

Free Garden Seminars

Register at www.whitby.ca

April 15, 2010:

Whitby In Bloom Launch

7:00 p.m. - Whitby Central Library

Learn about Town of Whitby programs, Bench and Tree Dedication, Recycling and Composting and Doors Open. Meet gardening expert Frank Kershaw and members of the Brooklin Horticultural Society. Free children's activities and community displays.

May 6, 2010:

Landscaping for the home

7:00 p.m. - Cullen Central Park

Speaker: Ken Brown

Ken Brown has been "Dallying In The Dirt" most of his life and like most back yard farmers loves to share his growing tips and experiences with others. Learn basic landscape design for the home gardener using paper, pencil and panache! Learn more about this speaker at www.gardening-enjoyed.com. Course Code: 106005

May 27, 2010:

Shrubs for All Seasons

7:00 p.m. - Whitby Central Library

Speaker: Beth Cook, Group Coordinator, Durham Region Master Gardeners, Master Gardener's of Ontario Inc.

Join Beth as she shares her expertise on the selection of shrubs for your garden. Learn about unusual specimens that will bring life to your garden through the seasons. Course Code: 106006

June 10, 2010:

The Trees I Love; The Best Trees for Your Garden

7:00 p.m. - Brooklin Community Centre

Speaker: Joan Thomson B. Sc. Hons, Tree & Shrub

Manager, Kingsway Greenhouse, Oshawa

Joan lives and gardens in Oshawa. Her love of

gardening started at a young age along side her

mother and grandmother and has grown from there.

Learn what trees are suitable for the average garden

and urban space based on criteria other than size.

Course Code: 106007

How to Register

SmartLink Online:

Learn about and register for the Front Garden Challenge at www.whitby.ca/whitbyinbloom
Course Code: 103511

Registration Form:

To participate in the Whitby in Bloom Front Garden Challenge please return your completed participant form to the Town of Whitby by July 2, 2010.

Participant / Organization's Name

Address

City

Postal Code

Tel. (Day)

Tel. (Evening)

Email

The Town of Whitby may use photos of my garden for promotion purposes and I agree to place a recognition sign on my property.

Participant's Signature

If nominating a participant, complete the above form and sign below.

Name of Nominator

Tel. (Day)

Email Address

The personal information in this form is collected under the authority of Section 11 of the Municipal Act, SO 2001 and will only be used for Whitby in Bloom purposes only. The information will only be used to process this application. Questions regarding the collection of personal information should be directed to the Town of Whitby Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Office, Telephone 905-430-4300



**Register for the
Front Garden Challenge
Today!**

Deadline is July 2, 2010

"Gardening is the art that uses
flowers and plants as paint,
and the soil and sky as canvas"

-- Elizabeth Murray --

**Registration
is Free!**



What is Whitby In Bloom?

Whitby In Bloom is one of the Town of Whitby's civic beautification programs promoting civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community participation and the challenge of a friendly competition.

Whitby In Bloom is putting down roots in the community for a sixth year. It is a home-grown program based on the international Communities in Bloom program and its successes are largely attributed to the dedicated efforts of community volunteers.

Front Garden Challenge

The aim of this program is to involve citizens of all ages, local businesses and organizations. Participants strive to improve the tidiness, appearance and visual appeal of neighbourhoods, parks, open spaces and streets through the landscaping and upkeep of their properties.

Registration to participate in the Front Garden Challenge is required and volunteer judges will tour registered gardens visible from the road.

The Front Garden challenge recognizes residential, non-residential, commercial and industrial property owners who demonstrate pride of ownership through the imaginative use of flowers, plants and other materials.

Why Should You Get Involved?

Get involved and:

- share and increase civic pride
- increase your community involvement
- increase the profile of Whitby in the eyes of visitors

Who are the judges?

The Whitby In Bloom Committee recruits local volunteers and provides them with the training and know-how to do the judging. All registrants receive a garden sign denoting participation in this program.

When is the judging?

Judges evaluate registered gardens between July 10 and 18, awarding properties 5 Bloom Awards, Honourable Mention or Civic Beautification designations.

Judging Guidelines

A 5 Bloom award winning registered garden:

- shows originality in design and execution and outstanding maintenance
- is neat, tidy and well maintained
- illustrates good selection, diversity and arrangement of plant material
- uses colour, harmony and balance
- employs focal point or features in design
- shows originality in material and arrangement
- has obvious curb appeal

judging form is available online at:
www.whitby.ca/whitbyinbloom

You can help beautify Whitby by:

- tidying up your property
- clean up the boulevard between your house and the street
- help pick up litter at a park
- use your green bin
- cut your lawn and practice grass recycling
- properly dispose of waste

How Can You Get Involved?

You can:

- create a natural garden using biodegradable, environmentally friendly pest control, rain water and natural fertilizers
- be a community sponsor
- participate in clean-up campaigns and Earth Day events
- help your school or community organization start a garden
- maintain your property
- pick up litter
- properly dispose of waste
- involve children and youth in community initiatives

For more information on large article pickup, disposal of hazardous household waste, recycling and integrated waste management visit www.whitby.ca and click on the Waste, Blue Box and Green Bin link.

Volunteer with Whitby in Bloom

Opportunities include:

- Special events
- Committee Member

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