

Ennismore and District Horticulture Society Newsletter—Spring 2015

Spring Message from Our President

It is with great pleasure that I offer my congratulations on this inaugural issue of our newsletter. With Susanne and Hope at the helm, you can bet that our newsletter will always be full of timely and informative content for gardeners and their friends and family. We will do our best to keep you up to date on our Ennismore and District Horticultural Society (EDHS) projects, events and sales.

2015 plans have been made. In early spring our Society will erect a new “Welcome to the Hamlet of Ennismore” sign along Ennis Road towards the Hamlet. As well, we will be erecting a few more dry stone structures within the vicinity of our existing signs. On May 23rd we will once again be hosting a gigantic plant and flower sale. This year’s location will be at B.E.L. Rotary Park by the gazebo. Come early for the best selection of hanging baskets, hardy perennials, gorgeous annuals, veggies and herbs. All plants will be competitively priced. Sale runs from 9-12. Our famous manure will also be available for sale. Sale proceeds stay right here in Ennismore and go directly towards our gardens and fundraising projects.

Join us as we “*Foster the love of Gardening While Enhancing the Natural Beauty of Ennismore and District*”.

Happy reading and happy planting!
Sarah Sullivan




**COMING AGAIN
THIS YEAR!
OUR FAMOUS
COACH BUS TRIP**

To tour 3 beautiful Toronto Public Gardens

1. Allan Gardens
2. Toronto Music Garden
3. Toronto Botanical Garden & Edwards Garden

**Trip is on Saturday, June 13
Coach leaves Ennismore Arena at
8 a.m. sharp and returns at 7 p.m.
Cost is \$45.00 /person (non-refundable)**

If you desire a guided tour at each garden,
it will be an extra \$5.00 (optional)
or you can tour the garden on your own
Lunch will be available to purchase or brown bag it
For more details contact by June 1
Gail@705-292-7773 or Helen@705-292-9483

We need your help!

This is our first publication for the EDHS Newsletter. We are looking for suggestions to name our Newsletter. Keep in mind that we distribute to our beautiful Ennismore and District. Please email your suggestions to Susanne at ssgardiner72@gmail.com

The winner will be presented with a special prize at a General Meeting and also have the bragging rights of naming our Newsletter.



EDHS Membership

There are 19 horticultural societies in Ontario that are part of the Ontario Horticultural Association. Our Society is part of District 4 which includes SEVENTEEN active societies encompassing Haliburton, Northumberland, Peterborough and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

In 2014 our Society had 140 members, which next to Peterborough who have approximately 200 members, we are the second largest group in District 4! Which is fantastic! But we have a lot of work to do and we need to maintain and grow our membership so please send your cheque for either \$15 (single) or \$20 (couple) payable to the Ennismore and District Horticultural Society and mail to us at the Ennismore Post office at 816 Tara Road, Ennismore K0L 1T0

Gardening Tip!

Tomato plants love baking soda. Sprinkle a little around their roots regularly from the first planting. This will reduce their acidity and make them even sweeter to eat.



WHAT HAS MINERALS, WATER, GASES AND ORGANIC MATTER? You're right—SOIL! And did you know that 2015 has been designated by the United Nations as the International Year of Soils? For more information paste this link into your browser:
<http://www.fao.org/soils-2015/en/>

Gardening Calendars

The Old Farmers Almanac is a wealth of information, not *just* for gardeners. Get free Gardening, Planting Calendars and Growing Guides just to mention a couple free resources. Just copy this link into your browser for all this wonderful information:

<http://www.almanac.com/gardening>

Ennismore Sprouts



In February we had our first meeting of the year and we have 12 Sprouts registered. Our meetings are held at the Ennismore Library for the

winter months and then we will spend our time outdoors learning about seasons and trees and maintaining our garden at St. Martins' Cemetery. We meet the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 –7:30 p.m. We have a fun year planned and there is still room for 3 more kids to register. If you know of a child between the years of Jr. Kindergarten to Grade 6 that would like to join us or would like more information please contact Susanne Gardiner at ssgardiner72@gmail.com

EDHS Board of Directors

Sarah Sullivan, (705) 292-6209—President
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Please feel free to contact any of the board of directors if you would like to volunteer, have a concern, a question or suggestion. We are happy to hear from you.

EDHS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need your help!!

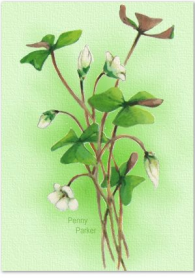
- Garden Cleanup—spring & fall
- Plant Sale—May 23
- Membership drive
- Maintenance of gardens during growing season
- Workshop for winter planters
- Volunteer at Shamrock Festival

Please sign up to support the good work we do!

- Fundraising
- Project Planning
- Snacks at General Meetings
- Adopt-A-Road cleanup

If you would like to participate please contact Cindy at (705) 292-5042

2015 Calendar of Events



- April 16** General Meeting 6:30 Social Hour, 7p.m. Meeting
Ennismore Sprouts begin meeting with a skit
Guest speaker Hazel, Joe & Amy Cook—Blossom Hill Nursery,
Topic - “Peonies—Discover the Passion”
- April 22** Earth Day clean up of our adopted road—contact Cindy at 292-5042 if you would like to volunteer
- May 21** General Meeting 6:30 Social Hour, 7:00 p.m. Meeting
Guest Speaker Paula Anderson, Topic “Growing Great Vegetables”
- May 23** Spring Plant Sale - Rotary Park, watch your email for more information!
- June 13** Bus Tour of 3 beautiful and world renowned Toronto Public Gardens, see front page
- June 18** Garden Tour of 2 lovely garden right here in our own community
(more details to follow)
- July** Look for our EDHS at the Homestead Theatre for our “Morning Eye Opener” as you purchase your tickets, dates to follow
- July 16** General Meeting 6:30 Social Hour, 7:00 pm. Meeting
Guest Speaker Anna Mizyn , Anna’s Perennials
Speaking on her love of winter hardy cactus and happy succulents.
We will also have a summer Flower Competition
- Sept 17** General Meeting 6:30p.m. Social Hour, 7:00 p.m. Meeting
Guest Speaker Linette from Vandermeer Nursery, Ajax
Linette’s colourful presentation focuses on the question “September is here, is all my gardening done? No!
Gift Basket draw valued at \$75.00 and Fall Flower Competition
- Oct 15** General Meeting 6:30 p.m Social Hour 7:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker Brenda Ibey , Avant Garden garden shop
Speaking on “Birding 101-bird feeders and seeds what we need to know for our area”

Trillium Newsletter

If you are wondering why you are not receiving the Trillium Newsletter, hard copies are not being mailed unless you pay a fee. Get it free online at (cut and paste into your browser)
<http://www.gardenontario.org/>

Hokey One—Liners

Q: What do you call a grumpy and short-tempered gardener?

A: A Snap Dragon.

Q: What do you get if you cross a four-leaf clover with poison ivy?

A: A rash of good luck.

Q: Why don't you ever iron a four-leaf clover?

A: You might press your luck.

Q: What insect is musical?

A: A humbug.

Q: What do you call it when worms take over the world?

A: Global Worming.

