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May 2017 Newsletter

Meeting will be at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, May 24th, in upper level of Heritage House, 100 Lorne St. Guests are always welcome.

Guest Speaker: **Carol Wozencroft** of Purity Feed Nursery who will speak about color in the garden.

Thank you to last month's speaker Deb McDougall from the Arthritis Society who spoke about the different kinds of arthritis, Rheumatoid, and Osteoarthritis and Gout. All are better with a very healthy diet of non-processed food, increased fiber, lower salt and sugar intake, and that food allergies make arthritis worse. Eat more colored fruit and vegetables for their antioxidants, the darker the better.

On a personal note I have osteoarthritis, and sugar and chocolate make mine much worse.

Thank you for last month's goodies brought by Roberta Marshall. This month's goodies will be brought by Ann Sutherland and Donna Edwards.

Hint by Greg Koll, he punches holes in tin garbage cans and uses them for compost, They are too slippery for rats to climb and they heat up so much the compost is ready very quickly.

The club has voted that we have free goodies at coffee time.

Purity Feed Nursery is offering all club members %15 off plants.

Plant sale Saturday May 6th, at St. Andrews on the square, Thank you to all who donated plants and those who helped out with the sale. There were many fewer plants this year, a reflection of the fact our members are aging and not gardening as much, so please take a club brochure and carry it in your purse, ladies and pass it on to persons you meet to increase our membership, especially those younger ones.

Art Knapp's has offered to sponsor our flower show again this year with \$300 of items from the store. Thank you very much for their support and generosity for the last 3 years.

Our Flower Show is on Saturday June 17th. Liv Sallows has passed around a signup sheet for volunteers to do registration, judge helpers, and tea servers. It is a wonderful day to celebrate and show off our gardening skills. Entries are accepted from 8:00 am to 10:15 am Judging of entries begins at 10:30 am. Doors open to the public at 2:00 pm. Trophies and prizes are awarded at 4:00 pm. For new members this is a contest that the club holds each year so we can all show off our gardening results. It is so easy to win if you have a perfect rose, or peony or clematis. There are 2 prizes of \$50 each, one for Best in Show and the other for Most Points. Other bought prizes are given for categories that are listed in the Flower Show brochure, which you can pick up at the May meeting, and a link is below if you want to read it now or print it. Take the flower show brochure around your yard 3 or 4 days before the show and make a check mark of things you have, so that the Friday and Saturday before the show you are less stressed about what you have to enter.

For those who have trophies from last year, please bring them to this meeting.

For those who are brand new to this competition, you take home a few exhibitor's cards and fill in the Class number, the Division number, a Description of class then put your name at the bottom. When your entry is put on the table the bottom of the card where your name is, is turned under so the judge cannot see who entered the flower, or arrangement. There are registration helpers at the door if you need help, and they will enter your item in the registration book.

Since this is a late year weather wise we hope that all the Irises and peonies are still fresh and we will see some as entries this year.



It is as simple as this, so if you are not a great flower arranger you could still win \$50 if you have the best flower in the show. Make sure there is no foliage below the water, so just put a little water in.

Some new plants I acquired this spring.

Knautia macedonica Thunder & Lightning

Pentstemon Red Riding Hood



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