



Kemptville Horticultural Society Newsletter

May 2009

(see also www.gardenontario.org/site.php/kemptville)

Meeting Minutes for April 15, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER: Two new members and two visitors were introduced and warmly welcomed.
2. HOSPITALITY: Jolanta Blockley, Grace Forget, and Joyce Wood were thanked.
3. MARCH MINUTES: Move to accept, Victoria Hutton; seconded by Erika Csiffary; motion passed.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT MARCH 2009 as presented by Arline Rutter: Move to accept, Monique O'Brien; seconded by Nora DeVette; motion passed.
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - District 2 AGM: Saturday, April 25, 2009 in Pembroke; 10 members are signed up. Sheila King is running against Jeff Blackadar for position of Director. MOTION: KHS members support Sheila in her bid as Director. Moved by Hugh Stewart, seconded by Jean Sears; motion passed.
 - Gloria Anthony: Rideau Woodland Ramble will donate a tree for KHS to plant in honour of Gloria. Jean Sears and Pat Kiteley will choose a tree and a spot in Curry Park and members will be notified of the planting date.
 - Earth Day at the College: Nora DeVette and Gillian Pancirov will represent KHS on April 19.
 - Plant sale at the Ferguson Forest Centre: Slated for Saturday, May 9; coordinated by Anthea Willows. Members are to bring potted and labelled plants to FFC on Tuesday, May 5, if possible.
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - Ottawa is Blooming (10th annual): May 1–3 at the Kanata Recreation Complex.
 - KHS Spring Flower Show: Next meeting; coordinated by Gail Bourque.
 - Dandelion Festival: Downtown Kemptville, May 30–31; KHS has been invited to set up a booth.
 - Announcement: Terry McEvoy of McEvoy Honey and the Giving Garden died unexpectedly on April 1. Terry had been one of our speakers in February. Sheila King attended the wake on behalf of KHS. Pat Kiteley will contact the township as KHS may plant a tree in Terry's honour.
 - Ottawa African Violet Society plant sale: May 2 at the Jim Durrell Rec Centre on Walkley Road.
 - Library Board: Re the 100th anniversary tree planted in 1999 by KHS (rare variety from RWR); Pat made contact regarding possible moving of the tree when the new library is built in ~ 2 years.
 - Alicia Hutton: Will be running her summer garden service and also assisting KHS part time.
 - Hey Day for KDH: June 11–13 at the Curling Club; sign up to help Arline Rutter.

The business meeting adjourned on a motion by Dennis Bourque seconded by Carmen Pincott.

The business meeting was followed by:

- Plant de Jour: Oak leaf ivy (Gillian Pancirov).
- Member Expert: Taking cutting from a geranium (Diane Partlo).

Speaker: Mary Sherman Reid on "Vines for all Seasons".

Treasurer's Report

Kemptville Horticultural Society Financial Statement for April 2009 (As At 30 April 2009)

Revenue

Membership	45.00
AGM Reg (Mem. Con.)	30.00
Garden Tour Sponsors	150.00
Donations	25.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
Total Revenue	270.00

Expenses

Hall Rental	80.00
Donation	16.56
Speakers' Fees	50.00
Office Supplies	1.01
Garden Tour	50.00
Total Expenses	197.57

Net Income

72.43

Assets

Bank Balance	2,593.36
Petty Cash Balance	52.42
Total	2,645.78

GST Credit Due	57.43
FLGIC 027 / Nov 26/09 1.6%	2,300.00
Total	5,003.21

Investment	
Bursary FLGIC 019 / Maturity Nov 9/09 1.6%	2,478.00

Notes:

KHS members, please give me feedback as to what you would like to see in your Newsletter. Comments and suggestions are welcome. You are invited to submit any appropriate material for the next Newsletter at least 2 weeks before the meeting. Please send it by email to pancirov@xplornet.com or by fax to 613 989-1309.



Upcoming Events/Notices

Kemptville Horticultural Society presents the Bud to Bloom Garden Tour 2009 on Saturday June 20th from 10 – 4. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 on the day of the Tour. Tickets are available at *Brewed Awakenings*, Kemptville, or can be obtained by sending a cheque to Kemptville Horticultural Society, PO Box 451, Kemptville, ON K0G 1J0. For information please call 613-258-6485 or 4645, email: khs_oha@yahoo.ca, or visit our website at www.gardenontario.org/site.php/kemptville

Anyone from the Society who is willing to volunteer their help for the tour, please contact Nora.

Photographic Competitions: Jean Sears. Dates to remember:

June 1, 2009 for the OHA competition.

September 30, 2009 for our own KHS competition.

Remember there are forms to be sent in for the OHA competition — see me — and they have to be matted to size 5” x 7”. Good luck!

Weatherall Gardens Ltd will be running spring workshops as follows:

Sunday May 31 “Chair Planter.” Turn an ugly old chair into a beautiful planter. Cost \$35.

Sunday June 7 “Pond in a Pot.” All the beauty and fun of having a pond without all the work and bother. You’ll be able to take your pond home and start enjoying it right away. Cost \$85.

Sunday June 14 “Whimsical Sun Face.” This charming clay sunshine with a smiling face will add a little extra cheer to your garden. This is an easy project...no experience is necessary. Cost \$20.

Sunday June 21 “Hypertufa Pot.” Work with ordinary cement to create an extraordinary planter for your garden. Cost \$35.

All materials and plants are included in the cost. A \$10 deposit will reserve your space. All workshops start at 1 pm. To register call Carol at 613 258-4380 or email weatherall@xplornet.com

Notice to KHS Members: If you are interested in some Garden Gossip and a few cups of coffee, join Nora DeVette and Gillian Pancirov at *Brewed Awakenings* (Creekside Mall, Rd. 43) the first Friday of each month from 10:30–11:30 am for a chance to get together and shoot the breeze. The next get-together will be Friday June 5.



Recipe

Layered Mexican Dip (Joyce Wood)

Layer the following ingredients in a pie plate:

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened

1 cup mild salsa

4 green onions, chopped

2 tbsp. fresh cilantro, chopped fine

1 tbsp. taco seasoning mix*

1 cup drained canned black beans, rinsed

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

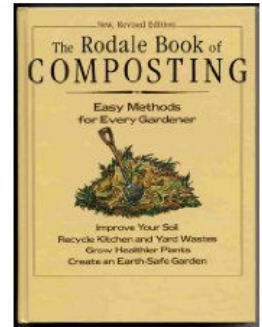
Serve with nachos. Best served at room temperature.

* I make my own taco blend as follows (way cheaper than store bought!): 1 part granulated dry garlic 1 part chili powder, 1 part dehydrated onion, 1 part cumin, 1 part oregano, 1 part dried cilantro. Store in a jar indefinitely and use it for everything!



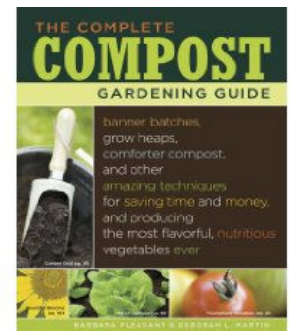
Books on Composting and Organic Gardening

The Rodale Book of Composting. Easy Methods for Every Gardener. Edited by Deborah L. Martin and Grace Gershuny. 278 pages. Published by Rodale Press. Publication date 1992. ISBN 0878579907 (hardcover), 08785799056 (paperback)



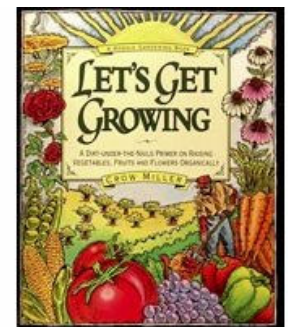
A description of the science and history of composting, includes a discussion of materials, methods, structures and equipment. The book covers everything from manure to earthworms, garbage-can compost bins to underground compost pits. Composting helps build soil structure, guard against soil erosion and drought, grow healthier gardens, and create a safer environment.

The Complete Compost Gardening Guide. By Barbara Pleasant and Deborah L. Martin. 319 pages. Published by Storey Publishing. Publication date 2008. ISBN 9781580177023 (paperback)



The value of keeping compost heaps in the garden beside the plants so that both coexist in a nourishing, organic environment is emphasized. The authors' compost-rich gardens require less digging, weeding and mulching. They identify the plants that benefit most from compost. The book provides information that will help gardeners turn their vegetable plots into healthy produce and flower beds supplying bountiful blooms all season long.

Let's Get Growing: A Dirt-Under-the-Nails Primer to Raising Vegetables, Fruits and Flowers Organically. By Crow Miller. 374 pages. Published by Rodale Press. Publication date 1995. ISBN 0875966403 (hardcover)



Miller provides a guide to raising vegetables, fruits and flowers organically. Learn the details of gardening with great soil, planning and planting your organic garden, raising vegetables and herbs, fruits and berries, flowers, trees shrubs and lawns. The book also described how to control pests, various diseases and weeds.

Organic Gardening. By Geoff Hamilton. 288 pages. Published by Dorling Kindersley. Publication date 2004. ISBN 9780756605315 (paperback)



The essential guide to growing flowers, fruit, and vegetables the natural way. If you want to grow better-tasting fruit and vegetables untainted by chemicals, find natural methods of pest and weed control and create a garden that is safer for your children, pets and wildlife, this book is a practical, easy-to-follow guide to gardening with, rather than against, nature.



Memorable Gardens

RHS Garden, Wisley, Surrey, UK: This is an extensive garden with test plots as well as numerous greenhouses. Many of the plants are well labelled, so if you visit you can take note and bring back seeds to start at home. Seen here is the lily pond at the entrance to the gardens. It is flanked by a large perennial border on each side. There is a photo of the herb garden, pear trees espaliered on an arbour and a small portion of a 200 foot perennial border with a “garden room” planted with both hot and cool colours. Other features of the Wisley include a glasshouse with desert, tropical and temperate climates, and special topical displays; a learning centre; alpine houses; a laboratory and plant information centre; a vegetable garden; a rock garden and an alpine meadow on a sloping site; a wild garden; a walled garden; Battleston Hill, which contains many rhododendrons and azaleas; rose borders and mixed borders; the Jubilee arboretum; and a national heather collection. *Nora DeVette*





A Member's Garden

David and Victoria Hutton: Although we have owned WillowStone farm since 1985, David's career in the foreign service has meant that we have had to reclaim the garden several times. Three summers ago we returned home after an 8-year absence to find our gardens and the surrounding land completely overgrown and choked with uninvited vegetation. We set to work to redefine "the bones" of the inner acre — previously placed drainage tiles had clogged, and the pond had become an overflowing bog, dominated by bullrushes and weeds. The lawns were waterlogged and the beds were filled with weeds and saplings. Once we fixed the drainage, we were able to redefine the driveway and lay flagstone. Next we began to define the beds, a challenge as the land bows and dips according to the whims of the ever-flowing artesian wells beneath. These wells also fill the pond, which we eventually cleaned and lined with river rock. All this allowed the lawn to return. While I began to fill the beds with old Ontario heritage plantings, a mixture of annuals and perennials, many of which were generously gifted from friends with established gardens, David began clearing the vista to the farm lands and creek bed. We created 4 raised beds from logs from an old loafing shed that had collapsed. The two remaining walls are now about to form the microclimate for a new culinary herb garden being started this year. The final frontier will be the formation of a new woodland garden at the back, once the stumps and brush are tamed. Our final gift to ourselves — a new gazebo to retreat to and escape the job jar! [See this delightful garden on the Society's 2009 garden tour.]

