

Russell and District Horticultural Society

Minutes of meeting Monday, April 17, 2017

7 p.m. upstairs at Russell Legion Hall

1. Carole van Die welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that Sue Barr was taking memberships at the back of the room.
 - a. There were over 40 members present
 - b. There were 5 new members or guests: Christie McLeod, Danielle Patenaude, Shirley, Pierrette St.Pierre
2. Grace Stapper approved the March minutes, seconded by Lindley McPhail and Pegi Holtz.
3. A reminder that the District 1 AGM will be held in Kemptville April 22, 2017. The dues have been paid for those attending and the registrar at the AGM has the names.
4. Pegi recapped the flower show for the final evening.
5. The treats tonight were provided by Margaret Helliker, Marilyn MacMillan, and Denise St.Jean.
6. Marcel announced that the speaker for the May meeting, Richard Hinchcliff, will be bringing books for sale, so bring cash if you are interested in purchasing one.
7. Marie-Claire Ivanski announced that tickets for the tea and garden tours to be held June 24 at the Beauchamps are now available. There will be three sittings: 11am, 1pm, and 3pm. Tickets are \$35 and the event is in support of the Canadian Breast Cancer Society.
8. Marie-Claire also announced that April 22 was Women's Day. There were 72 vendors, fashion shows and other demos at the Embrun Community Centre from 10-4. \$7 to enter.
9. Louise Houle gave a brief summary of the March it On Out event. \$1100 was raised, with some of the items going to help set up a house for women coming out of prison as well as a women's shelter (Elizabeth Fry society). Overall there were fewer items donated, but everybody who attended was happy.
10. Pegi Holtz announced that on Thursday, May 4, at 2pm, Marcel would lead a walk through Pegi's sugar bush. There was no cost, but to sign up in case of rescheduling due to the weather.
11. Louise announced that there were sign-up sheets on the membership table for the upcoming workshops and road trips. Limited space is available for some, so sign up early.
12. Lindley talked about the 3000 Canada Celebration Tulips that were distributed around the village and how this was noticed by Russell Meadows. Russell Meadows has invited 'Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip' to tour the tulips. On May 10, they will tour the locations where the tulips have been planted in a landow carriage and a piper will be present and students from the schools will come out to wave.

13. Grace Stapper introduced the speaker of the evening Laura Moses, CLT, Master gardener presenting: "Rejuvenating a Tired Garden."

14. A few notes from her talk:

a. First step: Take inventory

Out with the old, in with the new

Colours are more important than names

b. Step two: Go to the garden centre, take notes, talk to the staff

Better Homes and Garden website has a free program to help design gardens

c. Know when to call for help

d. Plants have lifespans - life of the plant, also life for the space provided

e. What style or theme do you want? A few options: Japanese, Alpine, Naturalized, Formal (English), Butterfly, Hummingbird, Pollinator, Children's garden or nook

f. Perennials: if centre has died out, it is time to divide, move, and share

g. If a tree is cut down, the climate of the gardens will change

h. General spacing: two feet side by side

i. Old shrub, New shrub

Architectural pruning (layers)

Hacking/severe/thinning (rejuvenation)

j. Look at tags to make sure you get the right height and width for the space available

k. The Now Mature Tree

Move sun plants out gradually

Redo garden entirely

Hemlock - a plant for shade and privacy

Before cutting down trees check bi-laws first

l. Quick Fixes

Edge garden

Geosynthetic systems (Black Diamond) edging 4 ½" deep

Brick/soldier course

Dugout edge - root pruning area

m. Mulch - NO red mulch

Composted pine mulch

Mushroom compost also good

Will use cedar mulch

Leaf mould as mulch - mow leaved in fall, let sit for a year

Greely Sand and Gravel is a source

n. Containers

Sink in ground, mulch around

Bugs may be an issue

o. Pockets of Annuals

Plant in multiples

Carry colours to different locations in the garden/yard

p. Simple Additions

Birdcages

Old farm implements

Arches, pergolas, gates, trellises

Art work - iron, wood

Repurposing - e.g. Watering cans

Walkways - keep proportional

Benches, seating areas

q. General Notes

Plant groupings of plants, preferably in odd numbers

Follow a colour scheme

Don't plant in lines, more natural

r. Telephone Help Line 613-236-0034, Wednesday and Thursday 1-3

15. The results from the voting of the nights flower show are as follows:

a. Bursting Bulbs:

1st Place: Pegi Holtz

2nd Place: Erin Holtz

3rd Place: Marilyn MacMillan

b. Which came first, the bunny or the egg:

1st Place: Marilyn MacMillan

2nd Place: Nicole Patenaude

3rd Place: Erin Holtz and Carole van Die