



# Calling all gardeners...

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Horticultural Society

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## President's Message

Well, we survived the great rain barrel sale, as well as our plant sale. As you all probably know, the rain barrel sale, thanks to the City of Ottawa's \$50 rebate, was an overwhelming success! We are still awaiting final invoicing from RainBarrel.ca, but I think it is in the neighbourhood of \$4500. That's approximately 900 rain barrels sold between us and our partner St. Anne Catholic School in Bridlewood. On top of that, our plant sale pulled in another \$750.

But it was a lot of work, and took a lot of organizing. Many of you came to help out that day, and your contributions were very much appreciated. However, we as a society should recognize the effort put in by David and Shelley Sissing: David was up

well past midnight on a few occasions just dealing with the truck drivers and ensuring the actual barrel pick up went smoothly, Shelley put in several hours at her stand on the hot pavement dealing with customers of all kinds and lots of administration with our supplier RainBarrel.ca. On behalf of KMHS, we thank you David and Shelley, for all the time and effort you put in to make our spring garden sale the unprecedented success it was.

Now, we can begin to look forward to our summer recess, but first, I would like to remind you that we do have a commitment to clean up Tom Thomson and Molly Wilson gardens. If any of you would care to offer a couple of hours of your time to help clean up these parks, it would be very much appreciated. Simply forward to us an email stating when you would be available. It will

have to be soon, because Mary Stuart mentioned that she has some students from her school who would like to do some community hours by helping out in this way. So please let us know at [kanatamhs@yahoo.ca](mailto:kanatamhs@yahoo.ca).

We are planning a tour of the Governor's-General residence on July 10<sup>th</sup> at around 1:00 pm, a lovely way to spend a Sunday summer afternoon. So please bookmark that event as well.

Our last meeting before our summer recess is June 7<sup>th</sup>, and the topic will be Beauty of the Burnt Lands: Our Newest Provincial Park by Brian Carson.

Hope to see you all there!

*Gerald Bouchard*  
President

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## Beauties of the Burnt Lands: Our Newest Provincial Park

Tuesday, June 7th, 7:30 p.m.

Old Town Hall, March Rd,  
Kanata



Brian Carson will join us to share his knowledge of the beauties of the Burnt Lands Alvar, a rare ecosystem which is home to many species of unusual birds, butterflies and plants located just outside Almonte.

Guests are always welcome. The \$5.00 guest charge can be applied toward an annual membership of \$15.00.

## Help Needed - Tom Thomson and Molly Wilson Gardens

Last year KMHS contracted out the maintenance of our Molly Wilson Garden, at a cost of \$800 to our club due to lack of volunteers to help maintain the gardens.

We would like to channel the proceeds of our plant and rain barrel sales into other items that would bene-

fit our society as a whole, so we are hoping that some of you will be able to spare an hour or two a month to help maintain Molly Wilson Garden at the Old Town Hall and the gardens at Tom Thomson Park in Beaverbrook? High school students who need to earn volunteer hours are welcome.

We will be sending out some dates and times for "group" clean ups soon, so please provide whatever time you can to assist us. It's a shame to spend our hard-earned funds from the plant sale to have someone else garden for us.

- The KMHS Executive

## KMHS Announcements

### Fletcher Wildlife Garden Plant Sale

The Fletcher Wildlife Garden's plant sale will be held on Saturday, June 4th, 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. on Prince of Wales Dr (south of the Arboretum)

### More KMHS Plants for Sale!

There are still perennial and heritage/heirloom tomato plants available if you did not make it to our plant sale on May 21st.

Plants can be purchased on either Saturday, June 4th, 1-4 pm at the Davidson's Open Garden (2470 Dunrobin Rd), or at our June meeting at the Old Town Hall on June 7th.

### KMHS Members' Tour of Rideau Hall

We have arranged for a private tour of Rideau Hall on Sunday, July 10th at 1:00 p.m. The group should arrive at **Sussex Gate**, 20 minutes before the scheduled visit and meet

with the guide assigned to the tour. The tour is limited to 20 participants. Please contact KMHS President Gerald Bouchard at either [Gerald\\_bouchard@hotmail.com](mailto:Gerald_bouchard@hotmail.com) or 613-599-4984 if you would like to attend.

*"The flowers are nature's jewels, with whose wealth she decks her summer beauty."*

- George Croly



## Plant and Rain Barrel Sales

It was a very hot day on May 21st, and our dedicated members were out in full force running both plant and rain barrel sales. Many thanks to Norma and David Davidson for managing the plant sale, and to all of the members who contributed both plants to sell and their time on the 21st. Plant sales totalled \$780, and there are still some available for sale if you missed the event.

Thanks also to David and Shelley Sissing for organizing the rain barrel sale. Between KMHS and our rain barrel sale partner St. Anne Catholic school, we provided 840 rain barrels to both pre-paid, cash on delivery and on-the-spot customers. This is in addition to the sale KMHS and St. Anne ran on behalf of the city of Ottawa on May 7th, which sold 320 rain barrels to the residents of Riverside South. We are still awaiting final invoicing from RainBarrel.ca, but expect that approximately \$5700 was raised for KMHS through this initiative. The water ban in other areas of the city has encouraged many people to adopt rain barrels, ultimately to the benefit of their gardens and the environment at large.

## "Over the Hedge" Country Garden Tour and Car Rally

The Ottawa Botanical Garden Society (OBGS) is holding its second self-guided country garden tour over two days, Saturday June 25th and Sunday, June 26th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day (rain or shine). The tour

will take you down country roads and give you a peek "over the hedge" into twelve private gardens located just west of Ottawa in Kanata, Dunrobin, Kinburn, Arnprior, White Lake, Pakenham and Almonte. Proceeds will

support the creation of a national botanic garden at the Central Experimental Farm. Passport ticket booklets are \$35 per person, information regarding where to purchase can be found at [www.ottawagarden.ca](http://www.ottawagarden.ca)





## “Member’s Night - February 2012 Meeting

Next winter we would like to have our February monthly meeting as a "Member's Night". This will coincide with the seed exchange evening. The idea is to have a number of our members give a short slide show of their garden or some aspect of it. If we can get four members to give a 15-minute presentation each, then we can fill the winter evening with a variety of displays of the favourite parts of our own gardens.

It would be nice to arrange shows of different garden themes - the choice is yours.

Actually, we are looking for only three more volunteers, as I have offered to prepare one of the shows, with the theme being the evolution and display of our rock garden.

If you are willing to participate, please let Karl Siemens know by phone (613-591-0522) or by email (khsiemens@rogers.com).

Actual slides are ok, but a digital presentation is preferred.

We need to know by the November monthly meeting so that the information can be included in the next Yearbook.

Thank you,

Karl Siemens

## KMHS Members Only Upcoming “Open Gardens”

Please note the following opportunities to visit the gardens of your fellow KMHS members who have graciously offered to share their gardens with our members, rain or shine:

### **Saturday, June 4th, 1 p.m. - 4p.m. , Norma and David Davidson, 2470 Dunrobin Road (Dunrobin)**

Norma and David will share the gardens of their large country lot with a woodland area, pond, open flower beds and meadow.

### **Sunday, June 5th, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Lucilla and Marcus Fong, 10 Balding Crescent, Kanata (Kanata Lakes)**

Lucilla and Marcus will share their large city lot showcasing spring flowers in bloom such as Japanese tree peonies, azaleas, rhododendrons, bearded and Siberian irises, and dwarf lilacs.

### **Sunday, June 12th - 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Karen and Brian Haddon, 9 Dorey Court, Kanata (Katimavik)**

Karen and Brian will share their city garden containing a spectacular water garden, a woodland plant area, and formal beds containing a wide variety of perennial plants.

### **Saturday, June 18th - 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Kitty and Willy Langill, 167 Salter Crescent, Kanata (Beaverbrook)**

Kitty and Willy will share their compact garden filled with roses, hostas, a small herb garden and a raised vegetable bed. Kitty started a raised bed gardening group three years ago that has expanded from five to sixteen beds.



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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 students to earn volunteer hours and various special events. In late 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....

### June 18th & 19th

**Greater Ottawa Water Garden Tour**, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Ottawa East gardens on the 18th, west on the 19th, Advance tickets required, \$15 per person  
[www.ottawawatergardens.com](http://www.ottawawatergardens.com)

### June 25 & 26th

**OBGS "Over the Hedge Garden Tour and Car Rally"**, showcasing amazing country gardens west of Ottawa, Advance tickets required, \$35 per person, for more information see [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)

### July 24th

**"Herbfest"** at the Herb Garden, a "must attend" event for those interested in herbs, cooking, gardening, and living a healthy lifestyle. 3840 Old Almonte Rd., Almonte, 613-256-0228, [www.herbfest.ca](http://www.herbfest.ca).

### September 6th

**KMHS Meeting "Tips, Tricks and Techniques for the Garden"** with master gardener Mary Ann Van Berlo, 7:30 p.m., Old Town Hall, 821 March Rd

### September 10th

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

