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Barrie Garden Club Newsletter  
February 2017



## Barrie Garden Club February Meeting

At the Southshore Community Centre

February 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker: **Frank Solty**

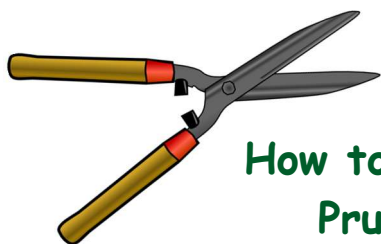
Topic: **Winter and Spring Pruning**

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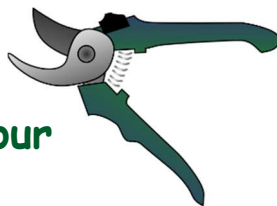


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to bring  
\$25.00 for  
your new  
2017  
membership!

Frank is the owner/manager of Solty Garden Centre and has had 34 years 'hands on' involvement in all aspects of the business. He is a graduate of the University of Guelph with a Diploma in Agriculture (horticulture) and a lot of his responsibilities these days involve plant purchasing and propagation as the farm production manager.



## How to Maintain Your Pruning Tools



Maintain your shears and loppers for long-term use. If properly cared for, they take less effort to use and make cleaner cuts.

Regularly lubricate the pivot area with light machine oil or petroleum jelly to ensure smooth operation.

Clean sap off blades with light oil and steel wool.

Regularly sharpen the blades with a fine file or stone and replace them when they become worn.

### What You Need:

A good set of trimming tools includes hand pruners, a pair of loppers and a pruning saw to handle large branches.

Loppers are suited to jobs too large for shear and too small for saws.

Manual or power hedge trimmers are also available for shearing dense plants that have smaller leaves and branches.

## Join us March 15<sup>th</sup> For our bus trip to **Canada Blooms**

Bus departs from behind the Canadian Tire in the parking lot (Bayfield Mall) at 8:00am

Home: 5:30pm

Only \$45.00 each

Includes admission!

For tickets call Jane Falls at 705-721-1481

Or email

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## Upcoming Events

**March 7<sup>th</sup>** - Next Meeting

Dugald Cameron on Exotic Flowers,  
Foliage and Fragrant Bulbs all Summer!

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** - Canada Blooms Trip

**March 18<sup>th</sup>** - Spring Home & Garden  
Show @ Bradford Greenhouses

**April 4<sup>th</sup>** - Joe & Hazel Cook of Blossom  
Hill Farm on Beautiful Peonies



## *Winter Sweet Potato and Butternut Squash Soup and Lemon Garlic Bread*

### Ingredients:

#### For the soup:

500g sweet potatoes, peeled and diced  
1 butternut squash, peeled, deseeded and diced  
1 tbsp clear honey  
1 tbsp olive oil, plus a drizzle  
2 onions, roughly chopped  
3 garlic cloves, crushed  
1l vegetable or chicken stock  
1 tsp cinnamon  
1 tsp grated nutmeg  
100ml double cream



#### For the toast:

1 tbsp olive oil  
3 garlic cloves, crushed  
100g butter, at room temperature  
zest 1 lemon  
2 tbsp snipped chives  
1 tbsp chopped thyme  
2 ciabatta loaves, cut into slices

1. Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas
2. Put the sweet potato and butternut squash on a baking tray and add the honey and a drizzle of olive oil. Roast for 40-45 mins until soft and starting to caramelize at the edges, stirring occasionally.
3. Meanwhile, fry the onions in 1 tbsp olive oil until soft, then add the garlic, chicken stock, cinnamon and nutmeg. Bring to the boil and simmer for 5 mins.
4. Remove the sweet potatoes and butternut squash from the oven and add to the pan with the stock. Blend everything until smooth using a stick blender.
5. Stir in most of the cream and bring back to a gentle simmer, and season with salt and pepper to taste.
6. To make the lemon & garlic toasts, gently warm the olive oil and garlic in a pan over a low heat for a few mins; the garlic should be softened but not browned.
7. Remove from the heat and mix in the butter and lemon zest until smooth.
8. Leave to cool, then stir in the chives and thyme.
9. Toast the ciabatta slices, and top each with a spoonful of garlic butter.
10. Serve with the soup, drizzled with the remaining cream, and some black pepper.

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