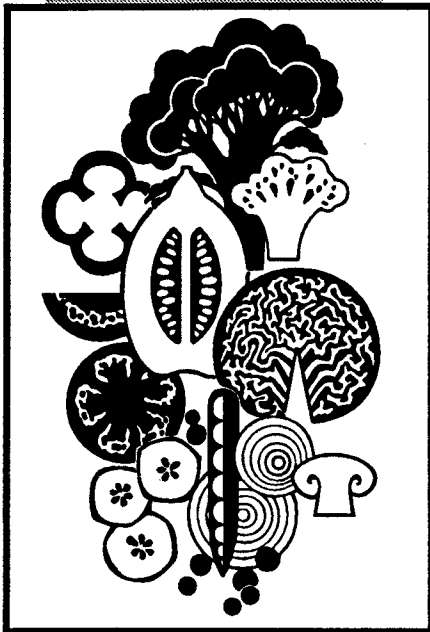


# NEPEAN GARDEN ASSOCIATION

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## ADVANCE NOTICE

### Mark your calendar now!

*The 1994 annual general meeting of the Nepean Garden Association will take place on Tuesday, March 29, 1994. At that time we will receive the financial reports, elect the officers, approve the budget and sign up gardeners for 1994. More details will follow next March.*

## From the Chairman

Hello to all members of the Nepean Garden Association for 1993. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed, and are enjoying, the produce from your gardens as much as my family and I are from ours. We have found the tomatoes and cucumbers to be especially tasty and abundant this year, and our freezer and canning shelves bear evidence of the bountiful harvest we have enjoyed, and thus will enjoy for months to come. Although recent frosts have killed the more tender plants, there are still carrots, beets, cabbage, brussels sprouts and other vegetables awaiting harvest in many plots, so the season still has some life to it as I write this.

At this time, I wish to thank, on your behalf the directors of your association. These people, who are listed elsewhere in this newsletter, have given very freely of their time to do all sorts of tasks, and I certainly appreciate their efforts in helping the association affairs to run smoothly. I would also like to thank my wife, Sue, who took many of your phone calls at our home last spring until we located our new registrar.

Also, I would like to thank you, the gardeners, for supporting the association, and in general, keeping your plots neat and tidy

and keeping the weeds under control. Unfortunately, there were a few plots that were almost completely abandoned and the weeds were allowed to grow out of control. This cost your association money, in that a special tool had to be rented to cut the weeds in these plots where the lawn mower could not be used, and time on the part of those who volunteer their time to maintain the site. As a result, your directors will be looking seriously at not renewing the leases of those gardeners who did not make a reasonable effort to maintain their plots in an acceptable manner this year.

Finally, may I say that it has been a pleasure to serve as your chairman in 1993. We, the directors, look forward to again seeing many of you at the gardens in 1994. If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or one of the directors over the winter months.

Sincerely,  
Ron Black



## Fall Clean-up Procedures

The leases on the garden plots expire for the year on Friday, October 15th. After that date, your maintenance committee will proceed to clean-up the garden area and ready the plots to be tilled for winter.

All gardeners are requested to remove all remaining produce, tools, tomato cages, stakes and any other non-compostable materials from all plots no later than October 15th. Any diseased plants and vegetables should be removed and placed in the garbage receptacles at the site or taken home to be placed in the garbage. Do not put such material on the compost pile. Weeds with seeds should also be pulled and placed in the garbage. All gardeners are encouraged to leave all other plants in the gardens for mulching, as it will help to increase the organic matter in the soil next year, which is something the soil at Viewmount does need.

The directors have arranged to have the plots mulched and then rough-tilled by personnel and equipment from the City of Nepean. This work will be performed as soon as possible after October 15th. The water will also be turned off as of that date, unless cold weather has made it necessary to do so earlier.

Before October 15th, the marker stakes must also be pulled, cleaned and put in storage. If you can assist with this job, please call Ian Reid at 225-4510 or Keith Hird at 225-1863 to volunteer.

## Surplus Produce?

Have you more vegetables in your plot than you can use? If you are looking for someone who can use them, one of our NGA members is involved with a soup kitchen and would be glad to receive your donations. Call Ange Salm at 224-2839 to arrange to donate your extras to the Well Mission at St. John's Anglican Church.

## Going South for the Winter?

If you are one of those snowbirds who likes to exchange the snow and frigid temperatures of Ottawa for more garden-like climates elsewhere, then we would appreciate having a record of your address where we may forward mail concerning registration for 1994. Or you might even want to consider pre-paying your 1994 plot rental fee before you depart, especially if you will not have returned before the end of March.



Please send notice of your address and your cheque if you wish to Wendy Millar, Registrar, Nepean Garden Association, 91 Benlea Drive, Nepean, Ontario K2G 4A3. Telephone 225-6760 (evenings). For fees please remit the 1993 fees: **\$25.00 for Nepean residents, \$20.00 for Nepean seniors, \$30.00 for non-Nepean residents and \$12.50 for perennial plots.**

## New Storage Shed Constructed

You will have noticed that we now have at the garden site a fine new storage shed. This new shed is a much larger and handier place in which to store the association lawn mower, other tools and marker

stakes. It also frees up the tenth locker, which had been used for storing association property for rental. Since building the shed, the association has acquired a wheelbarrow to assist in maintenance chores.

## Special Thanks

Special thanks to Keith Hird, who has performed many repair chores around the site this summer. Keith repaired several of the water taps and kept the lawn mower in running order. He also assisted Ian in repairing a couple of leaks in the water piping and installed the lock on the new shed. Good work Keith.

As always, we owe a real vote of thanks to Ian Reid for all his work on the maintenance end of things. Ian keeps a close eye on things at the site all the time and it is much appreciated.

There are three ladies who also deserve a pat on the back. Wendy Millar as registrar and Marjorie Harris as treasurer have done a great job keeping all the registrations and finances in order. Nancy Rooyackers of the City of Nepean staff has also been of great assistance in many ways as our secretary and liaison person to the City.

## Compost Pile

Roy Casorso established a compost pile at the site this year which all gardeners are free to add to or take from as they see fit. It has been great to see much less good plant material going into the garbage. By next gardening season, the pile should contain some useable compost.

