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There are several ways to lay out a little garden; the best way is to get a gardener.

--Marel Capek, *The Gardner's Year*, Translated by M. AND R. Weatherall (1931)

SPEAKER

Christine Gilhuly,

On Lazy Gardening

GARDEN TOUR

What a great day for the Garden Tour! Perfect weather; sunny, just enough heat, and thanks to summer weather arriving two weeks late, the peonies were in full bloom everywhere. The Executive would like to thank all members, hosts and volunteers for their assistance, as well as everyone who supported us by purchasing tickets.

*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 2020 Garden Tour, please contact John, Mary, Maria or Joan.

2019 FLORAL RAFFLE WINNERS

Teresa Carlesi, Cathy Sinno, Sally Andrews, Linda Cappucci, Madeleine Petrucelli and Vinnie Krieger

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

BEST IN SHOW FOR JUNE

Gilda Ferrone for her perennial

Doreen Smith for Design Class

FLEXING GARDENING MUSCLES

Prune cedars, perfect time to do it. Prune spent flowers; deadhead peonies and other perennials. Removing spent lilacs will ensure a more prolific bloom next year. Deadhead roses, cutting just above a set of five leaves. Fertilize lawn, especially after a good rain, as it will help it cope through the droughts of late July and August. Continue to sow lettuce and radish seeds at two week intervals for delicious, fresh salads all summer. Snip and freeze herbs while they are at their peak.

Pluck Japanese beetles off plants and drop into a bucket of soapy water to smother them.

Stay one step ahead of weeds!

Take in Garlic Festivals: thegrower.org/news/ontario-garlic-festivals



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YEARBOOK PHOTO CONTEST

Don't forget to take pictures of your favourite clematis. You may enter two (2) at the September meeting. Please write your name on the back of 4 x 6 prints and submit to Debbie Estey. The winner will be announced at our November Bash.

NEAT THINGS ABOUT THE MOON

Have you ever wondered why you're successful some years with your vegetable or flower planting, and other times failed miserably? Maybe planting with moon phases is the answer. It has been a method of gardening practiced by humans since ancient time. They knew when to plant and when to harvest by watching the lunar phases.

Once you investigate moon gardening you may be a convert. This can go hand in hand with organic and companion planting. The moon has a powerful effect on the tides, as well as adversely affecting our behavior. It is believed that the moon affects the earth's vegetation in different ways depending on the phase of the moon at any one time of the month. The moon completes a cycle every 29 and a half days and although there are 8 phases of the moon in each cycle, for gardening purposes, only 4 phases are used: new moon, first quarter, full moon and third quarter.

A new moon is not a good time for planting, but you can begin just after you see the first crescent. During this phase, the lunar gravity pulls water up causing the seeds to swell and burst. There is a surge of energy through the plants and the sap begins to rise through the stems. These factors, along with the increasing moonlight, create balanced root and leaf growth. The first quarter is the best time for planting above ground annual crops that produce their seeds outside the fruit.

If interested in further reading, visit almanac.com or <https://www.gardeningbythemoon.com>.



PLEASE NOTE There will not be meeting in August.

We will resume Monday, September 16. Ursula Eley will be demonstrating Leaf Manipulation.

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.

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