

Horticultural Society annual meeting Consumer warning

The monthly meeting of the Georgetown Horticultural Society, April 18, enjoyed an excellent turnout of regular members, new members and visitors from the community.

This was the second presentation on Landscape and Design for the Homeowner.

Weall and Cullen Nurseries were represented by Zena Calantonio from the Woodbridge Garden Centre and Tess Spakowsky from the Mississauga Garden Centre. The evening was a hub of activity.

President Verna Jaspersen opened the meeting, welcomed our guests and brought forth information on coming events.

The next meeting will be held Wed., May 16, 8 p.m., Knox Presbyterian Church, Main St., Georgetown.

The speaker, Audrey Micklejohn, is a flower show judge from Downview, who will speak to us on Roses. This is the Spring Flower Show and I hope Mother Nature cooperates. All entries must be in between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Theme for the show - "Our Environment in the Nineties".

Lynda Baynes, Flower Show Convener, distributed the Flower Show booklets and invited all to participate in the show. All trophy holders please bring the trophies to the next meeting.

May 19, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon is the Annual Shrub and Plant Sale. Shrubs are donated from Sheridan Nurseries, perennials from member gardens. Some annuals will be available.

A committee has been established and is very busy getting organized for planting the downtown area.

We would like to thank Oxbow Books for their display and sale of gardening and landscape books at both of the previous meetings.

June 16 is the annual Strawberry Social and Flower Show.

Tess Spakowsky did an oral presentation on the following considerations about landscaping -

1. Basic decisions to be made
2. Reasons for doing landscapes
3. Budget
4. Plant materials
5. Elements of design

6. Choosing a nursery
She then showed us techniques of building a rock garden.

Zena Calantonio followed up with a slide presentation on various garden designs and the use of evergreens, perennials, flowering shrubs, annuals and ground covers.

A video was shown on how to establish a pond garden - lily, fish, or both.

The door prize, a gardening book written by Mark Cullen, called "A Green Thumb" was won by Helen Pinkney. Twelve other prize winners received a pot of White English Daisy, a perennial border plant donated by Weall and Cullen.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

For further information about the society contact Publicity Convener Elaine Vanderburg at 877-6288.

TRAVEL NOTEBOOK

Here are notes on news of current interest to travellers:

- To encourage more Canadians to go Down Under, the Australian Tourist Commission's manager for Canada, Maggie Warner, is turning to direct mail. More than 90,000 Canadian homes will receive promotional mailings that include an offer of a videotape for \$7.

- Yosemite National Park in the High Sierras of northeastern California has been chronically short of overnight accommodation. Next month, the crunch will be eased with the opening of Marriott's 242-room, three-storey Tenaya Lodge on a 35-acre site at the town of Fish Camp, three km from the southern entrance to the park. For information or reservations: 800-228-9290.

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OTTAWA - Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada has warned consumers to stop using direct-vent natural gas and propane fireplaces because of the danger of explosion. Three persons have been reported injured in Ontario since the fireplaces were introduced two years ago. The majority of sales have taken place in Ontario and British Columbia.

The warning applies to fireplaces that exhaust directly through the wall behind the unit and that have a sealed glass front panel that cannot be opened.

Under certain conditions, the burner flame may die, resulting in an accumulation of gas inside the unit. Attempts to reignite the flame may cause an explosion, shattering the front glass and sending particles into the room.

The Canadian Gas Association has rescinded certification of all brands of gas fireplaces. Sales of new units have been suspended until necessary safety modifications have been made.

Owners of existing units are advised to turn off the gas supply to the fireplace and contact the manufacturer or distributor to arrange for corrective action.

The manufacturer's name can be found on a plate attached to the fireplace or in the instruction booklet. Consumers requiring assistance should contact their natural gas or propane supplier.

Group sessions

The Halton Regional Health Department will be offering group support sessions to people who have recently experienced the death of a spouse.

Sessions are to begin May 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Halton Regional Health Department office, 93 Main St. South, Georgetown. For further information please call 877-2238.

Annual meeting

The Ontario Association of Superannuated annual meeting will be held Tuesday, May 15, at St. Bartholomews United Church, 22 Abbey Road, Brampton, at 9:30 a.m. Payment of fees, lunch and Tai Chi demonstration.

For information call 451-0616.



Optimist honored

The Georgetown Optimist Club honored long-time member Shel Lawr with a lifetime membership Tuesday night at the club's annual Respect For Law Week meeting and town Mayor Russ Miller was on hand to offer his congratulations. (Herald Photo)

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