



NEWSLETTER PINE RIDGE GARDEN CLUB



"Where Gardeners Come To Bloom"



NESTLETON, ONTARIO

MEMBER OF DISTRICT 17 ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

May/June 2020

President: Norma Haney

Membership: Carolyn Humphrey

TUESDAY MAY 5th

Meeting

CANCELLED

May meeting and Flower Show has been cancelled

**PLANT, BAKE & YARD SALE
CANCELLED**

Tuesday, June 2nd

Meeting

CANCELLED

June Iris Show Cancelled

REMINDER

**KEEP TAKING PHOTOS -
ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED AT
OCTOBER 6TH MEETING**



President's Message

As we keep to ourselves and to our homes during this pandemic, it's the perfect time to enjoy the outdoors while working in our gardens. At this time of the year there can be many gardening jobs to keep us busy. Addressing them now is wise so in the weeks ahead your beds will be ready for planting. Dig out those gardening books. You can pass away the hours looking at gorgeous pictures and dreaming of future additions/plans to your gardens.

If you need a break from gardening, then walking is the next best way to keep our bones and muscles healthy. However, please follow Provincial Health Guidelines if you leave your property. Nature provides us with an abundance of beauty at this time of the year, so be sure to observe your surroundings as you enjoy the outdoors. Just remember to practice social distancing.

Gardening is good for us if we don't over do it. It is especially good for lifting our spirits during these difficult times.

Please keep in touch with your family and friends.

Stay home and stay healthy.

I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Norma



At this time Garden Centres are open. However, suggest you call ahead to check on their practices for serving you

PLANT, BAKE & YARD SALE **CANCELLED**

We regret having to cancel our Plant, Bake & Yard Sale scheduled for May 16th. This is an important annual fundraiser. At this time the board is working on plans to come up with future ways to restore the loss of revenues produced by this successful event.

114th Ontario Horticultural Convention

For updates and More info:
www.gardenontario.org

The Old Gal's Tips

Soil is very workable at this time making it easier lifting perennials that have out-grown their boundaries. However, the larger ones may be somewhat heavy, so be sure to source help with these jobs. Weeding can be more easily accomplished now.

If your gardening is limited to an assortment of containers these are jobs you can tackle now. Containers require a good cleaning before planting them up. Check your hanging baskets—replace coco liners if necessary

Check catalogues for up-to-date planting ideas. The internet has an abundance of information for finding most answers to your gardening questions.

Why not consider planting vegetables this year. Try placing some around your flowers. They are not only good for you but they look good too!

Tips on Growing Peonies

While I am unable to speak to you in person Norma asked me to provide you with some tips on growing peonies in your home gardens.

Buy good quality roots – Yes you can buy boxed peonies at Walmart or Home Depot, or potted ones at garden centres in the Spring, but you will get better results and stronger plants if you buy good quality roots in the fall from a peony nursery You can find a list of peony vendors on the Canadian Peony Society's website under vendors at peony.ca

Plant them at the right time - The best time for planting peonies is in September when the roots have gone dormant in preparation for winter. The soil is still warm enough in September to allow the newly planted roots to develop the fine hair-like roots which will feed the plant in late fall in preparation for blooming in the spring.

Planting them correctly – Plant your peony roots as soon as possible after purchasing them in the fall. If they appear to be dry, soak them in water for a few hours to rehydrate them. Dig a wide and relatively shallow hole and place the root in the centre of the hole with most of the eyes – the white, pink or red growing tips – pointing upwards. If there are a few pointing sideways, don't be concerned. Cover the roots and the eyes with soil making sure that there is only 2 inches of soil covering the eyes. Happy peony growing.

Ingrid Janssen, Master Gardener

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