



NEWSLETTER PINE RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

"Where Gardeners Come To Bloom"



NESTLETON, ONTARIO
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July—August, 2020

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

General Meeting

TUESDAY, July 7th, 2020

CANCELLED

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2020

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I hope you are all coping with social distancing and remembering to wear a mask when social distancing is difficult. This year gardening has been a whole new experience. Some garden centres sold out early while others were late getting product as growers were uncertain how the buying public would respond during this pandemic. Seed packages sold out early. Garden Centres had to make drastic changes to provide contactless shopping. However, from what I have seen recently, gardens are thriving and gardeners are keeping busy while enjoying the one true passion they seem to thrive on. Now if we could just get Mother Nature to cooperate and send badly needed rain!!

I truly miss our monthly meetings and the chance to meet and speak with you. I also miss our speakers with their knowledgeable presentations and gardening tips.

At this time it is difficult to know for certain when we will be able to resume regular monthly meetings while providing a safe environment. Hopefully, this won't be much longer.

Keep gardening—it helps keep us physically fit and raises our spirits. However, be sure to stay within your physical capabilities.

Norma



REMINDER

KEEP TAKING PHOTOS
ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED

AT THE
OCTOBER 6TH MEETING

Remember:

*Life is good when you
play in the dirt!*



OUT AND ABOUT

Pine Ridge Garden Club Website
pineridgegardenclub.com

When looking for something to do on a beautiful summer day, why not visit the **Oshawa Botanical Gardens** located on Arena Street, Oshawa. The daylily display will be at peak in July. The gardens also include an abundance of gorgeous perennials and annuals during these months. Enjoy the scenic walkways while experiencing the beautiful gardens. Many mature trees along the walkways provide much needed shade on hot summer days. Parking is free. Staying in the same general area, you may wish to visit **Cullen Central Park Garden** at the Ajax Waterfront Park. There is also **Cullen Central Park Garden, 4015 Cochrane Street.**

For those looking for a day trip, there are many beautiful gardens within a short drive. You might take a trip to the Toronto Botanical Gardens. There is a charge to park but there is so much to see.

LOCAL FARMERS AND FRESH MARKET FARMS

Please visit the website below for a complete list of all local farmers markets and farm markets offering an abundance of fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, cheeses, etc.

During this time we should support our local farmers and businesses.

We all benefit!
www.durham.ca

I'm running an Instagram account for the club and was wondering if you had a photo or two you would like to share. It can be of your garden, a potted plant/container, your pet in the garden, or a particularly attractive mushroom. Remember the photos will be online, so if you or a loved one are in the photo you will be on the Internet. That being said - I think I have about 6 followers - all my family members. Photos taken with your phone's camera work best. Just email your entry to the club's email address:

pineridgegardeners@gmail.com.

Thanks—Rita, Webmaster

Gardening Tips

Timing a transplant—late August is a good time to start thinking of transplanting perennials. Cooler temperatures and rainfall are more consistent at this time. This helps to reduce transplant shock and provides amiable conditions providing sufficient time for the plants to settle in. Be sure to loosen up the soil before planting and add compost to the area. Water well at the time of planting. At this time of the year many garden centres usually offer some good deals. So be sure to visit some of the great garden centres in our area, especially those offering our members a discount on purchases. David Petrie recommends not cultivating too deeply around your plants, especially during dryer periods. This helps to maintain moisture in the soil and prevents disturbing surrounding plant roots.