



Cross Pollination

March 2010

Coordinator's Corner

Lions and Lambs

Well March 1st certainly has come in like a lamb today with those gorgeous blue skies and much needed sun. Even if it does go out like a lion at the end of the month, spring will have arrived and better weather will be just around the corner, so let it roar!

The garden show season certainly has come roaring in like a lion this year with 2 new local garden shows-one at the Carport Centre in March and the other in April at the RBG. My calendar is already filled with all kinds of wonderful garden events from Canada Blooms to great tech updates that we are so lucky to be able to attend.

Here is a list of upcoming events:

- **Stratford Garden Festival** March 4 to 7 Stratford Rotary Complex
www.stratfordgardenfestival.com
- **Ideal Home and Garden Show** Fri March 5 Noon - 8pm Sat March 6 10am - 8pm Sun March 7 10am - 5pm; The Careport Centre, 270 Longwood Rd South Hamilton, ON, L8P OA6
<http://www.idealhomeandgarden.ca/specialattractions.html>
- **Canada Blooms** – Mar 18-21st – Direct Energy Building at the CNE grounds; for every ticket purchased online at <https://www.microspec.com/tix123/etic.cfm?code=CB2010&disc=masterg> , Canada Blooms will donate \$2.00 to MGOI and the purchaser's local group will receive \$1.00 of this donation.
- **Successful Gardening Show** – Mar. 18-21st (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.) at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga. Admission: \$14.00 Seniors -\$10.00
- **RBG garden show** April 23, 24, 25
- **Members Mulch Day** Saturday, April 24; 8 a.m. to noon
- **Summer Workshop**, July 17th and 18th, 2010 at the Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens and School of Horticulture

Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics

Most of Canada must have been roaring like lions for the last 2 weeks of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics. In case you were wondering what was in the bouquets handed out to medal winners, Lorne has sent this information:

Each winning Olympic athlete received a bouquet made with green spider chrysanthemums, green hypericum berries and green aspidistra leaves. 1800 bouquets were needed for the event at the rate of 80 – 150 bouquets per day. The bouquets were made by specially trained marginalized women, recovering drug addicts, ex-prisoners and abused women under the direction of a 2 Vancouver flower shop owners.

