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No winter lasts
forever, no spring skips
its turn.

Hal Borland

SPEAKER TONIGHT

Caroline DeVries,
On Bulbs.

Gladiolas, dahlias and
crocosmia should be
planted in the spring to
bloom in the summer. All
three bulbs must be lifted
in the fall and stored in a
cool dry place as they will
not survive winter.

FYI

In honor of Canada's 150th
Anniversary Lee Valley
stores across Canada
would like to give back to
the communities. Lee
Valley Vaughan will be
joining us at our May 29th
meeting, where we will be
participating in workshops
to build bird, butterfly and
bee houses. There is no
cost to participants, only
an investment of time to
help our winged friends.

Fill watering cans with tap
water and let sit overnight
for the chlorine to
dissipate-your plants will
be happier.

Tonight we will be
collecting names and fees
for the following:
Field Trip to Toronto
Botanical Gardens, Sat,
June 3rd 10am – 11:00 am
general admission
\$10.00, seniors \$5.
Please place your order
tonight for the special
clematis as our fundraiser.

PLANT SALE

Kleinburg Old Boys' Plant
Sale, BBQ & Bake Sale
will be held on Saturday
May 13, 9am - 1pm, at the
Kline House (north-west
corner of Islington Avenue
and Nashville Road)
If you are dividing
perennials, your plants
would be a welcome
donation early Saturday
morning.
All proceeds go to the
Kleinburg Old Boys in
support of the
Kleinburg/Nashville
Historical Collection at the
Kline House - open
weekends from Victoria
Day weekend through
Thanksgiving.



NEAT THINGS ABOUT SWEET PEAS

Sweet Peas, *Lathyrus
Odoratus*, are the birth
flower of those born in
April. They are native to
Sicily and the Aegean
Islands. *Lathyrus* is Latin
for pea or pulse, and
odoratus means 'fragrant
or perfumed', though not
all varieties are scented. A
lovely, climbing plant,
they need some support so
tendrils can latch on as
they can grow up to 6 feet.
For quicker germination
soak seeds 24 hours –
they'll sprout in 7-15 days.
It is a large seed, so you
may want to give them a
head start indoors.
Plant in full sun, though
they do quite well in
morning sun. They like a
rich, loamy soil. No need
to fertilize if planted with
manure and compost.
They like cooler
temperatures and tend to
fade quickly when
temperatures soar. For
longer lasting cut flowers,
harvest regularly when the



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lowest bud is just about to open. This form of 'dead-heading' also encourages more blooms, instead of setting seed. Choose annual over the perennial (*Lathyrus latifolius*). Its flowers are not as showy and can become invasive, therefore most prefer the annual to avoid this problem.

FLEXING GARDENING MUSCLES

When it's dry enough to walk on without leaving footprints, rake grass gently to remove debris, coaxing grass blades to stand upright. Apply spring fertilizer.

Sow seeds that love cooler weather to soil directly from package-peas,

carrots, radishes, lettuce, beets, and onions.

To really get your gardening muscles going, please consider helping out at the Wallace House garden and Armstrong Park.

Set up rain barrels; you'll be happy with your 'free' water in case we're in for another hot, dry summer.

your calendars for clean-up dates scheduled for Saturday, September 16 and Saturday, October 14, from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. rain or shine.

WALLACE HOUSE

Thank you to members who signed up for the initial clean-up. You will be notified of the date and time as soon as weather is favourable.

THANKS!

To Sally, Chris, Mace, Liz and Gail for decorating the bridge on Woodbridge Avenue, the Big Cannoli and Wallace House for Easter.



ARMSTRONG PARK

Many thanks to volunteers who helped clean up Armstrong Park Saturday, April 22. Please mark

WINNERS OF LAST MONTH'S PHOTO CONTEST:

Section 1: Spring Scene:	Maria D., John M., Nadina S.
Section 2: Fall Scene:	Mary C., Helen P., John M.
Section 3: Winter scene:	Nadina S., Jack P., John M.
Section 4: Wild Life:	Nadina S., Grace M., Jack P.
Section 5: Colour Explosion:	Helen P., Maria D., John M.
Section 6: Close-Up:	Maria D., Sue F., Robert S.
Best in Show:	Helen Peacock for Colour Explosion

SUBMISSIONS

If you have anything you'd like added to the newsletter, please call or email Mary no later than one week before the next meeting.