

Busy Bee Gardening Club welcomes seniors

Whitchurch-Stouffville resident Beatrice Lembo would like to hear from residents of Stouffville and Uxbridge retirement homes who are interested in growing their own vegetables, herbs and flowers.

"To keep the seniors busy and

fulfilled, I have implemented a program called The Busy Bee Gardening Club, to commence on the May 24 weekend," said Ms. Lembo. "I have allocated part of my two-and-a-half acre property for their gardening pleasure, and once or

twice a week they will be able to be outdoors weeding, planting and nurturing vegetables, flowers and plants."

She will provide a complimentary light lunch for participants, and all seeds and tools will be supplied.

"Whatever they grow will be theirs to keep." Goodwood Gardens has agreed to donate plants and materials to support the venture.

For more information on the club, call Beatrice Lembo at 905-642-6661

HOME and GARDEN

10 tips for a beautiful landscape



For those who weren't born with a green thumb, here are the 10 most common pieces of landscaping advice:

1. When choosing annual or perennial flowers, read the labels carefully. A sun symbol means they are heat-resistant.
2. It may not seem as attractive, but taller grass will better tolerate the scorching sun, since the roots are better protected.
3. Just because a plant looks good, it doesn't mean it has enough fertilizer.



4. Cedar will never fully recover from a too-vigorous pruning. Avoid trimming off more than a third of each branch.

5. When starting seeds indoors, use light potting soil. Heavier soil will smother the seedlings' fragile, tiny roots.

6. New transplants need close observation. A transplant that seems healthy at first may go belly-up without the right amount of water, food and tender loving care.

7. Too much water, and roots will rot. Too little, and roots will dry out. Either way, the plant will die.

8. Some plants, such as roses, may break if not securely tied to their stakes.

9. Set a budget before you undertake any new garden project. It's easy to get carried away when faced with all the choices at the garden centre.

10. Consult a landscape designer, particularly if it's your first landscaping project. They have the skills to guide you toward the perfect choices for creating your unique style.



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