



# Cross Pollination

May 2010

## Coordinator's Corner

Well done RBG! The first ever *Royal Botanical Gardens'* Garden Show is now over and it seems to have been a great success! Our members were there from the start to the finish working tirelessly on a number of fronts.

Our booth looked much better for having been updated by Marg Catley. A lot of questions were sparked by the weed identification poster, the vases of lilacs and redbud and the lovely pot of garlic mustard! This should inspire us to include some plant material in future advice clinics. We will continue to work on updating the backdrop so that it contains useful information about our group. Karen made a start of that by providing labels with our new website for our brochure.

Thanks to those who set up and took down our display, including Barry Catley, official photographer of Halton MG'S and Marg's very own M.G.H.i.T. (Master Gardener Husband in Tow). Check out the photo of Ben (below) Marg and Barry's M.G.G. (Master Gardener Grandson)



One of the highlights for me, was being able to attend some of the speakers' talks and the demonstrations. You can tell by the photo of Doris on the left, that she is a natural when it comes to presenting to the public. Thanks to all the members who volunteered to speak as well as those who participated in the introduction of speakers.



And finally, a big thanks to those who volunteered on our advice table and answered questions with a big smile! Keep that smile going as we will need it for the **Second Annual RBG Garden Show** in April 2011!

Claudette Sims



## Garden Tours and Plant Sales

- **Grand Durand Garden Tour** Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
[www.durandna.com](http://www.durandna.com) or 905.527.6820
- **Paris Hort. Garden Tour** Sat. June 5 and Sun. June 6, 10-4 \$8.00  
519.442.3458 (Anne) or 519.442.4630 (Sandy)
- **Great Gardens of the Ganaska** in Port Hope Sun. June 27 10 - 4 \$25 (Big Brothers Fundraiser) 1.888.278.2484  
[www.heartofnorthumberland.ca](http://www.heartofnorthumberland.ca)
- **Along the Garden Path** in Newmarket Sat. Sept. 11, 10- 4 10.00  
[lssmastergardeners@gmail.com](mailto:lssmastergardeners@gmail.com)
- **David and Mary's' Spring Open Garden and Perennial Plant Sale'** (Mother's Day Weekend) Thursday, May 6th, Friday, May7th & Saturday, May 8th 9:00am to 5:00pm daily 18 Fleming Avenue, Dundas
- **Marion Jarvie - Open Garden** May 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (Saturday & Sunday) (37 Thornheights Road, Thornhill) The garden is also open on the weekends of July 24 & 25, and September 18 & 19. There are always many select plants for sale, and there is no charge for admittance. Open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., rain or shine.
- **Carpenter Hospice Garden Tour** Sunday, July 17th 1 to 4, contact Margaret Hunsberger at 905-632-2167

## RBG Festivals

- **Tulip Celebration** Saturdays and Sundays, May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Rock Garden
- **RBG Auxiliary Plant Sale** Thursday, May 6 and Saturday, May 8, Arboretum
- **Lilac Celebration** Saturdays and Sundays, May 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Arboretum/Lilac Dell
- **Aldershot Escarpment Garden Open House** Sunday, May 30; 3 to 5 p.m.; RBG Centre
- **Iris and Peony Celebration** Saturdays and Sundays, June 5, 6, 12 and 13; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Laking Garden.
- **RBG Auxiliary Used Bulb Sale** Saturday, June 19; 9 a.m. to noon; Arboretum



## Halton Region Master Gardeners Meetings

- **Tour of the Kippax Garden** June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **September 1<sup>st</sup>** TBA

## Workshops & Technical Updates

- **Summer Workshop** July 17th and 18th, 2010 at the Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens and School of Horticulture

## Stop and Smell the Roses

### Lorne Sparrow

The most frequently asked question about roses is “**What rose/roses do you recommend?**”

Personally I encourage people to grow shrub roses because they are hardier, require less maintenance and are more disease resistant than the commonly preferred Hybrid Tea and Floribunda roses.

Some of the most winter-hardy roses available are those bred and grown in Canada. These are the Explorer Series (developed in Ottawa) and the Parkland Series (developed in Morden, Manitoba)

#### Explorer Series:

**David Thompson** shrub medium red, repeat bloom slight fragrance

**George Vancouver** shrub medium red repeat bloom slight fragrance

**Henry Kelsey** shrub/climber medium red, repeat bloom fragrant

**Jens Munk** shrub medium pink repeat bloom slight fragrance

#### Parkland Series:

**Adelaide Hoodless** shrub red, prune spent flower for repeat bloom slight fragrance

**Hope for Humanity** shrub deep red, repeat bloom slight fragrance

**Prairie Joy** shrub medium pink, repeat bloom slight fragrance

**Winnipeg Parks** shrub medium red, repeat bloom slight fragrance

#### Other Shrub Roses:

**Abraham Darby** apricot yellow repeat bloom fragrant

**Bonica** light pink repeat bloom slight fragrance

**Graham Thomas** deep yellow repeat bloom fragrant

**Mary Rose** medium pink repeat bloom fragrant

#### Climbers:

**Dortmund** red repeat bloom slight fragrance

**Dublin Bay** red repeat bloom fragrant

**New Dawn** pink repeat bloom fragrant

#### Hybrid Tea:

**Elina** yellow repeat bloom slight fragrance

**Garden Party** cream with pink edges repeat bloom fragrant

**Mister Lincoln** dark red repeat bloom fragrant

**Peace** soft yellow pink edges repeat bloom slight fragrance

#### Floribunda:

**Betty Boop** red with white centre repeat bloom

**Fairy Tale** pink with cream edges repeat bloom slight fragrance

**Hot Cocoa** chocolate burnt orange repeat bloom fragrant

**Sexy REXY** medium pink repeat bloom slight fragrance

#### Grandiflora:

**Queen Elizabeth** pearly pink repeat bloom slight fragrance

For more selections check out the web site of these two growers

Hortico in Waterdown website [www.hortico.com](http://www.hortico.com)

Palatine in Niagara-On-The-Lake [www.palatineroses.com](http://www.palatineroses.com)



**Mary Rose** growing just outside Lorne's front door