

The Brandon Garden Club

April Newsletter



Tonight's Meeting-

Landscaping With Perennials

Marci Vreeman

Owner of The Blue Garden, Minnedosa

Be sure to check out Marci's perennials available for purchase tonight! Thanks to Marci for spending her time with us during peak "get ready" season.

May 26th **Annual Plant Sale**

This is our only fundraiser so be sure to start a few (more) & divide a few (more) to make this a big success!

Please feel free to purchase some plants to donate for sale if you have nothing to spare in your yard this year.



We will be back at the Parks bldg at 2020 McGregor Ave. You can drop off plants Friday afternoon 1 -6 pm or if necessary 8 am Sat morning. Sale starts at 9 am Saturday until sell out. Proceeds go toward club activities, guest speakers, community donations and improvements. The more we raise, the more we can accomplish. Thanks Esther for taking this on this year :)

Dates to Remember:

April 25th

*What's New at the **Greenspot** - 6pm
Bring you membership card to get 10% off.*

May 5th

Bus Tour - Carman, Morden, Winkler Greenhouses - Must register & pay tonight. See Gwen Beam

May 16th

Container Gardening at Patmores 6pm with Kerri Van Mackelbergh
Limit of 2 containers. Bring your membership card for plant discount.

June 16th

Hypertufta Class \$10
Pre-registration required- see Pat Zmetana to sign up.

Spring Tip:

Last year we had good reviews from our members on applying a mixture of 10 parts water & 1 part ammonia to emerging hosta plants to help control slug eggs.



"Eggs are generally laid on or near the soil surface, but are usually deposited in places of concealment, such as underneath mulch, dead leaves, & rocks. The number of eggs laid at one time by one slug may be up to 100, but average 20 to 30." Ohio State University

Upcoming Horticultural Days:

Oak Lake Garden Day - April 28th / 9:30am

\$15 (includes lunch) Topics include Planter Design - Tracy Timmer, What's New in Shrubs, Trees & Fruit Trees - Donna Chandler, Soil Amendment for Flooded Soil- Kathryn Buckley, Living Succulent Picture - Gwen Beam For more info: Donna 855-2406 or Marion 855-2328

The Frugal Gardener - April 28th / 9:00am

St Dominic's Church, Neepawa

\$20 (includes lunch) Info: Chris 476-2846

Hartney - Leap into Spring - May 12th 9:30am

\$20 (includes lunch) The Centennial Center

Topics include Creating a Log Planter & Hydrangeas- Rick Wilson, What's New & Noteworthy in 2012 - Connie Lagerquist, and Manitoba Wild - Ben Stilwel

For more info: Edna 858-2287

The Friends of the Conservatory "Mother's Day Sale" – May 13th 9 AM

Now being held indoors at the Canadian Mennonite University Gym.

"Dove", "Bluejay", "Canary" and "Cardinal" await you in the Aquilegia family . We have 5 different Hellebores from the 'Lady' strain , more than 7 varieties of Sempervivums, 8 varieties of truly hardy Heucheras , 4 trilliums , David Austin roses and 15 varieties of gorgeous Hydrangeas.

2013 MHA CONVENTION

"OUT OF AFRICA"

We will require a lot of volunteer help to host this convention Jan 17,18,19, 2013. Please see Deane Dixon or Gwen Beam to ask how you can help. No matter what amount of time you can spare let us know and we will find a job for you. - Thanks.

Have you checked out our new website ? <http://thebrandongardenclub.weebly.com/>

Thanks to David Long our webmaster.

McFayden's invites you to "like" them on [facebook](#) for chances to win prizes and for sales specials. Don't forget to look for our other friends like The Blue Garden, Canadian Gardening, Fine Gardening, Proven Winners & many others !