

Ready, set, grow!

By: Alex Hilson

The Acton Community Garden is getting ready for their busy season. At a meeting a few weeks ago Garden Committee Chair Chris Golden met with various stakeholders, including representatives from the Town of Halton Hills and local businesses, to talk about what he hopes will be an exciting year.

Golden announced the donation of over 174 packs of seeds from three donors—Urban Harvest, William Dam Seeds and Moon Fire Farm. The seeds will be sent out to schools and the town to make seedlings. Locations that help with that step include Acton District High School, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, the Acton Branch of the Halton Hills Public Library and McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School.

Other partners include Home Hardware, who gives the garden a discount on supplies, and P.O.W.E.R. (Protecting Our Water and Environmental Resources), the

Garden's treasurer.

Progress this year includes new partnerships, an alteration to the Garden's logo, and different gardening technology and apps. Furthermore, the Garden has applied for a grant that will help with multiple new projects, and there's an event they're looking forward to running in the summer.

"We're extremely thankful for all the donations and all the support we get from our schools and other various community partners, and we're looking forward to making this year better than ever," said Golden.

Any surplus food from the Garden gets donated to Food for Life at St. Albans Church by Bill Switzer. "Bill has been a dedicated volunteer since the garden's inception," added Golden.

Community members are welcome to collect food from the Garden as well as help out. Those looking for more information can find the Garden on Facebook or email them at actoncommunitygarden@gmail.com

HILLVIEW REPORT - ACTON

By: Julie Conroy

Now that spring is hopefully here, you might find some of your clothes have shrunk and your joints are a little stiff. Check out some of the exercise programs and information programs offered in the Hillview newsletter which might help solve that problem. Our slogan is "Enjoying life in good company". For more information visit us on line: haltonhills.ca/50plus.

Thinking of enjoying spring, we are playing golf once again at Blue Springs on the Academy course on Wednesday, May 30. We always enjoy the lunch and those who are feeling ambitious can play another nine following lunch.

Frances tells me that while playing darts on April 30, the men won six games to the ladies four. Cathy Forbes made a hat trick for the ladies by winning three games. This week it was Walter Golden who had the hat trick, and once again the men beat the ladies 8 to 2.

Each month we have a free birthday draw for a complimentary pedicure at the Downtown Spa thanks to the generosity of

Dorri Bland. April's winner was Sandy Hyslop.

On Saturday, May 12 at 11 a.m. we will be holding our Spring Mother's Day Lunch. It is always a great success. Everyone raves about the delicious tea. The bake table sells out very quickly. If you are looking for some summertime reading, we have a great selection of books, and you might be lucky and win one of the many prizes on the penny table. There is also a beautiful summer patio set draw and a 50/50 draw.

While playing bid euchre on Thursday afternoon Betty Brewer, Doug King-shott and Mark Gareau each had a mooner.

To celebrate a very special lady's 100th birthday, Jane and Ian McAllister and Jill and Real Tetrault purchased a leaf for our Tree of Hope in Dorothy's honour.

Dermot Richardson was the lucky winner this week for the weekly 50/50 draw. He won \$259.50.

Friday lunch on May 18 will be soup and sandwiches plus, of course, dessert, tea and coffee followed by Bingo at 1:15 p.m.

HILLVIEW REPORT - GEORGETOWN

Just a couple of reminders of social events on tap at the Georgetown Hillview Active Living Centre:

Friday, May 11 at noon come join us for our Mother's Day Social and movie. Tickets are available at reception. You will enjoy being entertained by our Jazz Trio while enjoying light refreshments. Then at 1 p.m. we will be showing the movie "Wonder" starring Julia Roberts.

Monday, May 14 at 1 p.m. join us for our Annual Spring and Summer Fashion Show, displaying the fashions of Northern Reflections and Alia Tan/Jay. We begin with the smooth sounds of our Jazz Trio. The Fashion Show begins at 1:30 p.m. There will be draw prizes and 50/50 draw. After the show we will be serving cake and tea/coffee. Tickets are available at reception.

Weight Watchers has

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started the second class at the Centre on Friday mornings with weigh-in at 8:30 a.m. followed by class at 9 a.m. You are always welcome to join. We have already had fabulous weight losses. If you are in doubt, come out for a session to learn more.

Computer classes continue with the next class on May 16. In this class you will learn how to join Facebook, a useful tool to keep in touch with friends and family.

The new flyers to cover our Day Trips to the end of December are now available at the Travel Desk. Remember to stop in and pick one up.



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The recent Churchill Community Church Springtime Sale. - Harry Rudolfs photo



Checking out the baked goods at Knox Presbyterian Church's Spring Bake Sale. - Les Schmidt photo



Enjoying a cup of tea at St. Alban's Cream Tea event. - Alex Hilson photo

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