



# Tay Blooms

# NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023

Presented by the Tay Township Horticultural Committee

The Horticulture Committee fosters civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community education and participation in horticulture.

## Plant Swap/Share/Donate



Have extra plants in your garden?  
Time to divide?

Dig them up and bring them to the Plant Swap.

**New to Gardening?**

Pick up a plant for Free.

**Free Mulch!**

Bring your own bin/container and scoop some mulch on your gardens or tree bases etc. Questions about Mulch? Talk to the Event Experts to learn mulching tips!

**When:** June 3, 2023    **Hours:** 9am – 12pm

**Location:** Municipal Office: 450 Park Street, Victoria Harbour, Parking Lot



Meet the volunteer Members of the Horticultural Committee.



## Love to Garden? Consider Volunteering... Ask us How!

**Share Your Garden Photos!**  
Send them to Brian Anderson at Tay Township. Your photo could be included in the next newsletter.



## Say it... with Flowers!

A few minutes of weeding or deadheading can be a big help to a neighbour or friend who may have had a setback or got behind. Gather a simple bouquet from your garden (flowers/veggies or herbs). Deliver them in a water-filled mason jar! Add simple handwritten note like "Have a Great Day".

### Horticulture Defined...

"The art or practice of garden cultivation and management.

It deals with garden crops such as ornamental plants grown for their appearance; fruits, vegetables, herbs and spices grown for their food value; and medicinal plants".



## Fresh Herbs...Home Grown!

Not ready to build a whole garden? Limited space - Need a kid-friendly summer project? Keep it simple and grow an Herb Planter. Choose a planter from home or pick one up at a local spring yard sale. Fresh herbs are flavourful for cooking, salad dressing and marinades; medicinal tinctures and scented pillow sachets.



**Pick your Pot.** Bigger is better as it holds more soil and thus retains more water. Clay pots are preferred, as they add weight to reduce the chance of wind from tipping them over. **Tip:** For best results use one pot to hold one type of Herb.

**Buy fresh potting mix.** When growing herbs at home that will be consumed, best to grow them organically. Use organic potting mix enriched with Micorizole (My-co-RYE-zal). **Tip:** Add some Sea Compost. Mix 4:1. Both will help your new herbs thrive, naturally

**Fill:** Line bottom of pot with a piece of fabric to slow down the soil from washing out. No need to add rocks or any other drainage. Fill with new potting soil.

**Plant:** Plant your starter plant in the centre of your pot, at the same depth as you got it; gently patting down to secure. Make sure all roots are tucked in and covered with potting soil.

**Water.** Water daily to start, and when established, try every three days. Every container is different, so observe how yours responds. **Tip:** Tuck an always-filled, outdoor watering can nearby, out of full sun.

**Feed.** Yes, most plants need a little help to thrive. **Tip:** Always use organic and food safe plant food when feeding herbs and veggies.



## Adopt-A-Garden

The Adopt-A-Garden program is a collaborative outdoor activity between Tay Township and its residents. This is a creative way that residents can enjoy some time outdoors while at the same time add beauty to our community. Why not pick-a-friend and co-adopt a garden this season.

For more information about volunteering please contact Bryan Anderson - see below for contact details.

## The Night Beacon Daylily is Tay's official flower!

A magnificent reblooming Lily that appears in early-mid summer and again into the fall. These lilies dependably produce oodles of attention getting, large 4" blooms that are a deep magenta with a chartreuse eye that blends into a lime green throat. The recurved petals and sepals add further to the Night Beacon's beauty. These butterfly-luring flowers open on long (27") stems. Lilies are hardy perennials, tolerate our hot summers, are drought tolerant when established and bloom every year. They grow faithfully in full or partial sun. Day Lillies attract butterflies, bees and hummingbirds.

The name 'Night Beacon', wonderfully honours the history of a lighthouse which offers a way-finding beacon of light to guide at night. **Tip:** After flowering, remove each flower. This will improve the overall appearance and promote reblooming. When all the flowers on a stem are deadheaded, remove the whole stem as well.



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