

Dateline



The Garden in June

This is one of my favourite months! Irises and peonies are flowering and there are fat buds on my roses. There are quite a few garden chores - other than weeding - that can be done this month.

Pruning spring-flowering shrubs is one chore that is often put off till fall, but there is no reason it can't be done in June. Any shrub that flowered in April or May produced flowers on last year's growth, so if you prune them now, they will have ample time to make new growth for next year's flowers.

You can prune for shape or for rejuvenation. If you are rejuvenating an overgrown shrub such as a forsythia, prune out 1/3 of the oldest growth at soil level. Lilacs can be lightly pruned right after flowering to remove the spent flower heads, but be careful -- new flower buds form directly behind the old ones. If you prune back too far, you'll prune off the new buds.

Fall flowering garden mums and asters should be pinched now to encourage bushiness and more flower heads. Remove the first 1/3 of the stalk to just above a pair of leaves. For large clumps of mums, you can do this with garden shears; otherwise your fingernails will do -- but wear gloves or you'll have green fingers!

Staking of peonies, delphiniums, and other plants with a tendency to flop should be done as soon as possible. You can buy peony rings, but bamboo stakes and green garden twine will work just as well. One of the things I learned touring the English public gardens such as Sissinghurst and Hidcote was to use natural materials as plant supports - often pruned branches from woody shrubs and trees are put into service as unobtrusive (and free) supports for shasta daisies, mums, and other perennials.

Deadhead spent flowers to encourage further blooming on early flowering perennials. Bulb foliage can be dealt with too if it has browned; tulip foliage can be pulled; other bulb foliage can be cut back. But if it is still green, leave it! Photosynthesis is still occurring in green foliage, producing energy to be stored in the bulb for next year's flowering.

Don't forget, too, to take the time to sit back, drink in hand, and just look at your June garden.

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Saturday June 10

The Milton Historical Society presents the **Historical Homes Tour** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. People can view six homes and Knox Presbyterian Church. There are costumed interpreters. Tickets cost \$15 and include the Renovation Showcase from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church, 123 Main St. E. For details call 876-1872.

The Milton Community Resource Centre offers its seventh annual **Family Fun Fair** at Victoria Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are lots of things to do and see including KISS FM, BMX and skateboard demonstrations, the Pepsi Taste Challenge and a raffle with a first class VIA Rail trip as one of the prizes. Kids can have their picture taken with Pikachu or Elmo. For more information call Dianne at 875-0235.

Sunday June 11

The Women of Note vocal ensemble presents its annual spring concert '**A Gift of Song**' at 2:30 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church. Special musical guests are St. Paul's Chamber Ensemble and soprano soloist Erin Linke. The program features music spanning the centuries from madrigals to modern. Admission costs \$10 at the door. Children aged under 14 years are admitted free.

The Halton-Peel branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society hosts the **Cemetery Recording Day** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Trafalgar Lawn Cemetery on Dundas Street near Sixteen Mile Creek, east of Palermo. Participants should bring a clipboard, folding lawn chair, pencil and pen and a lunch. Call Dorothy Kew at (905)458-1031 for details.

The Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church hosts its **164th anniversary service** at 11 a.m. A light lunch follows. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 854-2688 or 854-2375.

Monday June 12

The Milton Seniors' Activity Centre takes a trip to **Casino-Rama**. Tickets cost \$2.50. Call the centre at 875-1681 to reserve a seat.

Bring your 3 to 5-year-olds to **Creation Station** from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Milton Community Resource Centre. Projects may include a wall hanging, a mobile, a game and a centerpiece. Call 876-1244, ext. 12, to register.

The **Osteoporosis Support Group** of the Oakville Bone Centre hosts its monthly meeting at noon at St. Michael's Church, 181 Sewell Dr. There is a potluck lunch. For more information call Phyllis Spillone at 829-4863 or Kay Duncan at 827-6750.

Tuesday June 13

The Milton Seniors' Activity Centre hosts **Lunch Brunch** at a local eatery at noon. Come along to make new friends, enjoy good food and hear the best news in town. Call 875-1681 for the

June location.

A **Parent Support Group** meets at 7:30 p.m. at Pinelands Presbyterian Church, 5270 New St., in Burlington. This non-denominational self-support group with trained leaders helps parents of children who are in trouble at home, at school or with the law, are abusive or taking drugs. For details call 1-800-488-5666.

Wednesday June 14

The Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr., holds its monthly **Evening Euchre Party** at 7:30 p.m. The socializing is great and the competition is keen. Prizes are awarded. The evening costs \$2.

Thursday June 15

The Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr., hosts a **blood donor clinic** from 1:30 to 8 p.m. Appointment times are taken as first priority. To book an appointment call 1-888-871-7201, ext. 4253. The clinic is sponsored by the Milton and District Kinsmen Club with refreshments by Domino's Pizza and Subway.

The **Halton Adolescent Support Services** invites the public to attend their 26th annual meeting at 5 p.m. at the Burlington Art Centre in the Shoreline Room, 1333 Lakeshore Rd. Please call 639-0025, ext. 232, for reservations.

The Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) offers a **foot care clinic** at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr. from 1 to 4 p.m. Appointments are necessary. To reserve a spot call the centre at 875-1681.

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Under the program, groups or individuals agree to adopt a section of a road right-of-way and keep it clean. In appreciation for their efforts, sponsors receive a roadside sign with their name and logo erected by the Region, acknowledging their dedication to a cleaner environment.

"Halton Region is very excited to have a program such as this that anyone can participate in and take pride in helping protect our precious environment," states Patrick Murphy, commissioner of the planning and public works department.

For information on how to register with the Adopt-A-Road program, contact the Region of Halton's Waste Management Division at 825-6030, ext. 7588.



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