



Calling all gardeners...

Kanata-March
Horticultural Society

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President's Message

The days are lengthening now, and soon we will find ourselves in the gardening season once again.

And how much better will it be if we plan things now, to this end the KMHS offers the following:

1). This year's annual plant sale promises to be a good one - our May 21st event will feature an array of tomato plants from Upper Canada heirloom seeds, plus other plants and herbs (if all goes according to plan). We are also selling rain barrels, which is something new this year. At \$55, these are a great deal: compare at stores where they retail in the \$120 range. Besides the environmental and economic reasons for purchasing a rain barrel, another great advantage is that it takes rain water away from your house's

foundation, reducing the risk of water in the basement. Please see our website for more information on how to purchase these barrels and tell your friends and family members. Basically you need to order online from the website, and then pick up on the day of our plant sale.

2). The 2011 District 2 Annual General Meeting will be held this year at Pakenham on April 16th. You are all welcome to attend. The admission fee is \$20 which includes a hot lunch and interesting guest speakers. I'm sure this meeting will be as enjoyable as last year's in Kemptville. You also meet garden enthusiasts from all of District 2. Please see the KMHS website under Meetings and Events 2011 for more information.

3). We're going to the

Peterborough Garden Show on Saturday, April 9th! At least we will if we can solicit enough interest from you. This garden show is reputed to be one of the best in Ontario, and not to be missed. As members, your cost would be \$65 (\$75 for non-members, which includes a membership), which includes coach transportation and admission to the show. It's a full day, leaving at 8:00 am and return to Ottawa around 10:00 pm.

I hope to see you all at our monthly meeting on March 1st, when our guest speaker Isabelle Nicol will talk about the Fletcher Wildlife Garden.

Happy Gardening!

Gerald Bouchard
President

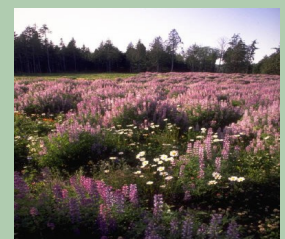
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Fletcher Wildlife Garden

Tuesday, March 1st, 7:30 p.m.

Old Town Hall, March Rd,
Kanata



Isabelle Nicol will join us to share her knowledge of nature, wildlife and wildflowers at the Fletcher Wildlife Garden, a 7-hectare oasis in the middle of the city and safe refuge for wildlife. As always, guests are most welcome. The \$5.00 guest charge can be applied toward an annual membership of \$15.00.

KMHS Rainbarrel Fundraiser

This year, KMHS is pleased to partner with RainBarrel.ca to offer both members and the general public an opportunity to purchase a rain barrel. Using water wisely will save money, help preserve the environment, and save energy on water treatment procedures locally.

A variety of rain barrels will be

available for \$55. Standard features for all rain barrels include a top filter basket, top-side overflow and barrel-to-barrel connector, overflow hose and bottom-side spigot with garden hose thread. The barrels are reconditioned food containers. Register your order on-line at www.rainbarrel.ca/kmhs

On-line orders must be received by May 10th, barrels will be available for pick up at the KMHS plant sale on Saturday, May 21st at All Saints H.S., 5115 Kanata Ave, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Be sure to check out www.rainbarrel.ca/kmhs for more information and pictures of the products.

KMHS Announcements

KMHS Program Co-ordinator Needed!

We are 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.

OHA District 2 Photo Competition

The District 2 competition will take place at the 2011 District 2 Annual General Meeting. Details concerning format and categories can be found at: <http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/district2>

Send your entries to:

Owen Munn
9 Thorncliff Place
Nepean, ON K2H 6L4
Phone 613-262-1566

Entry deadline is March 31st 2011

“No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow”

- Proverb



Peterborough Garden Show Trip—April 9th

KMHS is organizing a bus trip to enable members and guests to attend the Peterborough Garden Show on Saturday, April 9th.

The Peterborough Garden show is considered to be “the biggest and best garden show in Ontario”, show information can be found at www.peterboroughgardens.ca

The bus would depart from Kanata at 8:00 a.m., arriving in Peterborough at 11:00 a.m., members would gather for the return trip to Kanata at 7:00 p.m. (Show hours are from 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.)

Cost for KMHS or other OHA District 2 members is \$65, non-members \$75. This

includes bus coach transportation and show admission. We will offer this opportunity to both Stittsville and West Carleton Horticultural societies as well.

To reserve your seat, contact KMHS Treasurer David Sissing at 599-8981 at the.sissings@sympatico.ca



La Foce Gardens

Viva La Dolce Vita! Garden Tour of Italy

There are seats remaining for this fall's Italian Garden Tour with gardening expert Marjorie Harris. The tour is scheduled for October 12-24th, departing from Toronto.

You will visit 9 out-

standing gardens, Castello Ruspoli garden reception, La Petraia tastings, Castello Argiano wine and olive oil tastings and more!

Seats are being offered to any OHA Society and

Garden Club members at a \$200 pp DISCOUNT for any booking made before March 31, 2011.

For detailed information check out www.italianvisits.com/garden_tour/



2011 Photography Competition

This popular KMHS Competition culminates at our Annual Pot Luck Supper in December, where there will be an ongoing slideshow of all the entries and a presentation of the winning photos and awarding of the Trophy at the conclusion of the evening.

The emphasis for the contest will be on material that will make a high quality Yearbook. There are some major changes to note for this year's competition.

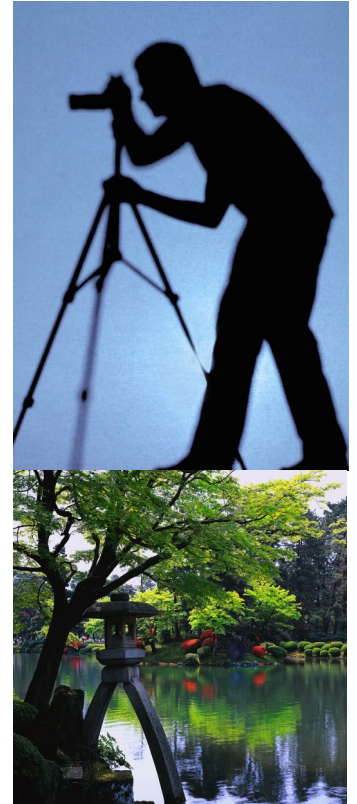
First of all, to make it easier for the judge and to try to improve the print quality for the Yearbook, **only digital files will be accepted for entry.** Please use the maximum resolution provided by your digital camera so that the Yearbook committee has more flexibility in cropping or otherwise editing pictures for the calendar. Secondly, the number of categories has been changed. **For 6 of the categories, both the first and second prize winners will have their entries put into the Yearbook/**

Calendar. The seventh class is intended to choose the Yearbook cover picture and photos with any horticultural topic may be entered in this class.

This latter class takes the place of the previous attempts at picking a "Best of Show" for the cover.

Complete details of entry classes, contest rules, and submission information are shown in the KMHS website at www.kanata-horticultural.com/PhotoCompetition.htm.

Karl Siemens



New classes for the photo competition:

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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www.kanata-horticultural.com

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 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 the.sissings@sympatico.ca.

Upcoming gardening events....

March 4-6

Kingston Gardening Festival, Portsmouth Olympic Harbour, Yonge St. Kingston, www.kingstongardeningfestival.com

March 15-20

“Canada Blooms: The Flower & Garden Festival”, Direct Energy Centre in Toronto, www.canadablooms.com

April 8-10th

Peterborough Garden Show, Evinrude Centre, Peterborough, 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

April 23-24th

“Orchidophilia”, Ottawa Orchid Society Show at the Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Ave, Ottawa www.ottawaorchidsociety.com

May 21st

KMHS Annual Plant Sale including rainbarrels from www.rainbarrel.ca, All Saints H.S., 5115 Kanata Ave., www.kanata-horticultural.com also www.rainbarrel.ca/kmhs

June 25 & 26th

OBGS “Over the Hedge Garden Tour and Car Rally”, showcasing amazing country gardens west of Ottawa, www.ottawagarden.ca

