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To get the best results you must talk to your vegetables.

--Prince Charles

Quoted in *The Observer*

(September 1986)

SPEAKER TONIGHT

Jim Lounsbury on Little known Garden Gems.

GARDEN TOUR 2016

What a wonderful day to take in the tour: sunny, hot without humidity made for a pleasant outing. The Executive Committee thanks all members, hosts and volunteers for their assistance, as well as everyone who supported us by purchasing tickets; 143 were sold.

The Wallace House Garden looked amazing, thanks to the dedicated volunteers who helped clean and prepare it to greet visitors on their first stop.

**The search is on once again for gardens to shine in next year's Tour. If you would like to showcase your own garden, or have a friend, neighbour or relative in Woodbridge who would be interested, please contact Sue, John, Mary or Joan. It's a wonderful

way to share ideas and inspire fellow gardeners. Please remind them that the hosts will receive one complimentary year's membership to WHS.

JUNE BEST IN SHOW

Cultural Class:

John Mazzella

Design Class:

Mary Cicchirillo

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT 2016 Raffle Winners

Sylvia Gruber, Bea Parkes, Janis Apted, Annett Blementhal, Enza Lucivero, Stephen Watson, Angela Gaudio
T-Shirt: Brenda Hill

Arrangements made by:
Rosa Cella, Mary Cicchirillo, Maria Durigon, Debbie Estey, Liz Langenberger and John Mazzella.

FLEXING GARDENING MUSCLES

Stake and tie tomatoes as they grow.

Prune evergreens, especially cedars.

Deadhead peonies down to an attractive, neat green bush.

Same is true for lilacs; you will get more blooms next year if you remove spent flowers.

Do not fertilize the lawn during this drought, unless it receives a great rainfall. Grass may look dead, but it is dormant, and will rebound nicely when it receives a good soaking of natural precipitation.

To encourage more flowering, feed container-grown plants with a fertilizer boasting a higher middle number. Clean hummingbird feeders and replenish with fresh sugar water as needed. Keep in mind you can double up a batch (1 part sugar to 4 parts water) and keep refrigerated for 2-3 weeks.

Take in other garden tours for more inspiration!

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for marking your calendars to tidy up Armstrong Park from 10 to noon—rain or shine—September 17th and October 22nd. See you then ☺

YEARBOOK PHOTO CONTEST

Clematis never looked better. Take pictures of your favourite, or a new and exciting one you've never seen before—it doesn't have to be your



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own. You may submit two (2) pictures to Debbie Estey or Sue Fava at the September or October meetings. Please write your name on the back of 4x6 photos.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY??

Not for me! However, you will recall back at our November dinner, one of the crafts demonstrated by the speaker was a Lamb's Ear tree. I did make one that week, but in late fall, the garden looked pretty sad; not many quality leaves to choose from. This soft perennial is very healthy and plentiful during the summer months, so make some now to give away as special and unique Christmas gifts in December.

You'll need a Styrofoam cone; a green cone is best for hiding imperfections. Starting from the bottom, glue-gun larger leaves, over-

lapping in concentric circles. Use slightly smaller leaves as you work your way to the top of the cone. Be generous, as the leaves shrink and curl upon drying. I poked a small hole on the top and glued the tiniest set of leaves to give it a realistic 'evergreen' look. When finished, gently smooth down with both hands. It will fade to an attractive shade of dusty green as it dries. Decorate if you wish, or leave as is for a natural look that will work in any decor.

IN MEMEMORIUM

WHS is saddened by the death of Gerald Livingstone, husband of Lois, long time member of WHS. Their landmark cattle farm and surrounding grounds in Woodbridge were featured at the 2015 Garden Tour.

POSITION OPEN

Sue Fava, our current president, is stepping down. Utilize transferable skills and gain new ones by filling this very important position, without which the WHS will cease to exist. Any interested

parties please speak with Sue or anyone on the Executive.

A President's role includes the following: Prepare agenda for monthly meetings, prepare agenda for executive meetings, communicate with convenors regarding agenda items, attend OHA district 15 meetings (not mandatory), read correspondence from OHA and communicate anything applicable to our society, distribute information about the AGM and submit registration, ensure that OHA bills are paid.

PLEASE NOTE
THERE WILL NOT
BE A MEETING IN
AUGUST.

See you at the
September meeting.
Topic: Low
Maintenance
Gardening with Ellen
Novack.

If you have a newsletter submission, please call Mary no later than one week before the next meeting, at 905-856-6907 or email mcicchi@sympatico.ca