



Woodbridge Horticultural Society Newsletter



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Don't wear perfume in the garden—unless you want to be pollinated.
--Anne Raver (1949)

SPEAKER TONIGHT
Justine Cordeiro on
One Pot, Four Seasons.

FYI
Bring On Spring-
A Community Gardening
Fair. Saturday, May 30,
At the Woodbridge
Fairgrounds, 11:00 a.m.-
5:00 p.m.
For more info visit
bringonspringfair.com
Annual Delphinium
Festival Saturday July 4.
Sunday July 5 features
Toronto Star columnist
Sonia Day, reading from
her new book *Deer Eyes*.
For more info visit:
<http://www.plantparadise.ca/events.html> or call 905-880-9090
Looking for a rain barrel?
Prices start from \$50.00.
Easy installation, save
money on watering your
garden and rinsing off
gardening tools-great for
the environment. For
more information, check
out:
www.rainbarrel.ca/yorkregion

Email
info@windfall.centre.ca or
call 1-866-280-4431 x167

FLEXING GARDENING MUSCLES

Cut down July bearing
berry canes to 8 inches.
Dig out unwanted canes
that have spread where you
don't want them.
Snap off spent tulip and
daffodil blooms, but leave
foliage to replenish bulbs
for next year's bloom.
Prepare soil before
planting vegetables; add
compost and work in well.
Add the slightly crushed
shell of 1 egg per tomato
plant to prevent blossom
end rot.
Water well, but let dry on
surface between watering.
A once a month good soak
will suffice-this includes a
heavy rainfall.
Plant Brussel Sprouts, a
cold weather crop that can
be harvested well into
December. Pick from the
bottom up. They enjoy a
heavy clay soil enriched
with some manure or
compost. Plant where they
receive some afternoon
shade, as they will not
thrive in a hot sunny
location. This versatile
vegetable can be steamed,
roasted, sautéed or boiled,

just don't over-cook or
they will turn mushy, grey
and smell like rotten eggs,
the reason many do not
enjoy these delicious and
nutritious little cabbages.

WORTH A TRY
and worth repeating-Stop
snails and slugs from
dining on your hostas by
watering surrounding soil
with a mixture of one part
ammonia to ten parts
water. This treatment kills
existing eggs and larvae.
Follow up by mulching
with pine needles, ground
egg shells or wood ash.
This provides a dry, gritty
barrier that slugs and snails
do not like to cross, and if
they do, they will die.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you John Mazzella,
Mary Cicchirillo, Sally and
Chris Andrews for giving
of their time in the initial
spring clean-up at the
Wallace House garden.



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Armstrong Park

Thanks to all who volunteered in the May 23rd spring clean-up of Armstrong Park. Please mark your calendars for future cleanings – Sept. 12th, and October 3rd. 10:00-12:00 noon, rain or shine! Any help is greatly appreciated.



ABOUT TIME ☺

After nine (9) years of nothing but foliage, my wisteria finally bloomed! Was it the ice storm, extreme cold, the attack of Japanese beetles, any or all the suggested rough treatment, or the final threat of lopping off its head? Who knows, but what a happy and welcome surprise after giving up hope!

NEAT THINGS ABOUT COMPOSTING

Even if you consider yourself a lazy gardener, you have no excuse! All you need to do is collect kitchen scraps while preparing meals-leftover

vegetable and fruit peels, egg shells, coffee grounds, including filters and tea bags. Make sure there is sufficient soil and brown material. Keep moist and let earthworms do all the work for you. For complete details see pages 32-33 of the yearbook.

SUBMISSIONS

If you have a newsletter submission, please call or email Mary no later than one week before the next meeting.

Winners of last month's flower show:

BEST IN SHOW

Cultural Class
Design Class

John Mazzella
Debbie Estey