



# NEWSLETTER PINE RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

*"Where Gardeners Come To Bloom"*

NESTLETON, ONTARIO

MEMBER OF DISTRICT 17 ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

May/June 2021



President: Norma Haney

Membership: Carolyn Humphrey

## May 4th Virtual General Meeting Vegetable Gardening 7:30 pm

Members will be emailed an invitation to join on the day prior to the meeting.

*Mark your calendars.*

## CONTACTLESS PLANT SALE 2021

We're busy planning and organizing our 2021 sale. Purchases will be **curbside pick up**. At this time we are scheduling the sale for Saturday May 29th. An inventory of all plants available will be forwarded to members mid May along with how to place an order. Once an order is received, we will contact you with a pick up time and invoiced amount. We are planning on one local pick up location.

*PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ALONG TO FRIENDS/NEIGHBOURS /ETC.*

*WE'RE COUNTING ON YOUR SUPPORT*

**Note: tomato plants include beefsteak varieties: Big Red, Organic Beefsteak, Buffalo, Bobcat, also Bush beef and cherry varieties; Sweetie and Bumblebee Striped. Note: this is only a partial list**

## President's Message

*An abundance of perennials and bulbs are putting on a glorious display by now captivating our sight and senses. Soon lilacs will be teasing our olfactory glands with their perfume with roses to follow in June.*

*We should be considering how to attract pollinators to our gardens. If you want to invite butterflies why not plant Asclepias (Butterfly Flower) Coneflower, Monarda, Meadow Rue, Phlox, Salvia as well as annual Cosmos and Sunflowers are great choices for providing nectar. Parsley and Dill are host plants for some species.*

*We desperately need your support for our Annual Plant Sale this year. Your participation will greatly contribute to it's success. Please pass along information as you receive it to as many people as possible. This will no doubt be the best form of advertising during these difficult times. An inventory of plants will be available soon.*

*Check out our website suggestions on page 2.*

**Norma**

**Be Safe**

***Wash your hands, practice social distancing, wear a mask & get VACINNATED***

## **Compost Giveaway**

**Scugog Township & Durham Region**

**Compost Giveaway**—Saturday, May 15th,  
Boat Launch Parking Lot #8 Old Rail Line.

## **The Old Gal's Tips**

**\*\*Mix 1 Tbsp. of Epsom salts into soil at bottom of planting hole before planting tomatoes and peppers.**

**\*\*Don't bother spreading egg shells around your Hostas to ward off slugs. Experts have proven it doesn't work! Instead crush shells finely—the finer the better and add to your composter.**

**\*\*Vinegar can be used to kill weeds. Spray with cleaning or horticulture vinegar. Be careful spraying near your plants as it is non-selective—you could kill them too. Great for walkways—between pavers.**

## **OUT & ABOUT ON THE “NET”**

Jeff and Marjorie Mason have some great, interesting videos on various gardening topics. Find them on Facebook:

“Mason House Gardens/Let's Get Growing”

## **Garden Promenade Road Trip—Ottawa**

Discover some of the Capital's beautiful gardens with a virtual self guided tour. Visit;  
<http://www.gardenpromenade.ca>

## **Our Supporting Dealers**

The following retailers are continuing to offer members a 10% discount on growing plants at their garden centres. They have agreed to honour your 2020 Pine Ridge Garden Club Membership Cards at the time of purchase. Please be sure to present your card.

- \* **Century Home & Garden**  
Greenhouses, Hwy 7A, Port Perry
- \* **Greenbank Garden Centre**,  
19251 Hwy 12, Greenbank
- \* **Kingsway Greenhouse**, 111 Clarence Biesenthal, Oshawa
- \* **Rekker's Garden Centre**, 2258 Hwy #2, Bowmanville
- \* **Sheridan Nurseries**, 410 Taunton Rd, Whitby
- \* **The Garden Path**, 7233 Brown Rd. Orono
- \* **Vandermeer Nursery**, 588 Lakeridge Road, South Ajax
- \* **Vos' Your Independent Grocer**, Port Perry



*Please support these retailers*  
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## **pineridgegardenclub.com**

The OHA Trillium Spring Edition is available on our website.  
Check out what is happening at other clubs/and societies in Ontario

## **Gardenmaking.com**

(inspiring and informing home gardeners)

This site provides an abundance of information for Canadian Gardeners