

Open Meeting Tuesday, April 1st /14

Southshore Community Centre 7:15 pm



Wolfe Bonham, a Landscape Designer will talk about *The Evening Garden - Gardening after Dark*.

Wolfe's design/build company, Peace, Love, and Landscaping, is based in Burlington, Ontario. Several of his installations have achieved both garden industry and community awards.



We are looking for a new logo as the BGC celebrates our 140th year! Please submit your creative designs to Jean Varep or Lori Hanna by April 30th 2014!

I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet it in a garden. ~Ruth Stout

Barrie's Garden Club Presents the:

Annual Spring Seminar

Saturday, April 12th

8:30 am-2:30 pm

Tangle Creek Golf Club
4730 25th Side Road South,
Thornton, ON



\$45.00 for members

(\$50.00 for non-members)

(Includes Lunch and Coffee break treats)

Silent Auction, Vendors &

Three Knowledgeable Speakers:

Paul Zammit "Perennials & Annuals Worth The Hunt"

Darren Heimbecker "Small Trees For A Small Garden"

Veronica Sliva "Take Chelsea Home - Inspiration from the World's Most Famous Flower Show"

To register please fill in a registration form and send to:

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*No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow.
~Proverb*

BGC Day Trip! June 18th 2014



Spadina House
(tour of the house
and gardens)



Casa Loma
(self guided audio tour
of the house & gardens)

Price to be announced

Contact Jane Falls to reserve your seats now!



Oro-Medonte Garden Club Meeting Location Change

Please note, from April to September 2014, the O-MGC will be meeting at the Trinity Presbyterian Church located at 110 7th Line, Oro-Medinte. (Right beside the Township Office)

Bradford Greenhouses Home & Garden Show Review

Twelve volunteers, in 2-hour shifts, manned the Barrie Garden Club booth on the 8/9 March weekend. As a result, 9 new memberships were sold!

All 200 bookmarks were handed out so we hope to see some new faces at future meetings.

Colleen Small, of Barrie, won the planter basket.

Again, a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers



Impatiens Downy Mildew



Unfortunately Canadian Gardeners were subject to a nasty new virus called *Plasmopara obducens* or Downy Mildew last year. Early signs of infection may have been either leaves that

looked yellowish, as if the plant needed feeding or foliage that curled under or seemed to wilt. Sometimes, a white material (the downy mildew) is visible on the undersides of leaves. Eventually, the diseased plants defoliate, drop their flowers, and basically collapse. The fungus loves moist conditions and cool nights in particular. Particularly disturbing: symptoms happened earlier last year than before—as early as June.

Control

- Start with clean transplants and seed
- Keep materials from different sources physically separated
 - DO NOT overcrowd plants (i.e., reduce humidity)
 - DO NOT overhead water (i.e., limit leaf wetness periods)
- Grow tolerant/resistant/immune plants
 - Control
 - Scout frequently
 - Bag and discard affected plants
 - Disinfest contaminated areas
 - Commercial disinfectants or
 - 10% bleach
 - 70% alcohol
 - Apply at 7 day application intervals



The disease, which attacks *Impatiens walleriana* (the species our common shade-garden choice is bred from) showed up in 2012 first in Florida. So Margery Daughtrey, a plant pathologist and senior extension associate with Cornell University suggests trying New Guinea impatiens! They do not get this particular disease—and that they do well in shade, as well as in sun.

Kim's Tech Corner - Review # 3

Garden Time Planner



By Burpee

This free app is a good tool to help gardeners know

when to sow, transplant and expect to harvest vegetables, flowers and herbs specific to their garden region. You have to sign-up and create a garden, then it automatically figures out your location and creates a task list to notify you when your garden choices are to be sowed or transplanted, but is a bit difficult to manipulate.

My rating:



Snack Recipe

Need a quick and yummy idea to bring for our meeting snacks? Here is one of our popular snack ideas to try!

Gina's Apple Dip

Ingredients

- 1 - (8 ounce) package of cream cheese, softened
- 2 tbs. brown sugar
- 1 - (12 ounce) container caramel topping
- 2 - "Skor" Bars, or similar chocolate bars (buttery toffee crunch bars covered in milk chocolate)
- 5 - 6 apples of your choice



Directions

In a bowl, using an electric mixer, mix the cream cheese and the brown sugar until well combined and smooth. Spread the cheese mixture into a round glass pie baking dish, and chill mixture for about 1 hour.

Just prior to serving, spread the caramel topping over the cream cheese mixture in the dish.

Using a knife, or a blender, Chop the "Skor" chocolate bars into small pieces (do not grind, just *small pieces*) and sprinkle the Skor pieces over the caramel topping.

140th Garden Party and Flower Show

Come and join us for afternoon tea
Behind the South Shore Center
Saturday May 10th 2014
& (hopefully) enjoy the 1400 daffodils
we planted last fall!
11:00am - 1:00pm
** flower show arrangements
(see website for show details)
need to be at the South Shore Center
by 8:30am. for judging.**

Quote of the Month!

*April prepares her green traffic light
and the world thinks Go!*

Christopher Morley, John Mistletoe

