



# NIGHT BEACON NEWSLETTER

Quarterly

“Grow with Tay”

May 2017

## Tay Township Horticulture Committee

To foster civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community education and participation in horticulture.

### TAY BLOOMS

#### PLANT EXCHANGE and MULCH DAY

Saturday June 3, 2017

Tay Township Horticultural Committee

Invites you to join them at

Tay Township Municipal Office

Parking Lot

450 Park Street, Victoria Harbour



#### Free Plant Exchange

Bring a plant - Take a plant



Need to thin out your garden beds this spring

Have extra seeds, cuttings or annuals

Bring them to our plant exchange where they will find a new home and take home a new plant for your garden.

Please put your plants in a container or bag with a label

For further information contact Alison Gray

705-534-7248 ext 240 agray@tay.ca

### Waubashene Tree Planting

The Tay Horticulture Committee have selected a variety of trees to be planted this spring along the boulevard of the recently re-constructed entrance of Pine Street in Waubashene.

Little leaf Linden, Flowering Crabapple, Silver Maple, Burl Oak and Ginkgo biloba will enhance the Pine Street entrance to Waubashene.



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### Tay Lily Award

#### Judging in August

Open to all properties in Tay Township

Further details contact Alison Gray

### Vegetables in Containers

Now is the time to start planning what vegetables to grow this season. A popular trend these days, is container gardening. Many people love to grow them in pots on their decks or patios.

Tomatoes tend to grow well in containers as they love the heat on their roots, however they also like lots of water. The best tomatoes to grow in your containers are Cherry or Grape, the smaller fruit varieties. Tomatoes grow best in full sun, and the soil should be fertile, humus rich, moist and well drained. Use a good container soil mix, do not use garden soil in containers as it will tend to compact.

Other popular container plants are herbs, peppers, beans.

### TAY BLOOMS BUS TRIP

Thursday, June 15th, 2017



Tay Township Horticultural Committee

Invites you to join them for a coach bus trip to visit

#### Plant Paradise Country Gardens

Botanical gardens showcasing unique, hardy perennials grown amidst 24 acres of managed forest using environmentally sustainable gardening practices.

“RBG of the north”

#### Pathways To Perennials

Award winning landscape set on 11 acres of woodland and meadows ecologically designed and managed for the enjoyment of living in the great outdoors.

Guided Tour, Speaker Presentation, Display Gardens  
Garden Centre, Nursery and Gift Shops

**\$80.00 per person**

(includes lunch, admission, tax)

**Reserve your ticket before June 9th, 2017**

**Limited Seating**

Departing from Oakwood Community Centre  
Victoria Harbour



Registration at Tay Township Office  
450 Park Street, Victoria Harbour



Cash/Debit/Cheque payment required at registration

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“In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.” - Margaret Atwood

## April - May is Planting Season

Now is the time to plant winter-hardy trees, shrubs, evergreens, roses, perennials (that have not been forced with new soft growth) and some annual flowers and vegetables.

Cool temperatures below the surface of the soil is key to early success in the garden. Newly planted Lilac and Peony will break through dormancy and wake up to a new season in your garden when planted in April or May

Many perennials can easily be divided in the spring while growth is still small.

It is wise to prepare the planting hole beforehand and to add 5-15-5 transplant fertilizer after planting to encourage feeding roots to develop early in the season.

Most annuals and tender vegetables shouldn't be planted before the first week of June to avoid the risk of frost damage.

## Range Light Garden Project

### Victoria Harbour

In April The Tay Horticulture Committee met with Susan Lucas with regards to a delegation to potentially develop a heritage garden at the Range Light location in Victoria Harbour.

Following an on-site visit by the committee members along with Bryan Anderson and Susan Lucas the Tay Horticulture Committee is preparing to move forward on a project to enhance the area around the Range Light with low maintenance garden areas reflecting on hardy and heritage plants that may have been present in gardens in the Tay area in the era of 1910.

On Tuesday July 4th @ 4:00 pm the Horticulture Committee will be meeting at the Range Light to plant the planned garden areas. If you would like to volunteer to assist in enhancing the beauty of this heritage building, please join us, or contact Alison Gray for further details.



The pungent odour of Geraniums repels many pests. Plant white Geraniums amongst Roses to repel Japanese Beetles. Plant scented Geraniums with Tomatoes.



Plant Basil around your Tomatoe plants. Helps ward off insects and disease.



A kettle of boiling water will kill hard to remove nuisance weeds that pop up between cracks in paving stones and other hard surfaces.

## TAY BLOOMS ADOPT-A-GARDEN-PROGRAM

Tay Township Horticultural Committee  
In conjunction with  
Tay Township Parks and Recreation Department

Invites you to join them to enhance the beauty and curb appeal of public gardens within the Township.



There are over 20 public gardens within the Township of Tay, with most being located at community parks, trailheads, entrance and notice board signs.

An individual, family, friends, community business, group or organization can participate by volunteering to maintain a public garden from April through to October.

Monitoring the garden on a regular basis to maintain a healthy and tidy appearance.

Each adopted garden is acknowledged with a plaque recognizing the participant. Volunteers are also recognized by the Township at the Annual Volunteer Lunch.

For further information or to register for adoption  
Contact Alison Gray 705-534-7248 ext 240  
agray@tay.ca



### Tay Horticulture Committee

Marina Josey, Glenda Bosley, Betty Wakish, Cate Root (Council Representative)

For any questions or to share your gardening tips or photos.

Contact Alison Gray, Clerk, Township of Tay 705-534-7248 ext. 240 or agray@tay.ca