



NEWSLETTER PINE RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

"Where Gardeners Come To Bloom"



NESTLETON, ONTARIO
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July 2021

No Virtual General Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021

Virtual General Meeting 7:30 pm

Speaker: Micol Marotti

Title: *Flower Food—how to grow and cook with edible flowers*

September Competition

Dish Garden

Title "Desert Scape"

Minimum of 3 different varieties of succulents including cactus growing in a shallow, open container, maximum width 16 inches.
Accessories permitted.

Lots of information on the internet and OJES.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hopefully you have finally completed planting up the annuals in your gardens and containers. Remember to keep them well watered during the hotter days of summer. Heat and winds dry your baskets and containers out quickly. Check them daily.

Volunteers came out to work in the Museum gardens twice in June. After a long hiatus our volunteers spent the first day completing a major clean up. On our second visit we planted annuals in the Lee House Gardens and some new herbs in the Herb Garden. Thanks to the volunteers who generously donated their time and energies.

Our Virtual 2021 Plant Sale was an outstanding success. It had its challenges, however, we learned so much as we went along. The overall acceptance was wonderful. Thanks to all those who contributed to help make this a resounding success. My sincere thanks to those volunteers who worked so hard and continued to smile!!

Sincerely, Norma

OUT AND ABOUT?

SNAP SOME PHOTOS!



Now that the world is opening up a bit more, remember to take your camera when you are out in nature and snap some pictures for the annual photo competition.

Information about how to enter (emailing or dropping off printed photos) will be included in the September/October newsletter.

Full rules are available on our website: PineRidgeGardenClub.com and click "Photographic Competitions" at the top.

Categories are:

- Class 1 "Glimpse of Spring" (scene)
- Class 2 "Bursting Forth" (early Spring garden)
- Class 3 "Profusion" (multiple blooms, 1 cultivar)
- Class 4 "Elegant" (close up of a single bloom)
- Class 5 "Contained Beauty" (window box/planter)
- Class 6 "A Place to Ponder" (garden scene including architecture/art)
- Class 7 "Autumn's Beauty" (Fall scene)
- Class 8 "Winter's Magic" (Winter landscape)

2021 Bursary Recipient

Pine Ridge Garden Club offers a \$500 bursary to a Port Perry High School student who is pursuing further studies in Horticultural or Environmental Studies.

This year's recipient is Patrick Mills, who is attending Trent University for its Honours Science Program this fall. Patrick is focusing on water and how it affects our environment, as well as the foundational efforts that are needed to conserve our freshwater and aquatic ecosystems.

Congratulations Patrick!

Gardening Tips

The spent blooms on peonies should be removed and the foliage can be trimmed back a little so that it can stand up.

Take the time to remove spent lilac flowers to get more blooms next year.

July is the time to prune your evergreens.

If you cut back early bloomers such as delphinium, daisies and campanula by 1/2 to 1/3 now, you'll get new growth and possibly a second flowering.

Remember to fertilize your containers of annuals every 10 days to 2 weeks.

But, most perennials don't need to be fertilized at this time of year.

Delphiniums are an exception; feed them after their first bloom is finished.

Growing tomatoes? Mark Cullen says you can double your crop if you stake them. That's some 'food for thought!'

Garden Laughs

If April showers bring May flowers,
what do May flowers bring?
Pilgrims.

What gets bigger the more you take away?
A hole.

Why did the tomato turn red?
Because it saw the salad dressing.

What kind of tree can fit into your hand?
A palm tree!

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