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERS

When that cozy sweater you wore during the winter suddenly feels itchy and when the duvet on your bed that was such a comfortable nest in the cold January nights gets heavy it is a sure sign that we are changing into our Spring and Summer skin. Even though outside temperatures are still a bit fresh we steal the hours we can to start our gardens for this year. Some birds in our garden are even helping with the removal of dry grasses by building nests in the trees with the material. Isn't it amazing how the year is moving along and we are already into April? We can see some of the early plants flowering depending on their exposure to sun and the tulips sending up their first leaves to test the temperature. Many trees are showing fat buds ready to burst and the frogs and birds are busy looking for mates. All this means is: **SPRING IS HERE!**

We would like to welcome back the folks that went south for the winter and hope you had an enjoyable time and safe trip home. Our society has already begun the year on a very strong note with well attended meetings and by planning events for the coming months. Our first Pasta dinner is coming up on the 15th of April and with the Chinese Auction it promises to be a fun event. We also get ready for the bus trip into shopping heaven as always organized by Marg Dudley; the flower show, the children's plant workshop and the June BBQ but before that our second annual Plant Sale. It will be a great year and all thanks to the tireless work of the board and some of the members who are not on the board that work so hard for our society. We certainly owe them our appreciation and thanks!

For Kathleen and me this spring is very special for another reason: In the last two weeks we had two grandchildren born into our family and we will work our tails off to make junior gardeners out of them in time.

In the meantime I hope to see all of you at our upcoming events.

Paul Schneider

Gardening is about enjoying the smell of things growing in the soil, getting dirty without feeling guilty, and generally taking the time to soak up a little peace and serenity.

~Lindley Karstens

In order to get the full benefit of your membership, be sure to visit us online at:
<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/beller>
where you can browse other articles, photos and connect to other links & sites

"Buying" Bus Trip 2009

Saturday, May 30

Three NEW places will be on our itinerary this year...

Heritage Country Gardens - <http://www.heritagecountrygardens.com/> is a large facility with annuals, perennials & a gift shop.

Shades of Green - <http://www.shades-of-green.ca/> is a home business with great display gardens, specializing in hostas... you can even order your hostas ahead of time from Lynn Bisschop.

And after a relaxing lunch at **Lakeview Gardens** - <http://lakeviewgardens.ca/> we will visit...

Crowell Greenhouses - <http://www.gardenpatch.ca/> which has lots of the latest annuals and tropicals. Check out the websites!

As usual, we will leave from the parking lot behind the Belle River High School at 7 A.M. SHARP, returning at approximately 6:30pm.

The cost will be \$45. ~~~ **Contact Margaret Dudley (519-979-9169)**

For a Touch Of Spring, go to: http://www.procreo.jp/labo/flower_garden.swf
On the page, hold down your left mouse button and move it around or simply left click anywhere on the page...

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Together we grow...

Membership Fees: \$10.00 / year

New members
are always welcome.

Meetings are held at the
Knights of Columbus Hall
1303 County Road 22
Emeryville, ON

Third Wednesday of the month
September to May: 7:30 p.m.
Except

December: Christmas Dinner
June: Members' Picnic
July & August
are reserved for you
to enjoy your gardens

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ANNUAL BARBECUE AND FLOWER SHOW

June 17 - Our Annual Barbeque and Flower Show will take place at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Emeryville. Come and enjoy a hamburger, a sausage or a hotdog barbecued to perfection. To top it all off, you can savour the appetizers, salads and desserts which our members bring in, which are known far and wide for being soooooo delicious.

Don't forget to bring in your flowers and plants for the Flower Show - last year we had great participation and this year we hope to have even more. To view a list of the Categories and the Rules, please visit our website: www.gardenontario.org/site.php/beller - lists are also available at our monthly meetings.

Remember the best thing about the evening is that it is FREE to our members - an end of the year thank you for your participation in our various events and another great deal for being a member of the society!

We'll see you there???

WHAT MORE IS ON THE WEBSITE???

- ✓ Plant Sale Information and Plant Sale Workshop dates and details
- ✓ Plants In From The Cold... NO!!!
- ✓ Pesticide Ban
- ✓ Food Bank - how we can participate
- ✓ Cement workshops with Lynn Imeson - all the dates and details
- ✓ Humber Nursery Discount Coupon
- ✓ D11 Discount List - discounts at Nurseries, Florists etc...
- ✓ Photos of different Society events
- ✓ Plus much more...

Visit: www.gardenontario.org/site.php/beller

GIANT PLANT SALE

MAY 9

**SPREAD THE
WORD!!!**

Knights of Columbus
1303 County Road 22
Emeryville

9A.M. UNTIL NOON!!!

OHA 103RD CONVENTION - PETERBOROUGH - JULY 10-12, 2009

For details, visit: <http://convention.gardenontario.org/OHA/index.html>

Did you know that as a member of the *Belle River & District Horticultural Society* and consequently a member of the *Ontario Horticultural Association* you can enter any or all of the competitions held yearly by the Association? For a list of all eight categories, details and regulations, please take the time to visit their website at : <http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/com.php>

Hundreds of people take the time to enter their various submissions and yearly, many, many win awards by playing an active part in the program. Why not give it a try!!! Let's show them that our Society hosts the greatest, most unique and widespread talents in all of Ontario!!!

GO! BRDHS GO!!!

Just because you've only got houseplants doesn't mean you don't have the gardening spirit - I look upon myself as an indoor gardener. ~ Sara MossWolfe

COMING EVENTS

MAY PLANT SALE

Our second annual plant sale will be on **Saturday, May 9**, outside the Knights of Columbus Hall. Please plan to be there; tell your friends and family because the deals will be great again. We will keep you informed at the meetings and in the media. This was a great sale last year and promises to be better yet! If you have plants and would like to participate see Arlene or any of the members of the board for more information. Visit our website for details... www.gardenontario.org/site.php/beller

JUNE BARBECUE - SEE ARTICLE ABOVE

June 17 - We will be having our **Annual Hort Society Barbecue**. In the past, these have been well received and have proven to be a favourite among the members. More information will be made available as the time draws near, but PLEASE, mark your calendars today!!! **Note: Paid Members only!**

JUNE FLOWER SHOW - SEE ARTICLE ABOVE

June 17 - More people are taking an active part in the Flower Shows. June 17 will provide another opportunity for you to "show off" your gardening greats and your talents. Plan to be a part of this event. Details and categories will be made available at future Hort meetings.