

Growing Together

2013 Scholarship Winner



Karlene Brown, Grade 12 student at St. Mary's Secondary School in Cobourg accepts a cheque for \$500.00 from Trish Whitney (right) as the 2013 recipient of the Cobourg Horticultural Society annual scholarship.

Karlene is working this summer

with the Cobourg Parks Department and will be attending Algonquin College in Ottawa in September to study Horticulture. We wish her well with her studies and look forward to an update in the future.

Summer Program

Sunday July 7 1-4 p.m.

Annual Four-Club Garden Tour in Grafton (a list of the gardens and a map will be emailed to all members).

Saturday July 13 Summer

Flower Show at Cobourg Library (see Yearbook for details).

Sunday July 21

Members' Tea Party (details will be emailed to members).

September 4

Gina Brouwer on Cobourg's Heritage Canopy: Preserving and celebrating Significant Trees. Mini Flower and Vegetable Show.

Correction: The Winter 2013 edition butterfly photograph was not in fact a Monarch but its mimic the Viceroy. Thanks to Audrey Wilson for spotting the error.

COME INTO OUR GARDENS - A FOUR-CLUB TOUR

Sarah Holland has written a short history of this annual tour for the District 4 newsletter. Judith Goulin, a past president of CHS approached neighbouring societies in 2008 with the suggestion to join together in providing these garden tours. Each club then has the variety of visiting gardens of the members of other Northumberland clubs. Cramahe hosted in 2011, Cobourg in 2012, this year in Grafton, and next year it

rotates back to Port Hope. There are usually six exceptional private gardens available to view, refreshments available, and the opportunity to meet other OHA members.



SPRING MINI FLOWER SHOW HELD WEDNESDAY MAY 1

In spite of the very cool spring weather (snow flurries the week before) and the early meeting date over 20 entries participated. Alexis Fentie organized the show and worked with the judge Dini Schoemaker who was also our speaker for the evening. Congratulations to the Mabs Award Winner - Susan Clement!

Here are the winners:

Daffodils: Large Cup - Carole Farren, Alexis Fentie, Bob Clement

Daffodils: Small Cup - Andree Saar

Daffodils: Double Bloom - Carole Farren

Daffodils: Miniatures - Jennifer Rogers, Carole Farren

Tulip - Carole Farren, Bob Clement, Alexis Fentie

Any Other: Susan Clement, Carole Farren, Christine Connell

Collections: Valerie Cowling, Carole Farren

Shrub: Alexis Fentie

Houseplant: Malcolm McDonald, Dick Cowling, Sarah Holland

Branch Design: Sarah Holland, Alexis Fentie

Flower Design: Sarah Holland, Alexis Fentie, Audrey Wilson

Novice: Anne Parks

FIRST, CHOOSE WHERE THE CONTAINER GOES

One of the main reasons for buying the Toronto Star on Saturdays is to read Mark Cullen's column in the Homes and Condos section. On May 25 he provided these tips on container placement.

North is often the shady, windy side of the house best for annuals such as begonias, coleus, lobelia, also perennial lily of the valley, heuchera, ferns and hostas.

Eastern exposure will provide about 6 hours of morning sunlight for petunias, impatiens, and snapdragons.

South is a bright, hot location

for containers needing lots of watering for portulaca, marigolds, zinnias, cleome, four o'clocks, and geraniums. Perennials like Mediterranean herbs and sempervivums do well here.

Western siting can also be hot, dry and windy with the maximum afternoon temperatures suitable for dusty miller, zinnias, marigolds, salvia and petunias.

Mark's most important tip is contained in the title - choose your container location, its size, and your plant characteristics carefully - and take the plants to the pots to avoid

visits to the chiropractor!

Link

http://www.thestar.com/authors/cullen_mark.html

**MAY 18 PLANT SALE PROVIDES \$2658.39 INCOME FOR CHS**

Thanks to Bill Prawecki for his organization and hard work, and to all the members who contributed plants, or helped on the day, to make this primary fundraiser another huge success. Buyers lined up outside the Columbus Centre from 8 a.m. and most plants were sold by 10.15, with the remainders sold at the Warkworth Lilac Festival.

WE ARE NOT ALONE !

Great new logo for our district.



Cobourg is one of the 18 societies in District 4 of the Ontario Horticultural Association. Any of our members can attend D4 meetings to learn from others and share their knowledge of gardening.

On April 20 Anne Parks, Keith Stratton, Marlynne Warling and Marjorie Heaton attended the D4 annual general meeting in Port Hope. We learned that our district reported 39,186 volunteer hours in 2012. That is 107 hours every day of the year. What would our towns be like if these hours had not been given freely through the past decades?

The meetings always have a special speaker - this time Ken Brown of Whitby, formerly head of landscaping at the Toronto Zoo, amazed us with slides of his home garden and some outrageous plants. See his website at www.Gardening-Enjoyed.com

THIS AND THAT

An added advantage of a D4 meeting is picking up info on new garden nurseries. Here are a few suggestions for summer visiting, plus details of our spring speakers.

Coneflowers

On February 6 Peggy Howden of Old Barn Perennials, 13794 County Road 2, Colborne described the qualities and varieties of coneflowers with excellent photographs in her talk to us. Open

Thursday to Sunday 10-5 or call 905 355 2000

Hostas

On March 6 Kevin Elchuk of Giboshihill Hostas at 3631 Kennedy Road, Camborne described setting up his garden nursery and the plants he has available this summer. See his site at www.simplyhostas.ca

Summer Containers

On April 3rd we enjoyed a refreshing talk by Flemming Nielson of Viking Nurseries, at 4930 Sully Road, Gore's Landing on planting containers from a professional's point of view.

Oakridge Dahlias

Marion Jean established a new dahlia nursery just last year at 7022 Perrytown Road, Port Hope. A catalogue and order form is available at www.dahlias.net/htmbbox/Oakridgedahlias.htm

Delphiniums

Lovers of these striking plants will want to join the Ontario Delphinium Club. There was a display at the Warkworth Lilac Festival with information about their annual meeting and field day BBQ to be held in a private garden in July. Check the website for details www.ondelphiniums.com

Native Plants

For a very good catalogue showing common and scientific name, soil, light, moisture, age, size, blooms, colour and natural significance visit www.nativeplantnurseries.ca

Bombus Affinis

The rusty patched bumble bee, once common in eastern North America, has been disappearing in recent years.

You can help document sightings by visiting www.xerces.org/bumblebees

Susan Chan of the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee Project has created a pictorial list of nectar and pollen plants for native wild pollinators.

Information available at farmsatwork.wordpress.com

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