

Open Meeting June 1/10

This evening's speaker is **Anna Leggatt** from the Toronto Horticultural Society. Her topic is 'Big, Bold & Beautiful' - striking architectural plants to incorporate into your garden for that WOW factor.

Take the Rest of the Summer Off!!

As per usual, there will be *no* Open Meetings held during the months of July & August. Enjoy your gardens, maybe take a day trip to visit others or just relax on the deck or in the hammock & enjoy a cool one.



Next Open Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 07 Sept.**

The speaker for that meeting will be well respected author **Lorraine Johnson**. Her talk will be about her favourite topic 'Grow Wild with Native Plants'.

And don't forget that same date is the day of the **Fall Garden Show**.

I'm sure everyone will have dozens of samples to enter into all the different categories.

The various categories are outlined at:

http://barriegardenclub.com/show_sched.html

Late Spring Flower Show - Tonight

With this incredible warm weather all the gardens are coming into bloom earlier than ever.

Therefore, everyone should have dozens of samples to exhibit in tonight's flower show.

Let all of your fellow members see and enjoy your garden treasures.



Get the Dirt

The Barrie Garden Club has repeated last year's very successful partnering with Costco, where we offer broken bags of potting soil, fertilizers, etc at a reduced price to garden club members.

Jean Varep has the supplies at her house. Contact her directly at **721-7629**.

Product is going fast!!

Keep That Camera Handy

Just a reminder to keep your camera handy to catch the fleeting glory of your garden & share it with the rest of the club. The photo contest is alive & well.

The categories are the same as last year:

'In Your Face'

'Wildlife in My Garden'

'Colours in My Garden'

Out & About - Other Events & Venues

29 May Oro-Medonte plant sale held at the Oro Fairgrounds on the 7th line. Start 8:00 am.

June 13 BGC 'How Does Your Garden Grow?'

Garden Tour - eight fabulous properties for you to tour & enjoy.

July 23/24 BCG Tour of the Gardens of the Lower Bruce & Upper Grey area.

Overnight in Kincardine.

Sept 07 Open Meeting. Lorraine Johnson will speak about native plants

Sept 07 Late Summer Garden Show at Open Meeting.

Have you heard the one about....

The city slicker who decided to leave the rat race & start a farm. He bought a big property & went to a livestock seller. "I need 1000 eggs to start my chicken farm" he said.

"That's pretty ambitious. Do you know what you're doing?" the dealer asked.

"Sir, I have a law degree from Osgoode Hall & an MBA from McGill University.

I think I can manage a chicken farm".

So, the dealer bit his lip & took the man's money.

Two weeks later, the city slicker was back demanding his 1000 eggs be replaced.

"Was there a problem?" asked the dealer.

"They were defective. I planted them all & not a single one came up!"

Flower Trivia

Astroemia is named after the Swedish botanist Baron Klas von Alstoemer.

Asters were laid on the graves of French soldiers to symbolize the wish that things had turned out differently.

Calendula was used by the Romans mixed with vinegar to season their meat & salad dishes.

Chrysanthemums are associated with death in Italy.

Daisy was used as her symbol by Marguerite, sister of the French king, Francis I. It was also used as their symbol by both Margaret of Anjou, the wife of Henry IV & Margaret Beaufort, mother of Henry VII.

Dahlias were used by the Aztecs as a treatment for epilepsy.

Delphiniums were used by West Coast Native Americans to make blue dye. European settlers make ink from ground delphinium flowers.

Holly was believed by medieval monks to ward off evil spirits & protect a home from lightning.

Lily in both Christian & pagan traditions represents a fertility symbol.

Roses were introduced to Rome by the Greeks. Roses were introduced to Europe during the Roman Empire, where they were mainly used for ornamental purposes. The early Christians saw the rose as a symbol of paganism, orgy & lust.

Poinsettia was first brought to the United States in 1928 by Dr Joel Roberts-Poinsett, then the US ambassador to Mexico.

Sunflowers originated in Central & South America & were grown for their usefulness, not their beauty.

Violets were given to Josephine by Napoleon for their wedding & on each anniversary she received a bouquet of violets.

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DIVISION I - Horticulture

Section A - Annuals and Bulbs

Class 1 - Lily - 1 stalk

Class 2 - Geranium - 1 stem

Class 3 - Flowering annuals collection - 3 stems

Section B - Perennials and Biennials

Class 4 - Peony single, any colour - 1 bloom with/without side buds

Class 5 - Peony double, any colour - 1 bloom with/without side buds

Class 6 - Iris Tall Bearded - 1 stalk

Class 7 - Dianthus - 3 stalks

Class 8 - Poppy - 1 bloom

Class 9 - Other perennials all different species - 3 stems

Class 10 - Favourite single perennial - 1 stem

Class 11 - Perennial or biennial not listed above 1 -3 stems

Section C - Roses/shrubs

Class 12 - Hybrid teas, any colour - 1 spray/bloom

Class 13 - Grandiflora, any colour - 1 spray/bloom

Class 14 - Climber any colour - 1 spray/bloom

Class 15 - Shrub Rose , any colour - 1 spray/bloom

Class 16 - Miniature rose, any colour - 1 spray

Class 17 - Rose floated in a bowl - 1 bloom

Class 18 - Rose collection different colours - 3 stems

Section D - Rhododendrons

Class 19 - Rhodo Red - 1 truss

Class 20 - Rhodo Pink - 1 truss

Class 21 - Rhodo White - 1 truss

Class 22 - Rhodo Blue/violet - 1 truss

Class 23 - Rhodo any colour with blotch - 1 spray

DIVISION III - Floral Design

Size restrictions for designs: Large Designs - not less than 12" and not to exceed 24" in width and depth (no height restriction, Small Designs - not less than 6" and not to exceed 10" in width, depth and height.

Class 24 - "Picasso's Garden" - Large - A Tall Abstract style

Class 25 - "Summer Lightning" - Large - Use flowers or foliage or both - Waterfall/Cascade Design

Class 26 - "Perfect Harmony" - Large - Foliage design with a single flower - Hogarth Curve

Class 27 - "The Charms of Tea" - Small - Two colours only - Fan style A design arranged in a tea cup to include the saucer

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Use Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design, published by the Ontario Horticultural Association and The Garden Clubs of Ontario (Publication 34 B 2003) as your authority. The booklet is \$6.

Show Points

Every show you enter will win you showing points. At the end of the year Barrie's Garden Club awards prizes to the top 3 point earners. Points are given as follows:

Best In Show	10 points	Best Floral Design	25 points
First Place	7 points	First Place	20 points
Second Place	5 points	Second Place	15 points
Third Place	4 points	Third Place	10 points
Honourable Mention	2 points	Honourable Mention	5 points
Participant	1 point		

As you can see, all entries earn you at least one point, so the more you enter, the better chance you have of winning a prize at the end of the year.