



Nepean

GARDEN ASSOCIATION

MEMBERS' BULLETIN ~ SPRING 1996

COMING SOON TO YOUR GARDEN PLOTS... COMPOST BINS

The directors of the Nepean Garden Association are pleased to announce that six large wooden compost bins will be installed in the Viewmount Allotment Gardens prior to the gardening season. This project is being carried out in cooperation with the Park Planning and Development section of Nepean Parks and Recreation.

In the fall of 1995, Rod Price, a naturalization field worker, with Nepean Parks and Recreation wrote to the association to propose installation of the bins as a solution to concerns about organic material being disposed of haphazardly along the fence and in the creek area, where it could rot the bottoms of trees and disturb ground cover development.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I know that no one needs any further reminders that the winter now past has been a very long one and that spring has been slow to arrive. From the number of calls that the executive members have been receiving, however, I know that the interest in gardening has awakened, and many of you are anxious to get out into the plots.

It is with this optimism that good gardening weather will soon be with us that I greet all members of the Nepean Garden Association in this, our spring bulletin. To all returning members, I say "welcome back" and to all new members, I wish to extend an especial-

ly warm welcome. We are glad that you have joined us and I sincerely hope that your experiences at gardening in 1996 will be rewarding.

I urge you to read all of the information in this bulletin, as well as the association rules which appear on the permit form. If everyone follows the rules and helps out when there are tasks to be done, our whole Association runs more smoothly.

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Your directors enthusiastically endorsed this proposal for several reasons. Not only will it alleviate the problem that city staff had identified, but there will be other benefits as well. The bins will, in time, provide compost for gardeners to use on their plots at no cost; they will help us to keep the site neat and attractive, and they will eliminate problems being encountered with the existing compost pile.

Each bin is nine feet long, four feet deep and three feet high and is divided into three sections, each with a front panel that lifts out for emptying.

The Nepean Garden Association gratefully acknowledges the financial assistance received for this project. A grant from the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton covered 2/3 of the total cost. A grant was also received from Canada Trust in the amount of \$700 under their environmental program, and Canadian Gardening magazine contributed \$50. Thanks goes to our treasurer, Janice Schroeder for obtaining these contributions. These grants reduced the net cost to the Association to \$600, part of which has now been covered by a generous donation from a member. The remainder will easily be covered from 1996 revenues.

The Association also gratefully acknowledges the technical assistance received from Rod Price and Kevin Wherry of the Nepean Parks and Recreation staff.

It is hoped that all gardeners will find the bins easy and convenient and will place all their com-

postable material in them. Please remember, however, that wood, plastic and metal do not belong in the composters.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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If you have any questions or concerns throughout the summer, please do not hesitate to call any director of the Association. The directors' names and telephone numbers appear on page 4. Any of the directors will be pleased to assist you. Your directors are a very willing group and I wish to thank them for again volunteering their time on behalf of the Association.

Happy gardening in '96.

Sincerely,
Ron Black

COUNTDOWN TO MAY 15

The official date for the beginning of the gardening season is May 15, by which time it is hoped that the plots will have been rototilled and staked. Once this has been done, gardeners are free to begin their work, even if prior to May 15. Please realize, however, that completion of the tilling is very much dependent on the weather. The soil in our plots is predominantly clay and cannot be successfully tilled if it is too wet.



1996 ANNUAL MEETING



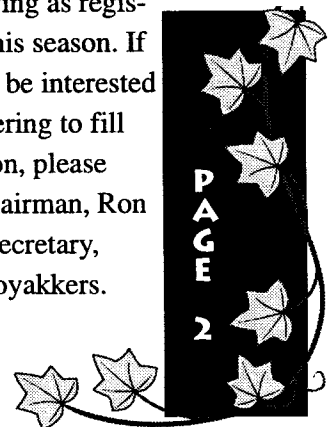
A good number of Nepean Garden Association members attended the 1996 Annual Meeting of the Association on the evening of March 26 at the Nepean Sportsplex.

Highlights of the meeting included the presentation of the 1995 financial report by treasurer, Janice Schroeder. The report showed the Association to be in a good financial position with a bank balance of \$938.28 after all 1995 expenses had been paid. This is indeed a solid position to be in after the major purchase of the riding lawn mower.

The 1996 budget was approved, the 1995 directors and officers were re-elected for 1996 and the members were informed of the plan to install the compost bins at the garden site this year. Plans for 1996 were outlined and several members volunteered to assist with staking, grass cutting, etc.

REGISTRAR NEEDED

Our current registrar Wendy Millar, has indicated that she will not be serving as registrar after this season. If you would be interested in volunteering to fill this position, please contact Chairman, Ron Black or Secretary, Nancy Rooyakkers.



MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

As members of the Nepean Garden Association we all have the following responsibilities.

1. To keep plots neat and tidy, with weeds pulled regularly. Again this year, weed inspections will be carried out and those found in violation of this responsibility will be unable to renew their plots next year.
2. To use water wisely. Certainly, plants must be provided with enough water to grow successfully. In peak season, about one inch of water per week is required. It is far more efficient, however, to give the soil a good soaking once every few days rather than watering lightly

once or twice daily. Not only do you use less water, but your plants develop deeper, larger root systems.

The use of the water supply is a privilege of all members, but as it is a major expense for the Association, please use it wisely. Remember to water only by hand, soaker hoses and sprinklers are not allowed.

3. To keep rocks and other debris off the pathways so that the grass can be cut without obstruction.
4. To be on the lookout for situations that may result in theft or vandalism.

If all members assume these basic responsibilities, gardening at Viewmount will be made more pleasant for everyone.



PLANT EXCHANGE

*The second annual
Nepean
Garden
Association
Plant
Exchange*



WHEN: Saturday, May 25, 9 a.m.

WHERE: beside the storage shed

WHAT: bring and trade extra plants with other gardeners – both plants for the garden plots and plants from your home garden – flowers, perennials, herbs.

For more information contact Barbara Hale at 225-7585.



RECIPE SECTION

It's no secret to most gardeners that zucchini plants are abundant producers, and no end to the jokes about surplus zucchini. Here's a delicious recipe that will use some of this prolific producer.

ZUCCHINI PIE

- 2 cups shredded zucchini
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup oil

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 cup grated mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup Tea Biscuit mix

Mix all ingredients together and pour into a 9 inch greased pie plate. Bake for 25 minutes at 375° F. For variety, mushrooms, bacon, ham or cooked meat may be added.

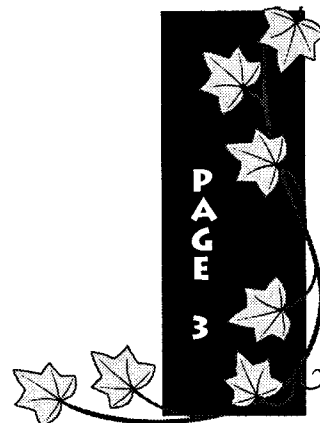
Thank you to Sue Black for sharing this recipe. If you have a favourite vegetable recipe you would like to share, please send it to Ron Black for use in future bulletins.

HERE AND THERE

1. Volunteers for grass-cutting, especially the trimming, are always needed. Please call Ian Reid, 225-4510 or Keith Hird, 225-1863 to offer your services.

2. Horse manure is always available, free of charge at the National Capital Equestrian Park on Corkstown Road. Please check at the office first.

3. It was nice to see two former Nepean Garden Association Chairmen, Al Martin and Walter Saidak at the annual meeting, both looking fit and ready for the new gardening season.



1996 BUDGET

	1995 BUDGET	1995 ACTUAL	1996 BUDGET
REVENUE:			
Rentals:			
*Annual Plots	\$2,800.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,800.00
Perennial Plots	425.00	552.50	600.00
Lockers	50.00	50.00	50.00
Interest	25.00	5.49	
Compost Sales		10.00	
Grants re Compost Bins			750.00
Totals	\$3,300.00	\$3,317.99	\$4,200.00
EXPENSES:			
Insurance	275.00	326.16	325.00
Tilling	1,000.00	403.23	400.00
Water	800.00	924.35	1,000.00
Gas for Mower	50.00	45.23	50.00
Purchase of Riding Mower	1,000.00	2,666.85	
Purchase of Compost Bins			**1,350.00
Stationery and Postage	75.00	20.20	25.00
Herbs		28.00	
Maintenance Supplies	200.00	74.94	300.00
Totals	\$3,400.00	\$4,488.96	\$3,450.00

*Based on: 68 annual plots at \$25.00 = \$1,700.00 25 annual plots at \$20.00 = \$500.00 20 annual plots at \$30.00 = \$600.00

**Net cost after 66% subsidy from Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton.

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