

Welcome to Mid-Summer!

There are so many lovely members who are really making things run smoothly and making things bright and fun. Jayla waters the berry and flower plots every Wednesday. Johanne is enthusiastically organizing and being creative in coordinating volunteer projects. The first ever Community Development Committee meeting was held in the first week of July and was attended by Vanessa, Isabel, Johanne, AliD and notably, Genevieve, who is back from France and very positive about going forward towards making the garden as welcoming and friendly as possible!

Linda Burr put on a fabulous presentation on square foot gardening. There were about ten people attending from outside of our membership who were lovin' it. Simultaneously, Isabel and Mikhaila, who is a Children's Garden volunteer were putting on an activity called "berrying around" with several neighbourhood children.

Also, thanks to Jim and the gang for putting up the soccer nets.



Hopefully no more balls in our plots.

We will miss Isabel, who has worked for the garden for 8 weeks getting our Tuesday activities up and running

as well as our very first two newsletters. She has also arranged for the Brewer Garden to be part of the Garden Network's annual bike tour. Garden and cycling enthusiasts will be stopping in whereby Michael Oster, our biodome co-lead will explain and answer questions about our up-and-coming biodome project which is getting closer and closer to physical manifestation! Watch for it!

*AliD
Editor*

Goodbye Isabel and Thank You!



These photos of children searching for hidden veggies were taken by our summer student employee Isabel Tang who is also a photographer. She organized and carried out this Tuesday evening activity with Mikhaila Ranger.



“Popular on facebook”

What!? 3 billion hits on this pic of Michael Oster (biodome co-lead) and other worthy project leaders receiving the Healthy Eating, Active Living awards from Ottawa Public Health? Well, almost...

Congratulations!

Ed Kucerak, our treasurer, executive member, and communications co-lead has been diligently entertaining curious readers and viewers on facebook and the BPCG website along with Isabel and AliK.

Up-Coming Events

EVERY TUESDAY ALL SUMMER: 6:00 pm, bring your own picnic get-together

For this Tuesday's picnic, you can bring a salad made with at least one item from your garden to share.

Wednesday, July 17, 7:00 pm: Free yoga in the garden

We need 14 people to RSVP that they would like 4 classes at 10\$ per class in order to keep our yoga teacher.

Tuesday, July 23, 7:00 pm: Nature photography workshop with Patrick Nantel. Bring your own camera.

Sunday, July 28, 1:00 - 2:30 pm: Just Food organization is leading a children's activity on the extraordinary role of bugs.

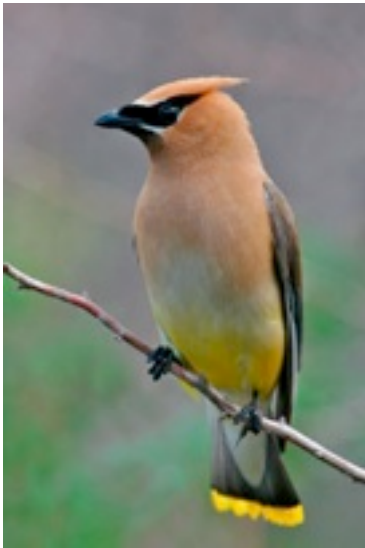
Sunday, July 28, 1:00 - 5:00 pm: Please come join in the garden Party hosted by Vanessa and Jessica-Rae who have chosen to host a fun day as part of the community development initiative of their church. All are welcome! **“We believe that joining the Brewer Park Community Garden is a way to help bring renewal as it is such a life-giving community initiative.”**

No hose water supply on Sunday, July 28.

Please like the BPCG facebook page and then you will get up-dates and beautiful images of the garden on your feed.



Speaking of 3 billion hits...this picture is also *Popular on Facebook*. Al is back and busy, but not too busy to chillax up near his lovely garden plot. We have Al to thank for many garden contributions including the shed project.



Spotted

Rare Birds Visit the Garden

A flock of cedar waxwing birds came upon the garden during our Tuesday evening activities, flying from one of our trees to the next, showing off their magnificent elegance.

Also, spotted on Hopewell...the Yellow Breasted Chat. It requires large patches of dense shrubby habitat, which is becoming increasingly rare in southwestern Ontario. It's population is diminishing.



Powdery Mildew

We had theft, then it stopped. We had ground hogs, now we don't. We have powdery mildew, let's see how fast we can get rid of it! It is affecting our melons, squashes and cucumbers. I've pulled off the leaves that are affected in all communal areas and we will now buy something to spray on the plants. Organic of course.

The problem is caused by moisture. It is very important to water only the soil and not the leaves, and that the leaves are exposed to sun. Normally, this problem does not occur until fall because the hot days and cool nights create condensation moisture and the spores can easily colonize the plants. Last fall our garden suffered from this and it does kill all the fruits so we need it taken care of!

If you remove the leaves most affected in your box, please do not put them in the compost pile. It will spread.

If you would like to get involved with BPCG newsletter please get in touch with Alison Duncan@ alisonbduncan@gmail.com or Alison Kemp @ brewergarden@gmail.com

Brewer Park Community Garden is a non-profit community-based organization that operates a community garden open to all who live, work or study in Old Ottawa South and in neighbouring areas.