



# Vankleek Hill and District Horticultural Society



## Petunia Post July 2022

### Our Leadership for 2022

Daryl Waite, President  
 Mary Higginson, First Vice President  
 Bonnie Brazeau, Second Vice President  
 Diane Bourgault, Secretary  
 Joan King, Treasurer  
 Carol Hague, Director  
 Mandy Jefferys, Director

### Next meeting

July 21 6:30 pm Lavender Boutique Farm 2074 Concession 1 Chute-à-Blondeau. Mr. Flis will be speaking to us about raising lavender and issues related to climate change and diversification.

### Directions

Take Highway 17 east then turn right on Dandy Road which is opposite to Golf Club Road then left at Pattee Road and continue to 2074 Concession 1. Please park on the roadside.  
 Please bring bug spray!!

### What's Happening:

Our June meeting was a great success. Our speaker, Dr. Russ Campbell, kept us informed and at the same time entertained while dealing with the serious topic of poisonous plants in your home and garden.



Our President, Daryl Waite thanking Russ.

### Library Links

Our society has teamed up with the Champlain Library.

To encourage more gardening in our community we donate a variety of flower, herb and vegetable seeds to the annual Champlain Township Public Library seed program. These seeds are free to library members whether they are old hands or new to gardening and in return the program asks gardeners to photograph their plants throughout the summer and submit the photos to the library.

New members received a welcome bag containing daffodil bulbs, an iris corm, seed packet and information about the society. The bags were a collaboration of Jana Chenier and Amanda Jefferys.



## Get Ready for a Flower Show!!



At our August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be having a Micro Flower Show at the Macdonell-Williamson House in Chute-à-Blondeau. There are 4 categories and we encourage everyone to take on the challenge and have fun in deciding what to exhibit.

1 Cacti exposition: one specimen per member, no more than 14 inches in any direction including container.

2. Exposition of 3 varieties of tomatoes, 6 fruit in total, preferably with names.

Members to vote on categories 3 and 4 and ribbons to be awarded to first, second, and third place.

3. Arrangement in oasis material, using a single type of flower, such as roses, dahlias or zinnias, with greens and accessories encouraged. One element of red required. Maximum 15 inches in any direction including container.

4. Arrangement in a teacup, in oasis material, with an accessory.

### Submitted by member Helen Joseph

Taken from the Louise Penny newsletter, June 2022

*"When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant."* Source unknown.

Bonnie Brazeau works with Alicia Heinzle the Children & Youth Librarian to encourage gardening. This year they are running a photo contest called "Little Green Thumb Contest". Library members 3 to 13 years old are eligible to participate and prizes are awarded.



**Last year's winners for the tallest plant.**

## Community Items

### June 30- July 3 Hawkesbury

Multicultural Festival

<https://hawkesbury.ca/vivre-ici/festival-multiculturel-de-hawkesbury>

### July 1<sup>st</sup> Champlain Township

L'Orignal Park Canada Day Celebration sponsored by the L'Orignal Firemen and Champlain Township. Music, activities and fireworks at 10pm!

<https://calendar.champlain.ca/default/Detail/2022-07-01-1200-Canada-Day-in-Champlain>

### **July 1<sup>st</sup> Township of East Hawkesbury**

Events divided between St. Eugene, Ste Anne de Prescott and Chute -à-Blondeau fireworks at 10pm

<https://www.facebook.com/people/The-Township-of-East-Hawkesbury/100068821016086/>

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>** Vankleek Hill Community Dance at Vankleek Hill Tulip Farm for more information contact Suzanne Hocquard at 613-677-4722

**July 9<sup>th</sup>** Vankleek Hill Food Bank Jamboree Windsor Tavern

**July 16<sup>th</sup>** Vankleek Hill Porchfest 14 acts in 14 different locations information at <https://www.facebook.com/vkhporchfest>

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** Vankleek Hill Movies on the Hill Vankleek Hill Fairgrounds

**Macdonell-Williamson House**, 25 Rue des Outaouais, Chute- à-Blondeau. There are lots of weekend events in their Heritage Festival 2022. There is something of interest for everyone from a mentalist show, craft workshops to a Victorian Tea. A list of events throughout the summer can be found at [http://mwhouse.ca/news\\_events.html](http://mwhouse.ca/news_events.html)

### **Member Benefits**

**10% off at Quenneville Nurseries, 5690 Hwy 17 Plantagenet ON (need proof of 2022 membership)**  
<https://serresmqenneville.ca/en/home-page/>

### ***Hero of the Month – Stinging Nettle***

This hero can get in the way while you garden. The best way to get rid of it is to eat it. It's free, it's delicious, and it's nutritious. It is also

a medicinal plant that is rumoured to help with the pain of arthritis. Find a good pair of gloves and sharp scissors and you are ready to harvest. Be careful harvesting, but know that once cooked, steamed, blanched or dried, the sting goes away. There are so many recipes available for this common plant.

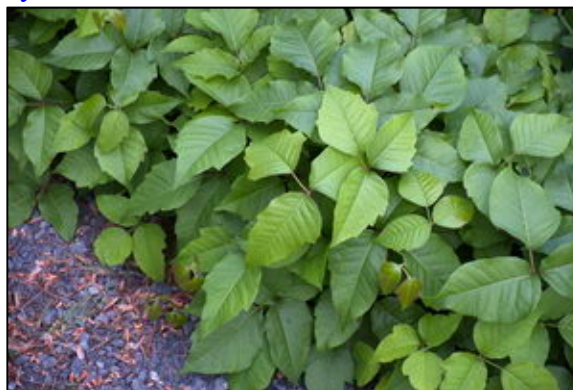
Informative website:

<https://www.growforagecookferment.com/>

### ***Villain of the Month - Poison Ivy***

Keep an eye out for this villain which may be hiding along your roadside or under your cedar hedge. To spot it use the old adage 'if there be Leaflets three - Let it be!' The plants contain a resin which is poisonous and can cause a reaction when it comes in contact with the skin. Always wear gloves and protective clothing when working near poison ivy. To get rid of the plant safely follow the advice from the following website.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/home-garden-safety/poison-ivy.html>



### ***Newsletter Contributions Wanted***

Anything garden/plant-related including jokes is more than welcome. Please send your photos and information to [newsletter@vkhhorticultural.ca](mailto:newsletter@vkhhorticultural.ca)

### ***Newsletter Team***

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