



# Calling all gardeners...

Kanata-March  
Horticultural Society

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## President's Message

Now that spring is just around the corner (or is it? I've heard it said that in Canada there are four seasons: nearly winter, winter, still winter, and road construction), we are all anxious to get outside and get our gardens ready for planting.

Hopefully, many of you will answer the call and bring to our May 21<sup>st</sup> garden sale at All Saints' High School some plants that you have grown by seed. Or, if you haven't, please think about bringing some cuttings or divisions from your perennials.

Imagine if you were driving by one spring day and saw a garden plant sale by the roadside. You would want to stop and look if you expected to find a good selection of plants on sale, right? Right. So let's make our plant sale one

which people will be happy to have stopped at, and who will leave with an abundance of plants. We are, after all, THE horticultural society of Kanata and March.

And don't forget to pass along the word that we are selling rain barrels at bargain prices. Tell all your friends and relatives. I believe our treasurer David Sissing may be able to assist you with posters and advertisements. He'll be at our all group meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

The OHA District 2 AGM is just around the corner on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Pakenham. Some of the executive will be there to hang our banner and represent our club. Hopefully some of you have registered as well and that we will see you there. Should be fun.

This month's guest speaker is Lee Boltwood, who will be speaking about "Trees and Shrubs in Kanata". Unfortunately Jane and I will be out of town then, so we won't be there to attend. Karl Siemens has graciously accepted to preside that evening. Thank you, Karl.

Happy Gardening!

*Gerald Bouchard  
President*



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## April 5th Meeting—Planting Trees and Shrubs in Kanata

Master Gardener Lee Boltwood will join us to talk about trees and shrubs that we should plant to suit the soil and weather conditions in our area. She will talk about hardy, resilient, draught and moisture resistant specimens and will recommend low mainte-

nance and multi-purpose shrubs and trees that generally look good. A very beneficial meeting for those who are considering adding new trees or shrubs to their landscape this year.

The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m., at the Old

Town Hall, 821 March Rd (entrance on Klondike Rd).

As always, we welcome guests for a \$5 admittance fee, which can be applied toward an annual KMHS membership (\$15 individual or \$25 family).

## KMHS Announcements



### KMHS Program Co-ordinator Needed!

We are still in need of a volunteer to step up to the critical position of Program Co-ordinator. Our programs are planned a year in advance, so the new co-ordinator would be responsible for booking speakers for the 2012 program.

If you are interested, please see Gerald Bouchard, President or if

you have questions, past program co-ordinator Elizabeth Stokely would be happy to answer them.

### Peterborough Garden Show Trip Cancelled

Due to lack of sufficient interest from our members, we have cancelled the bus trip to the Peterborough Garden Show. If you should still wish to attend on your own, show information can be found at found at : [www.peterboroughgardens.ca](http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca)

**"All through the long winter, I dream of my garden. On the first day of spring, I dig my fingers deep into the soft earth. I can feel its energy, and my spirits soar."**

**- Helen Hayes**

## April Gardening Activities

- Start summer flowering bulbs (dahlias, cannas, etc) indoors
- Apply dormant oil spray to fruit trees and shrubs
- Remove heavily matted leaves from garden beds, shed and use as mulch
- Clean away plant debris from perennial beds
- Watch for lily beetles emerging on warm days. Hand pick and destroy
- Turn over the compost pile and mix in some shredded leaves
- Apply an organic pre-emergence weed killer such as corn-gluten meal to lawns to control crab-grass (when forsythia is in bloom)

## OHA District 2 New England Garden Tour—June 15-20, 2011



"The Breakers"  
Newport, Rhode Island

There are seats remaining for this June's New England Garden Tour. The tour will take attendees to Boston to the WAFIA International Flower Show "The Glorious Earth", to a secret garden tour of five private gardens on historic properties in New-

port, R.I., to two of the famous Newport Mansions (The Breakers and The Elms), and to the Blithewold Mansion, Garden & Arboretum.

Includes round trip transportation by deluxe motor coach, two nights accommodation in Boston

and three nights in Providence, R.I. A deposit of \$250 is required by April 15, 2011.

For more information contact Anne Clark-Stewart at 613-270-8022 or by e-mail at [anne-clark.flowers@yahoo.ca](mailto:anne-clark.flowers@yahoo.ca)



## 2011 Rain Barrel Fundraising Activity

This year, KMHS is partnering with RainBarrel.ca to bring affordable rain barrels to the Kanata and area communities.

The rain barrels are sold on-line at [www.rainbarrel.ca/kanata-gardeners/](http://www.rainbarrel.ca/kanata-gardeners/). There are several colours to choose from for the base models which are available for \$55 each (tax included). Each rain barrel comes with a filter basket, overflow and inter-connectivity outlet, spigot, nipple and 4 feet of overflow hose (12 and 24 foot hose lengths are

available for purchase at an additional charge on the website).

The rain barrels are doubly-environmentally friendly as they are made from large barrels previously containing food grade items, thus reducing landfill waste and re-using strong commercial containers for home use.

Rain barrels are available for sale on-line now, with the last date for on-line purchases on May 10th. Customers will purchase the barrels on-line and bring their receipt (proof of purchase) to pick them

up at our KMHS annual plant sale on Saturday, May 21st, All Saints H.S., 5115 Kanata Avenue, 9 a.m.—2 p.m. It is possible to arrange for an alternate pick up date **after** May 21st for orders that have been pre-paid.

If you have any questions about the rain barrels, drop us a line at [kanatamhs@yahoo.ca](mailto:kanatamhs@yahoo.ca) or contact KMHS Treasurer David Sissing at 613-599-8981.

*Some examples of rain barrels—additional images available online at [www.rainbarrel.ca/Kanata-gardeners](http://www.rainbarrel.ca/Kanata-gardeners)*



## 2011 Photography Competition

When you are out and about enjoying the improving weather and scenery, bring your camera along and keep our photo competition in mind—your fellow members want to see your gardening photos! Here are the classes for 2011:

**Class 1—KMHS Member's Gardens:** Be proud of your gardening and landscaping efforts. A photo of your own garden/landscaping, i.e. front or back yard or baskets, pots and/or ponds

**Class 2—Future Gardeners:** Our children, grandchildren and/or friends children—Any photo which has children (under the age of 12) and a "horticulture element" i.e. gardens/flowers/plants

**Class 3—Sharing the World:** Plants and Animals—A photo which has plants and animals (including birds, fish, insects, mammals, reptiles).

**Class 4—Xeriscape:** A photo of either a garden that needs minimum or no irrigation or a natural dry landscape such as a desert. Photos can include a garden, a landscape or plants such as cactus, succulents, air plants etc.

**Class 5—Water Theme:** A photo of a "water feature" in a garden, park, or natural setting with flowers/plants – i.e. pond, water fall, fountain, etc.

**Class 6—Plants in Far Off Places:** A photo of any plant, garden or natural setting taken on your travel outside of Ontario, preferably outside of Canada—the more exotic, the better. Show us plants that we wouldn't ordinarily see in the Kanata region.

**Class 7—Yearbook Cover:** This is an open category in which you can enter photos with any horticultural theme and which you think will be best to grace the cover of next year's KMHS Yearbook cover.



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## About KMHS

In existence for over forty years, our horticultural society aims to serve the Kanata-March community through horticultural education, local public garden maintenance, opportunities for young gardeners to earn volunteer hours and various special events. In May we hold a Plant Sale where many excellent bargains are available to add new dimensions to Kanata area gardens. We hold monthly meetings in the Old Town Hall, Kanata where guest speakers including local gardening experts share their knowledge. A single membership costs \$15 for the calendar year, \$25 for a family membership.

We are one of the twenty plus societies that make up District 2 of the Ontario Horticultural Association and, through this affiliation, we are grateful to receive grants from OMAFRA and the City of Ottawa. These grants are used for public garden maintenance.

The monthly newsletter is on-line at the end of each month. Content suggestions or items for future editions can be forwarded to Shelley Sissing at [kanatamhs@yahoo.ca](mailto:kanatamhs@yahoo.ca).

## Upcoming gardening events....

### April 8-10th

**Peterborough Garden Show**, Evinrude Centre, Peterborough, [www.peterboroughgardens.ca](http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca)

### April 16th

**OHA District 2 AGM**, Stewart Community Centre, 112 MacFarlane St., Pakenham, [www.gardenontario.org/site.php/pakenham/news/online/2019](http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/pakenham/news/online/2019)

### April 23-24th

**“Orchidophilia”, Ottawa Orchid Society Show**, Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Ave, Ottawa [www.ottawaorchidsociety.com](http://www.ottawaorchidsociety.com)

### May 6-23rd

**Canadian Tulip Festival “Kaleidoscope”**, a celebration of spring awakening through colour, culture and community [www.tulipfestival.ca](http://www.tulipfestival.ca)

### May 21st

**KMHS Annual Plant Sale** including rainbarrels from [www.rainbarrel.ca](http://www.rainbarrel.ca), All Saints H.S. , 5115 Kanata Ave., [www.kanata-horticultural.com](http://www.kanata-horticultural.com) also [www.rainbarrel.ca/kanata-gardeners/](http://www.rainbarrel.ca/kanata-gardeners/)

### June 25 & 26th

**OBGS “Over the Hedge Garden Tour and Car Rally”**, showcasing amazing country gardens west of Ottawa, [www.ottawagarden.ca](http://www.ottawagarden.ca)

### July 10th

**KMHS Members’ Tour of Rideau Hall**, 1:00 p.m., [www.kanata-horticultural.com](http://www.kanata-horticultural.com)

### September 10th

**OHA District 2 Summer Flower Show**, to be held in Smiths Falls during the “Picklefest” [www.sfpicklefest.ca](http://www.sfpicklefest.ca)

