



Woodbridge Horticultural Society Newsletter



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When I'm in Canada,
I feel this is what
the world should be
like.

--Jane Fonda,
actress



CANADA 150
1867-2017

I believe the world
needs more Canada.

--Bono,
Musician

TEA PARTY

Monday, July 17 to
Celebrate Canada's
150th Birthday!
Join in the fun by
entering a red and white
Design and bring your
favourite tea cup.

WINNER!

Bunchberry (*Cornus
Canadensis*) is Canada's
new national flower!
80% of us voted for this
perfect choice as it has
Canada right in its name
and it changes with the
seasons. With its showy
white flowers in late
spring and summer, red
berries and great fall
colour, it forms a low,
carpet-like mat of
leaves, up to four inches
tall, and thrives in moist
and shady locations.

Once pollinated, it
produces edible fruit, a
food source for black
bears, small mammals,
as well as many
migratory birds.

Bunchberry is also a
winter forage plant for
deer, moose, caribou
and elk.

The Master Gardeners
of Canada, who
launched this contest in
the Toronto Star, will
submit an online petition
to Parliament to have the
winner declared
Canada's official
National Flower.



BEST IN SHOW FOR JUNE

Cultural Class-Linda
Cappucci for her
stunning Delphinium.
Design Class-Mary
Cicchirillo for 'A Toast
to Dad'.

GARDEN TOUR 2017

The weather was just
perfect for the Garden
Tour; sunny, not too hot
and no rain! The
Executive and Garden
Tour committee would
like to thank all

members, hosts and
volunteers for their
assistance, as well as
everyone who supported
us by purchasing tickets;
101 tickets were sold.
The Wallace House
Garden looked amazing,
thanks to the City for
putting down mulch
early in the season,
which helped our
dedicated volunteers
with less weeding.

*If you would like to
showcase your own
garden, or have a friend,
neighbour or relative in
Woodbridge who would
be interested in taking
part of the 2018 Garden
Tour, please contact
Mary, John or Joan.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

2016 Raffle Winners

Josie Ruschetta, Rose
Whittam, Doug White,
Norma Hodgkiss, Julie
Arbanas, Debbie Estey.
Arrangements made by
Debbie Estey, Mary
Cicchirillo, Penny
Willis, John Mazzella,
Liz Langenberger

FLEXING GARDENING MUSCLES

Tie and stake tomato
plants as they grow to
yield a bigger crop.



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Prune evergreens, especially cedars. Remove spent flowers from peonies, lilacs and other spring flowering plants.

After a good rain, fertilize lawn with a summer fertilizer. Feed container grown plants regularly, all summer long, with a 20/20/20 fertilizer.

AMARYLLIS

Last call to place your order for Amaryllis bulbs. Please see Nadina tonight.

NEAT THINGS ABOUT COIR

(Ko-yer) is a natural fibre extracted from the husks of coconut. Coir is the fibrous material found between the hard, internal shell and the outer coat of a coconut. It is used in products such as floor mats, doormats, brushes and mattresses. It is also used in upholstery padding, sacking, baskets, twine, carpets, sandals, and horticulture. White coir, harvested from unripe coconuts, is used for making finer brushes, string, rope and fishing nets. A readily renewable resource, it is

a good additive to garden and houseplant soil. Combine one part coir to six parts garden soil-it will help keep plants hydrated on those hot summer days. It contains potassium, along with a handful of other nutrients, and is slower to break down than peat moss, helping with drainage. Throw a little into your fire pit-the smoke will repel mosquitoes. It is also said to be pythium resistant. Pythium is a plant parasite, formerly classified as a fungus that causes root rot and damping off disease. Coir is an important product in the world from which it comes. It provides employment for vast numbers of people.

YEARBOOK PHOTO CONTEST

Cameras are clicking-Clematis never looked better. Take pictures of your favourite, or a new and exciting one you've never seen before-doesn't have to be your own. You may submit two (2) pictures to Debbie Estey or Sue Fava at the September or October meetings. Winner will be

announced at the November Bash. Please write your name on the back of 4x6 photos.

***PLEASE
NOTE*
THERE
WILL NOT
BE A
MEETING
IN AUGUST.
See you at the
September
18th meeting
where
Dan Short
will present
Emerging
Trends in
Gardening.**

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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