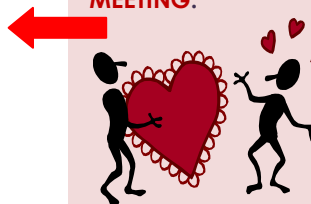


FEBRUARY NEWS LETTER



THANK YOU KURT CRIST FOR YOUR WONDERFUL TALK AT THE JANUARY MEETING.



Buy Your Tickets to hear Paul Zammit at the County Garden Show \$15

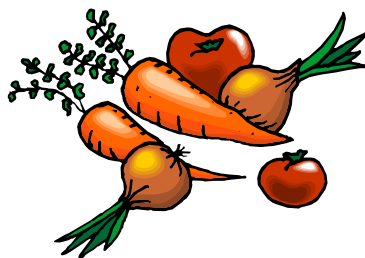
February presentation is going to be made by Walter McGee **“A History of Vegetables from Asparagus to Zucchini”** Walter is a vibrant speaker who will inspire us with his knowledge about all our favourite vegetables. Did you know the original carrots were actually purple?

We are hoping Court Noxon will get well soon and will be able to speak at the April Meeting.



This cement birdhouse raised \$48 Dollars for the Society!

MINI SHOW – Please take some time to prepare for the mini show. Gwen is working hard to increase participation in this fun show. Looking forward to some creative arrangements.



Angela Won
 The January
 Draw for a Bird
 House donated
 by Kurt



PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOOKS TO OUR LIBRARY CARAVAN!!

GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 27, 2013 @ 7:30 p.m.

Fire Hall 2nd floor (Corner of King & Ross Street) wheel chair accessible

“History of Vegetables from Asparagus to Zucchini”

By Walter McGee

MINI SHOW

An Arrangement of any Number of Your

Favourite Vegetables

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership consists of local gardeners from beginners to accredited Master Gardeners. We all have one thing in common and that is our love of gardening. We are 100 members strong and growing, one of the oldest horticultural groups in Ontario.

How to become a Member! Becoming a member is as easy as dropping in for a visit at one of our meetings. Our membership table is always set up. Come as a visitor and see for yourself what we have to offer. Then just stop by the membership table to get your membership card.

Membership Fee \$15.00/year per person or \$25 for a family.

Benefits

- Monthly meetings with guest speakers
- Access to our gardening library
- Direct access to Master Gardeners to answer your gardening questions
- Socializing with like-minded people
- Special events and off-site tours
- Coffee, tea and snacks at each meeting
- Nursery and Greenhouse Garden Discounts

Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie. Jim Davis

**HOW TO GROW
A WILD FLOWER MEADOW**

In a category of its own, creating a wildflower meadow takes perseverance. It's a good idea to try a meadow on a small scale the first time. You don't necessarily need a large area for a wild flower meadow. It can be a small area tucked into your backyard or side yard that receives plenty of sunlight. A meadow provides open spaces that will attract birds and small animals for viewing during all times of the year.

These areas provide pools of color which are excellent contrasts to green grass, as well as contrasts to formal flower beds. Your meadow should look natural. Depending on the size, you may want to include walking paths through your meadow so you and others can get closer.

A wildflower meadow between a well-kept lawn and a wooded area provides a buffer between a formal area and a natural one. And, they are also good at the edge of water.

First, you need to choose a place for your wildflower meadow. If you're planting an entire field of several acres, the decision is easy. If you're putting in a smaller area, there are several things to consider. Choose a sunny spot for wildflowers – the sunnier the better. The only other absolute requirement is good drainage. This means a place where water doesn't stand after a rain. Finally, try to make it a spot you can "control" – where you can easily water, if necessary, to get the plants established.

Seed can be purchased from a number of suppliers, including your local nursery. It is important to plant wildflowers native to your area of the country. That's why regional mixes are available. Or, you can select each species and create your own mix. Wildflowers can deliver low-maintenance advantages in time, but only if they are established correctly and modeled after surrounding natural plant communities.

**'Lug Your Mug'
for refreshments
supplied at the
meeting! Thanks**



Do not expect instant beauty with no work or maintenance. Remember, it has taken Mother Nature thousands of years and billions of seeds to produce her seasonal displays.

Wildflower seed is best sown about one week before vegetable gardens are planted in your area. In cold climates, with killing frost, spring planting is most common – after all danger of frost is past. You may also plant in summer (up until two months before frost), but summer planting will usually require more watering. The most important thing to remember is that it's usually best to plant at a time of year in your area when the soil is warm and rains will promote germination.

Prepare your soil by hand or by rototilling. Till only as deep as necessary to remove old roots. If you feel that tilling is not sufficient to remove unwanted grass and weeds from your planned meadow area. Tilling is followed by repeated cultivation throughout the period. This provides the opportunity to eliminate the early germinating annual weeds.

A wildflower meadow is not maintenance-free, but it is less labor intensive than a lawn and it costs less to maintain. During the first few years you will want to control any aggressive weeds that threaten to take over. But, gradually you will work yourself out of doing much weeding. There is really nothing left to do but to enjoy the flowers. You'll see more birds, butterflies, and small animals in your wildflower meadow as it matures. You truly will have a "window on nature" on

Members of the Board

Board Members are listed on our website at www.pechorticulture.org

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Master Gardener Group

Kathleen Bazkur
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What's Happening

Ameliasburgh Garden Club
Meets on the last Monday of each month except July and Dec. at 13 Coleman Street in Ameliasburgh

**Peterborough Garden Show is at the Evinrude Centre
911 Monaghan Rd.**

Fri, April 12, 5 pm to 9 pm
Sat April 13, 10 am – 6 pm
Sun April 13, 10 am – 6 pm
\$6.00 admission per person

Oshawa Garden Club

AGM and Flower Show
April 20 Lviv Hall, 38 Lviv Blvd.,
Oshawa

17th Annual Canada Blooms

March 15-24th
www.canadablooms.com
Seniors \$14 & Adults \$17

SEEDY SATURDAY @

St. Andrews Church, King St.
SAT. FEB. 23, 2013 FROM 10 am to 3 pm



JANUARY MINI SHOW

WINNERS

- 1ST MARY JENKINS
- 2ND KIM KATANIK-KURIS
- 3RD GWEN REILLY

Congratulations!

PLEASE RESPECT OUR SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE BY TURNING OFF YOUR PHONES AND PUTTING THEM AWAY DURING THE MEETING. THANKS