

NEPEAN GARDEN ASSOCIATION

MEMBERS' BULLETIN ~ FALL 1994

From the Chairman

It's hard to believe that another gardening season is so quickly coming to a close. I think most of you will agree with me that it has been a very successful summer in the gardens. I have certainly enjoyed seeing the many beautiful, well-kept and productive looking plots at the site this year. I know that my family and I have certainly enjoyed an abundance of vegetables from our plot, and it's not finished yet as I write this. Bright orange pumpkins and dark green squash mingle with the few remaining ripe tomatoes, while under the soil, the dark red beets and bright orange carrots are nearing perfection. I hope that each member of the NGA for 1994 has experienced similar satisfaction and tasty eating.

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's affairs run smoothly.

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. Also, the directors and volunteers who cut the grass are very grateful for the splendid cooperation received from gardeners in keeping rocks and other debris off the grass paths after we posted the signs throughout the site. This is the kind of cooperation that makes our Association function smoothly.

Unfortunately, there were a few plots that were almost completely abandoned and the weeds were allowed to grow out of control. These have been dealt with on an individual basis with the members involved, with some members being advised that their membership will not be renewed in 1995, while others will receive warnings. This is in accordance with Association rules and decisions made by your directors.

Finally, may I say that it has been a pleasure to serve as your Chairman again in 1994. We, the directors, look forward to again seeing many of you at the gardens in 1995. 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

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Fall Cleanup Procedures



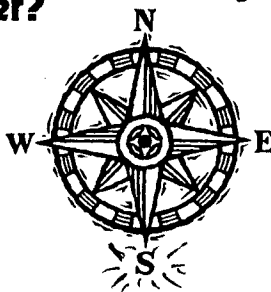
The leases on the garden plots expire for the year on Monday, October 31, in accordance with a decision made by your Board of Directors to extend the gardening season. After that date, your maintenance committee will proceed to clean up the garden area and ready the plots to be tilled for winter.

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 31. 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 31. The water will also be turned off as of that date, unless cold weather has made it necessary to do so earlier.

Before October 31, 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.

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 1995. Or you might even want to consider prepaying your 1995 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 K2G 4A3. Tel. 225-6760 (evenings). The 1995 fees will be the same as 1994:

Annual Plots

Nepean residents	\$25.00
Nepean seniors	\$20.00
Non-Nepean residents	\$30.00
Non-Nepean seniors	\$25.00

Perennial Plots

Regular	\$12.50
Seniors	\$10.00

Make cheques payable to *Nepean Garden Association*.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Mark those 1995 Calendars Now!

The 1995 Annual Meeting of the Nepean Garden Association will be held on the evening of Tuesday, March 28, 1995 in Hall E of the Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Avenue, 7 p.m. At that time the financial statement for 1994 will be presented, as well as the budget for 1995. The directors are making plans to purchase a riding lawn mower in 1995, which will require a vote of approval at the annual meeting. Officers and directors of the Association for 1995 will also be elected at that time. Notice of the meeting will be sent to all members well in advance advising of the time and location, but mark those calendars now so that date will be free. We hope to see all returning members as well as prospective new members at that time.



Directors Needed

Here is your golden opportunity to get a little more involved in the affairs of *your* garden association by becoming a director. It is not an onerous or heavy task, but I can assure you that it is very interesting work and you get to know some of your fellow Viewmount gardeners a whole lot better. About three or four

short meetings per year are involved. Wally Clarke, one of the present directors, has indicated his intention to resign, so some additional directors will be needed. Please give this some serious thought and if you are interested in letting your name stand for election as a director, please contact either the chairman, Ron Black, 820-3689 or the secretary, Nancy Rooyakkers, 727.6640.

Bouquets - Picked from all the Gardens for Special People



A big thank you goes out to the following members who volunteered their time to cut the grass around the plots this summer: Bill Nye, Carl Vuylsteke, Gus Wegelin, Keith and Lila Hird, and Ian Reid. The grass was kept in great shape and we appreciate your time and effort.

Another vote of thanks goes to Keith Hird, our resident plumber, who keeps an eagle eye on the water system and repairs any problems while they are still minor. Keith also did some repairs to the lawn mower and he helps Ian on other projects.

Ian Reid also deserves special thanks for keeping everything in ship shape on the maintenance side and for being that watchful eye that prevents possible troubles, thus making gardening a lot more enjoyable for all of us.

Wally Clarke has put in many hours over the past four years in an attempt to establish an additional site in the western part of Nepean. This has involved many phone calls, meetings and letters with the NCC, as well as research on possible sites and the needs of the NGA. We thank Wally sincerely for all his efforts and painstaking attention to detail. It is certainly not for lack of persistence and hard work on Wally's part that we have not yet been able to obtain a western site. As Wally leaves the Board, we wish him well.

Finally, a tremendous thanks goes out to Wendy Millar who handled the detailed job of allotting the plots and Marjorie Harris, our very capable treasurer who have both done an excellent job. Also thanks goes to

Nancy Rooyakkers who acts as our secretary, offers us assistance from Nepean Parks and Recreation and fields many phone calls about the NGA at her office. Her duties for the NGA are above and beyond her regular duties at Parks and Recreation and we certainly appreciate all she has done.

Nepean Garden Association Board of Directors, 1994 - '95

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