

## **NIAGARA PARKS BOTANICAL GARDENS GARDENING SEMINARS**

### ***SUMMER 2010 PROGRAMMES:***

#### **Shrub Pruning**

Tuesday, July 6, 2010, 6 pm – 9 pm

With so many factors to consider, pruning of shrubs can sometimes be a daunting task. Darrell Bley (Curator of Woody Plants Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens and Instructor at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture), will help you tackle this fundamental gardening practice with confidence. This seminar will focus on the various types of pruning practices, seasonal pruning cycles, and the response of the various groups of flowering shrubs to seasonal pruning.

#### **Perennials to Make Your Life Easier**

Saturday, July 10, 2010, 9 am – 12 pm

Whether you have a wet shady yard or a hot dry one, there are perennials which will thrive in your garden. Perennials can act as groundcovers and smother weeds, complement shrubs in a foundation or entrance planting, and some can even take foot traffic – to replace your front lawn! Lorne Fast (Curator of Collections Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens and Instructor at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture), will guide you through the Botanical Gardens and show you a diverse selection of lower maintenance perennials that will grow in those challenging areas of your garden.

#### **Sustainable Vegetable Gardens**

Saturday, July 24, 2010, 9 am – 12 pm

Learn how to get more out of your vegetable garden while increasing the sustainability of your plot. Charles Hunter (Curator Vegetable, Herb and Rose Gardens Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens and Instructor at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture), will show you the fundamental methods and techniques used to create and maintain healthy soil with the goal to produce higher vegetable yields.

#### **Summer Rose Maintenance**

Saturday, August 21, 2010, 9 am – 12 pm

Bring your questions and rose pruners to this hands-on seminar designed to assist rose enthusiasts with the summer maintenance of roses. Sue Clark (Curator of Plant Health Care and Display Bedding Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens and Instructor at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture), will discuss proper pruning, pest identification and control with consideration for the new Ontario cosmetic pesticide ban.