



Vankleek Hill and District Horticultural Society



Petunia Post June 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

Our activities:

Spring Plant Sale

It was a perfect morning before the storm. There were lots of plants and customers and new members.

Thanks to everyone for the wonderful support. We raised \$ 1,456.60!!



Volunteer hours

The time you spent preparing for the Plant Sale by seeding, growing, dividing and preparing plants, harvesting rhubarb or asparagus is important. Please let us know your hours. These volunteer hours are used by the OHA to make decisions on programs, fundraising, and budget. Please send you hours to Joan King.

Welcome to ALL OUR New Members we are looking forward to seeing you June 16th

Next meeting

June 16th 7 pm. **Knox Presbyterian Church Hall Hamel Street Vankleek Hill.**

Are you concerned about your animal's safety around plants in your home and garden?

Dr Russ Campbell a local vet will be discussing poisonous plants.

Other horticultural activities

2022 Year of the Garden in Canada

June 11-19 are designated as Garden days. The Garden Route Map where you can choose information on Road Trips, Public Gardens, Garden Festivals, and Parks Canada Gardens is at

<https://livethegardenlife.gardenscanada.ca/garden-route-map/>

Community Items

June 2nd Vankleek Hill Nature Society General Sale including plants in front of Scotiabank

June 4th Special One day Garage Sales in the area. Trash and Treasure Vankleek Hill,

L'Original including the Jail at 1023 Queen and throughout East Hawkesbury.

June 5th Annual Garden Party at Garden Path Homemade Soap, 284 Pleasant Corners Road East. Self-guided tour of the gardens with detailed map. Local Artisans and Vendors present from 1 - 5 pm.

<https://gardenpathsoap.com/pages/annual-garden-party>

Vankleek Hill Vineyard 3725 Dandy Road (County Road 12) Saturday and Sunday 11-5 pm <https://vankleekhillvineyard.com/>

Le Chenail in Hawkesbury is hosting a Public exhibition of Butterflies until 30 Sept, 2022.

Member Benefits

10% off at Quenneville Nurseries, 5690 Hwy 17 Plantagenet ON (need proof of 2022 membership)

<https://serresmquenneville.ca/en/home-page/>

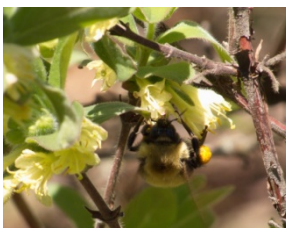
Special Items

Pollinators

Did you participate in No Mow or Slow Mow May? If you did, very well done, if not there is still time to increase the number of pollinators in your garden. Pollinators come in all sizes and shapes from tiny flies to hummingbirds and bats in addition to the 421 bee species here in Ontario

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/oac/news/meet-ontarios-pollinators>.

Landscape Ontario has some tips to increase pollinators in your garden they include



planting native species, single bloom varieties, mass plantings, and by providing them water and shelter. There is a poster of some of their suggested plants at

http://www.flowerscanadagrowers.com/uploads/2015/12/pollinatorposter_ontario_hires.pdf

One of our most visible pollinators is the Monarch Butterfly. Locally, Garden Path Homemade Soap is a certified Monarch Waystation where Tara MacWhirter has been



rearing and releasing Monarchs

<https://gardenpathsoap.com/pages/monarchs>

One last thing, you might not have thought of is that by buying local honey you are supporting local pollination. **SO BUY LOCAL**

Hero of the Month – Rhubarb

We all know all the delicious things you can make with the stalks like jam, pie, cakes, cobblers but don't forget the leaves. Although, poisonous, because of the high oxalic acid content they have other uses. Dale Garvin uses them as mulch. Louise Freeman passes on this tip for a spray for aphids, Black Spot and fungal diseases. Steep 6 chopped leaves and 1 Tbsp garlic in 9 litres of boiling water then add a few drops of cooking oil and leave overnight.

Thanks to Karin Palmquist for her suggestion of the "Petunia Post".

Villain of the Month - Garlic Mustard

Garlic mustard is an invasive herb in our area which can negatively affect your soil. This biennial plant produces a rosette of leaves in the first year and flowers in the second. The heart shaped leaves smell of garlic when crushed. Dig up the plants and eat it. **DO NOT COMPOST.** More information about the plant can be found at:

<https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/invasive-plants/species/garlic-mustard/>



Our member, Christine Morris, has planted Red with these lovely tulips. What's your Red? Let us know.

Newsletter Contributions Wanted

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

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