



June 3, 2008

Dear Habitat Owners and Gardeners,

My first hummer of the season has been busy with the trumpet creeper – I can't help but remember the great programs on hummingbirds we had by Kim Bailey a couple of years ago. Don't forget to put out nectar – 4 parts water to one part granulated sugar – bring to a boil and then keep in the refrigerator for use. No red dye, no honey, or other sugars – they are bad for the little ones. Don't let mold build up in the feeder.

This is late, but since there is no meeting this month, I wanted to see what happened at the Garden Tour! There are not really any words to express how I feel – exhilarated is probably the best word. A HUGE SUCCESS!!! Over one hundred people attended, the plant sale was good, the artists didn't do as well but maybe next year. So many people helped with this – many thanks to all of you, especially since you know I

don't do well with crowds now. Sunday's event was also wonderful- touring each other's gardens and the covered dish supper at Allyson's. The perfect ending for the perfect weekend! The weather held up well. I just hope the rain will show back up now.

We will be having some good speakers next season, thanks to our bank account now! I will start planning that soon – does anyone have any suggestions? I've had a couple – but can always use new ideas.

The watering restrictions are difficult but not insurmountable. Staying up at midnight or getting up early (a trial for me) still allow the use of a hose for 25 minutes. Just remember the odd/even system.

Our program in May was excellent – Susan did a terrific job, and I know I understand a lot more about monarchs that I did before. The accommodations at D'Youville are the best ever. We welcome all the new folks who attended, and hope you will be back with us in the fall.

I had an unusual experience. If you remember, the May newsletter had a heading about poppies, which included a line from Robert Burns. I had an e-mail yesterday from a lady in Brampton, Ontario, Isabella Appleby, who had gone on line to look up the quote. The first thing that popped up was the newsletter! She has sent me a wonderful award-winning slide show on her poppies which she and her daughter did, along with some other photos done by her granddaughter. I would be delighted to forward these on to you if you are interested. Looks like the Chamblee Community Wildlife Habitat DOES reach out to the rest of the world! Isabella will be added to our list of Out-of-Towners who get the newsletter.

One of the biggest things to remember right now is water for the wildlife. Several birds joined our party Sunday night at Allyson's, both drinking and bathing in the bird bath. Figs, blueberries, serviceberries, and strawberries are a big draw – so collect what you can for yourselves before the birds and squirrels get them all. You might consider getting some mealworms at the pet store for your bluebirds. Many of you are fortunate enough to have them.

Stay out of the heat of the day and drink plenty of fluids! Morning and evening give plenty of time to pull weeds.

Until next time – Love, *Kay*

