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Barrie's Garden Club

<http://www.barriegardenclub.com>

June 2015

Don't Forget about our

Plant Sale

May 30th

8:00am – 12:00pm

Sunnidale Park!



Cash only!! Be early for the best selections!!!

June 4th Garden Club Meeting

Join us at 6:00pm

(meet in front of the Dorion Paarker Center)

for a tour of the 88 lilacs in the Lilac Dell
in Sunnidale Park - led by Peggy Wong.

*** Set-up for the flower show will also be at 6:00pm***

Then in the Dorion Parker Center....

Guest Speaker - Bruce Peart

Let's Talk Lilacs -

Not Your Grandmother's Flowers!

Bruce - a horticulturist from Dundas ON -
is an expert on pruning techniques and the
many varieties of this gorgeous and sweet
smelling species from the olive family!

He has worked for 28 years at

Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington in many capacities
including Head Gardener. From Sept 1999- 2003 Bruce
took the reigns as the Horticulturist of Special Projects
and Curator of the Lilac Collection - at that time the
largest Lilac Collection in the World!

As a member of the International Lilac Society (ILS)
he has contact with lilac growers and other interested
parties all over the world!

*When my heart is filled with light,
And all my senses sing,
Lilacs bloom and fill my soul..*

Reminding me it's spring!

K. Sturge

Upcoming Events

***Remember there are

NO Garden Club Meetings

in July and August

Next meeting is September 1st ***

July 3-5, 2015

Summer in the Southern Tier

OHA Convention at Redeemer College

Ancaster, Ontario



June 18th 2015

Barrie Garden Club Tea Party at the

Library Rooftop Garden

Drop in between 4-6pm

Make sure you check out all of the

upcoming **SUMMER** events

run buy our local Ontario

Horticultural Association

(OHA District 16)

Get all the information at:

<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/district16>



SOME LILAC FUN FACTS

- *Lilacs* symbolize love.
- Aside from Roses, there is no flower as beautiful and aromatic as *Lilacs*.
- *Syringa* (**Lilac**) is a genus of about 20 – 25 cultivated species of flowering plants.
- In addition to the cultivated species of *Lilacs*, there are many more hybrids, and over 1,000 total varieties of **Lilac** bushes (along with a few varieties of actual trees).
- *Lilacs* are native to Eastern Europe and Asia.
- The colonists brought them to America in the 17th century.
- **Lilac** flowers span a wonderful array of colors (white, violet, blue, **Lilac**, pink, red, purple and some even bi-colored).
- Shades vary depending on weather (hot versus cool and dry versus wet), year, soil, environment and overall location differences.
- It is the cultivar and species of **Lilac** bush which affects the fragrance, NOT the flower's color.
- You prune *Lilacs* immediately after the enjoyment of the fragrant blossoms in the late Spring/early Summer.
- **Lilac** bushes can live for hundreds of years!



Lois Scott has another shipment of (gently damaged) products from Costco.
Eg/ a 60.5 litre bag of Moisture Control potting soil is only \$8.00!
If you'd like some, please call her at:
(705) 721-8232

Start Snapping for our
2015 Photo Contest

[BGC Photo Competition Guidelines](#)

3 Categories:

1. **Dazzling Dahlia** - photo of a single dahlia flower
2. **Climbing the Walls** - photo of any vine climbing a vertical surface
3. **Garden Implements Re-born** - any garden tool(s) or implement(s) etc. shown in a repurpose mode

