

GARDEN CLUB OF NIAGARA NEWSLETTER

November , 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our club started off the year at top speed! Our involvement with "Rooted in the Garden" was a wonderful first event. Kudos to Ruth Boulton for providing her steady handed direction! Pave designs were thoroughly enjoyed by all participants in September with Lil Haworth providing her expertise.

Our fabulous birthday celebration was planned by Franca Moss and jacquie macinnes. Together, they organized our very moving celebration , in which our founding members were piped in by bagpipes. The Ladies all loved their beautiful orchid corsages and of course, we all loved the wonderful cake provided by Charles Hunter, Superintendent of the School of Horticulture. Thanks to them for masterminding a wonderful day. Theresa Forte will be publishing an article for the newspaper that will provide a history of our club. Franca, provided much of the information needed, more information resulted from interviewing Lil and Bonnie. Please watch for the column. We don't know at this time when it will be published but it will indeed come!

In early October, I was honoured to be able to present two hard working students from that school with Garden Club of Niagara scholarships for their superior marks.

We recently learned that Niagara on the Lake won the Communities in Bloom award, which is a Canada wide contest. The judges visited McFarland House gardens when considering the town of Niagara on the Lake gardens. Their favourable opinion of this garden must have played a part in this win. Cheers to Anna Holloway and Kathy Humphries for their leadership and sustained efforts. They, along with some hard working members, kept this garden beautiful despite the incredibly hot, dry summer.

Our fabulous Flower Show in October was a testament to the hours spent by Diane Hockey, Ann Meuris and Kit Thompson. Many of our new designers took that first step to put in a design and our club is so glad they did. It was a wonderful show.

Kit Thompson, Ruth Boulton and Louise Van Atte are already getting us all set up for the Rotary Club House Tour at McFarland House, while Lil Haworth and Barb Bedell are hard at work gearing up to decorate the other Rotary House this year. Countless members have already started making their creations in preparation for what should be another fabulous Christmas show!

We are so fortunate to have so many ladies ready to share their talents and time! It is what makes our club so great.

Respectfully submitted by

Lindy Fedchun

President Garden Club of Niagara

Please remember to : wear your name tag, bring a coffee mug and your parking pass and check out Garden Club of Niagara on gardenclubsofontario.ca for updates.

UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

Monday, **November 28th**: Workshop - 10:00am

General Meeting, 1:00pm

Programme: **Plants and Flowers for the Season** - presented by club members Lillie Haworth, Barbara Bedell, Diane Hockey and Wendy Somers

Personal greens ordered through Lillie Haworth will be delivered -see details below if interested

NOTL Rotary House Tour - Friday and Saturday, December 2nd and 3rd

Timelines for McFarland Decorating this year:

November 22 Workshop for outside crescents

November 22 & 23 Outside other areas

Ongoing individual room get togethers as organized by each room

November 29 conservatory workshop

November 29 & 30, December 1 ...Main inside rooms decorating days to finalize installations

December 4, **Open House** at McFarland - see details from Rebecca below

December 12 **teardown**

Monday, **December 5th** : Christmas Lunch at the Pillar and Post at NOON

\$36 per person

N.B: If you want to go and have not signed up, please bring your money or cheque (made out to Garden Club of Niagara) to our meeting on Monday November 28th.

Monday, **December 19th**: Workshop - 10:00am - details below

Monday, **January 23rd**, 1:00pm - please note this is the 4th Monday of the month, not the last
Programme: Airplants

Membership - Marilyn Rickard

All membership fees should be paid by the November meeting .

Newsletter - Diane Hockey

The next newsletter will come out mid January, prior to the January general meeting.

Workshops - Lillie Haworth

A reminder we have a workshop on **November 28th** prior to the meeting. All those registered have been given a list of the items to bring. Louise van Atte and Ruth Boulton will be leading this session ~ a simple festive design. It is a great help if you can have the correct change to pay. I will be sending out a reminder to all registered, if you are unable to attend PLEASE let me know. ljhaworth@sympatico.ca

December 19th at 10am Barbara Bedell and Lillie Haworth will be doing a Christmas Centre piece workshop at the NPSH. Bring yourselves and your floral design kit. Cost \$35.00, and again the correct change please. A notice will be going out prior to this session. It is fully

booked so PLEASE if your plans have changed let me know so another member can be part of the session.

Workshops will continue in the new year. At the recent Executive meeting it was suggested participants pay when signing up as supplies are purchased for 'no shows' and other members often would have liked to have taken the session. More on this later!

Christmas Greens for personal use.

If Garden Club members would like to order evergreens for their personal use I am willing to purchase wholesale lots for members. They will be delivered on Monday, November 28th prior to our meeting (from the trunk of my car in the parking lot). Please have the correct change or a cheque (made out to Lillie Haworth) for the amount of your order.

Please have your order to me by Tuesday, November 22nd.

Prices per bunch:

BC Cedar \$6.50

BC pine \$6.80

Silver Fir \$6.80

Magnolia tips \$8.10

Oregonia \$9.00

Carolina Sapphire \$5.65

Seeded eucalyptus \$12.50

Happy decorating! Lillie Haworth ljhaworth@sympatico.ca 905 945 2433

Garden Club of Niagara Fall Flower Show - Diane Hockey & Ann Meuris

The fall flower show, "Inspired by the Journey" was a great success with a wonderful variety of entries in the Horticulture and Design sections. Thanks to all who participated as well as our judges, Ruth Boulton and Elizabeth Schleicher. As a result of your participation we had a full Standard Show. The results of the show will be sent out in a separate email PDF folder or they will be included in the mailed newsletters .

Open House at McFarland - Rebecca Pascoe

McFarland House is always open on the Sunday of the Rotary House Tour weekend. Our hours will be the same as the House Tour hours: 10:00 to 4:00. Members are free to join us on Sunday December 4th, along with up to four free friends and family. Beyond that we at the Niagara Parks Commission are hoping that extended parties could help support the site by purchasing an admission. Club members should wear their name tag to identify themselves.