



Woodbridge Horticultural Society Newsletter



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"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

--Elizabeth Andrew

WHS PRESIDENT'S POSITION OPEN

Sue Fava, our current president, is stepping down. Utilize transferable skills and gain new ones by filling this very important post, without which the WHS will cease to exist. For more information, interested parties may speak with Sue or anyone on the Executive committee, whom are very willing and eager to help with this transition, as we continue to beautify Woodbridge. The President's role includes the following:

- Prepare agenda for meetings
- Attend OHA meetings; this is not mandatory
- Read correspondence from OHA and respond to anything applicable to our society
- Communicate with convenors within the society



SPEAKER TONIGHT

Dan Cooper on
Low Maintenance Gardening.

THANK YOU ☺

A hearty thank you to Mary, John, Enza, Joan and Susan P. for helping to weed the garden surrounding the Wallace House. As you know, weeds pop up almost as soon as they are pulled up. It seems like a losing battle, but it is very important to keep them under control. The WHS is responsible for its maintenance so it looks presentable to people walking by. Let's be proud of taking care of it-volunteer your time to help, either as a group or on your own time. Bags and city issued gloves are in the bin on the back of the porch.

VOLUNTEER
all that's missing is U!

THANKS to all who gave of their time to clean/weed Armstrong Park September 17. See you for the final clean-up of the year, October 22, 10 a.m.-12:00, rain or shine!

BEST IN SHOW FOR JULY

For Cultural Class, 'garden favourite'-Rose Carinci.

For Design Class, 'Exuberance'-Mary Cicchirillo.

FLEXING GARDENING MUSCLES

Harvest and enjoy the fruits of your labour that survived this very hot, dry summer.

Prune summer blooming shrubs, yews and cedars. Divide and transplant (and share) perennials. Sow grass seed and fertilize. Cooler evening temperatures and morning dew provide perfect conditions for seedlings to take root. Tidy up garden, but leave seed heads for birds and beneficial insects to feed on.

As long as they are not diseased, add spent plants to compost bin. There's plenty of room in flower and vegetable plots to allow for digging out weeds completely, but for hard to reach surfaces and between interlock bricks, rock gardens and more, invest in a Mini Dragon Propane Torch kit, available at Lee



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Valley. Burning weeds helps to retard root growth, leading to their eventual death. It's chemical free, and makes a tedious task fun.

NEAT THINGS ABOUT MOSS

Moss has a calming effect and adds a sense of 'age' to a garden. To grow your own, start with natural moss, then ensure that it has an acidic base to grow on by treating it with yoghurt, buttermilk or even urine! Gently puree some moss with one of the above and 'paint' it on the surface you want the moss to grow on. It needs lots of moisture to flourish, so choose where you want it carefully. Moss will grow on soil, wood or certain types of coarse concrete and rocks.

WORTH A TRY

And it really works!
Out of rooting hormone?
Raw honey is a great natural root stimulator. It's organic, anti-bacterial and contains enzymes that encourage root growth. Shave stem or branch with a knife in the same

manner as you would a vegetable peeler. This 'wounding' allows for a greater surface area for roots to develop. Dip in honey, or for a larger cutting, spread along the entire surface to be inserted into soil. Water thoroughly, keeping moist for at least two weeks until firmly established.

FARMERS' MARKET

Take in the Woodbridge Farmers' Market at the Woodbridge Pool & Memorial Arena parking lot, located at the northwest corner of Hwy. 7/Islington. It's on every Saturday from 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m, till October 8. More than produce, you can also pick up honey, sausages, eggs, grass fed beef and baked goods. Pick up a brochure tonight and keep handy so you don't miss any of the exciting offerings. For more info:

www.woodbridgevillagefarmersmarket.com

YEARBOOK PHOTO CONTEST

Don't forget to submit two (2) of your favourite pictures of clematis to Debbie no later than the

October meeting. Please write your name on the back of 4x6 photos.

WOODBRIDGE FALL FAIR

The Woodbridge Agricultural Society welcomes you to celebrate the 169th annual Fall Fair, Thanksgiving Weekend, October 8th, 9th and 10th. The fair's theme this year is 'WAGON WHEELS AND FERRIS WHEELS'. For information visit woodbridgefair.com

IN MEMORIUM

We are saddened by the sudden loss of Gerald Livingston, husband of long-time member Lois. Their amazing landmark century farm was featured on the Garden Tour last year. Also sorely missed is Mary Jane Marley, who passed unexpectedly. Her great smile is missed.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please call Mary no later than one week before the next meeting, at 905-856-6907 or email at mcicchi@sympatico.ca