

# THE RYDER

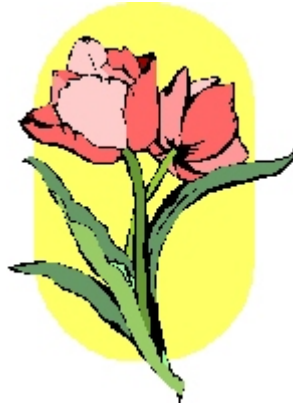
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## OUR BLOOMING COMMUNITY!!

Our Communities in Bloom project is off to a great start with the thanks to **Carol Wagg** and her group of volunteers.



## PITCH IN RYDE

Many thanks to the many people who "pitched in" as part of the Ryde Community Clean Up. **Jane Braden, Barb Holden, Alison Holder, Janet Merkley and Anne Myshok** cleaned up the Merkley Road from end to end filling 16 garbage bags and removing several large items from the ditches. Other participants throughout the community included **Carl and Iva Break, Randy Jorgensen, Shawn Kerswell family, Lois Parke, David Wagg family. Gladys Merkley** helped co-ordinate the supply distribution. **Carl Break** loaded all the trash and delivered it to the landfill site - **over 200 kilograms (400 pounds)** of roadside garbage was taken to the landfill site. If you participated and did not sign the crew list, the community sincerely thanks you and appreciates your help!

Way to Go, Carol and Team!

It is really great to see so many people in the community getting involved in this project and helping to beautify our community. Now that things are greening up, it is great to see so many people taking the time and showing their Pride in Ryde by taking such excellent care of their lawns and gardens.

## OUR NEXT COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM PROJECT WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16 8 am - ??

A small group of volunteers and interested parties met on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss what we would be able to do for a community garden. The most viable project was to enhance the rock garden at the Ryde Firehall by starting a garden at its base.

A work party is planned for **Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** starting at about 8 am. We work rain or shine except in the case of a torrent. We have several gardening volunteers, but certainly more are welcome - we need someone with a wheelbarrow. Please also bring your own gardening equipment/tools.

The school will be open and refreshments will be available on the 16<sup>th</sup> for the volunteers and supporters.

We are very thankful for the support of the Town of Gravenhurst, Communities in Bloom committee for picking up the tab for a load of top soil to kick start our garden. Also, our thanks to the Gravenhurst Horticultural Society who have agreed to donate some plants for our garden.

**ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS** are encouraged to **deliver a granite rock** from their property symbolizing their family in Ryde. These granite rocks will form the edging around the garden. The rock need not be large. We would like to have the rocks on site on Tuesday. A sign will be posted where to leave them.

## HERE COMES THE JUDGE

The Judges from the provincial Communities in Bloom Committee will be in town around July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The current plan is to direct them from Gravenhurst, along the Doe Lake Road to Barkway Road, Coopers Falls Road and out to Washago (of course this is subject to change)

Our Committee wants your assistance

1. If you see a nice garden in the community, please contact **Carol at 687-6992** for our Brag Book. Be sure to tell the gardener that you have suggested their garden and photos will be taken the week of July 8 - 15 or sooner if there is something spectacular before that.
2. Nominate a property for the Daisy Award - Carol has agreed to have the nomination forms available should you wish to nominate a property
3. When out for a stroll why not take a bag with you

and pick up those nasty bits of roadside garbage - many hands make light work!

4. Keep up the excellent work started on your own personal properties and gardens - why not work with a neighbour and work together to help build community spirit!
5. When you see a volunteer doing their bit for this project, be sure to say thanks
6. Why not adopt a garden for someone who is no longer able to garden
7. Ask a high school student to get involved - 40 hours of community service needed to graduate!

Ryde Community Co-op Inc executive and membership would like to express our sincere appreciation to Carol Wagg for agreeing to spearhead this project and for the fine work by all the volunteers to date.

### **BASEBALL IS VERY GOOD TO ME!**

It was suggested some time ago that our association should extend a challenge for a fun baseball game(s) to the 2 local cottager associations. This is to be an all ages event to get the maximum involvement on all sides. Experience/skill is not the least bit necessary as we want this to be fun and totally non-competitive. If you are interested in playing/watching/manning the BBQ, please contact **Wendy at 687-4575** so that we can formally extend our challenge on July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Housey's Rapids Property Owners Association meeting. This will provide a good opportunity for our local year round residents to meet some of our seasonal residents and have some fun over baseball and BBQ. Date is to be determined based on interested persons.

### **KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM**

We have been approached by a 3<sup>rd</sup> year college student who wants to run a kids program 1 night per week in the summer months and we have also had a couple of student volunteers express an interest in assisting with supervision. This event will encompass things like crafts, movie nights, outdoor games, perhaps even working on growing and maintaining some plants of their own towards the Communities in Bloom Project. The main criteria is that all children must be toilet trained. At this point we are targeting Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 pm - to help us plan for numbers, if you are interested in this type of program, please contact **Sherrie at 687-4575** or [tws.m.pilger@sympatico.ca](mailto:tws.m.pilger@sympatico.ca)

### **FITNESS ACTIVITIES**

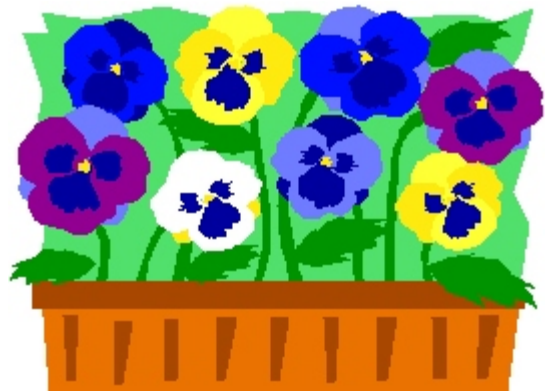
Yoga is still ongoing at the community Centre on Monday nights from 7 to 8 pm

### **AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR Wit's End Bed and Breakfast**

Wit's End Bed and Breakfast is entering its seventh season of offering comfortable and affordable accommodation to Muskoka visitors. The Segwun and Wenonah II are major draws to Gravenhurst, but weddings, family reunions and camps provide a lot of our clientele. We have hosted guests from every continent except Antarctica; people love our rural location, the wildlife they can see from our sunroom, the interaction with the other travelers they meet here in our home, and the local "insider information" we are able to share. We are open year round.

We'd like to extend an invitation to you, our neighbours, to stop in for an Open House on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 3 pm. We'll have refreshments available. We'll show you around inside the house so you can see what we have to offer our guests, and you may tour the lasagna garden. We'll share transplants until the supply runs out.

If you plan to attend, a quick call would be appreciated. **Wit's End Bed and Breakfast, 1611 Doe Lake Road, 687-6992** or why not check out our website at [www.witsendbb.com](http://www.witsendbb.com)



### **COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE**

Again we are having our community garage sale and pancake breakfast at the community centre on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 11. \$10 for members, \$15.00 for non members - event is a go rain or shine - contact **Wendy at 687-4575** to reserve your space.