

# THE EAST YORK GARDEN

NEWSLETTER OF THE EAST YORK GARDEN CLUB



The East York Garden Club is a member of the Ontario Horticultural Association, District 5.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month (except August and December) in the Stan Wadlow Clubhouse, 373 Cedarvale Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments are available at 7:00 p.m. The Clubhouse is wheelchair-accessible. Visitors are always welcome.

Yearly membership fees are \$20 for a single, and \$30 for a family. To inquire about membership, please contact Suzanne Boyd at 416-423-5857.

Visit us on the web at [www.eygc.ca](http://www.eygc.ca)

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## Thursday, January 20, 2011

**Topic: How to Look and Why You Should**

**Speaker: Andy McCraw**

Photography will be the subject of this evening's speaker, Andy McCraw. "How to Look and Why You Should" will quickly dispense with complicated details, and get right to the techniques and tricks that will make you a better photographer. Always an entertaining speaker, Andy is a member of the North Toronto Horticultural Society, and an accomplished photographer.

This is first People's Choice photo contest of the year. The category is "Christmas Trees"- entries must be in by 7:15 please. There will be a draw table following the meeting.

Members with surnames beginning with "S" are asked to bring in some cookies or squares for the refreshment table.

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## Thursday, February 17, 2011

**Topic: Gardening with Attractive Foliage Throughout the Year**

**Speaker: Marion Jarvie**

Marion Jarvie is a professional horticulturist and accredited Horticultural Judge, as well as Program Chair of the Ontario Rock Garden Society. She has designed an award winning residential garden in Thornhill which has been featured in *Toronto Life Gardens*, *Canadian Living* and *Canadian Gardening*. Marion has taught at George Brown College, the University of Toronto and Toronto Botanical Garden. Marion is a celebrated lecturer in all aspects of horticulture. Her ideas on the use of structural plants whether trees, shrubs or conifers, in the overall garden plan with perennials, bulbs, hardy plants, etc. aid in the creation of gardens with extended duration, colour and depth.

This is the second People's Choice photo contest. The category is "Snow" (entries in by 7:15 please). Following the meeting there will be a 50/50 draw. Members with surnames beginning with "T" through "Z" are asked to bring in some cookies or squares.

*Our regular monthly meetings resume in January. Doors open at 7:00 for coffee (please bring your own mug), refreshments and the opportunity to mingle with other members.*

*On the back page we have an exciting programme lined up for 2011 and remember to renew your membership if you haven't already.*

Prez Patch  
Veronica Callinan

Welcome to 2011!

Gardening is fantastic! What other passion provides such a dose of HOPE in winter? You can't see much because of the snow. BUT IT'S ALIVE OUT THERE! Grab that yet-another-pair-of-mitts you received at Christmas, a warm scarf, hat and boots...and take a trundle around your garden.

Witchhazel flowers are just about to burst out, some of the earliest flowers. The tips of the Serviceberry branches are soft and pliable - the buds are already set for spring. Rhodo leaves might look wilted, but the flower buds are fully established, just waiting. Flowering Dogwoods are the same - flowers just waiting. Lilac leaf buds are ripe. You can't see them, but asian wisteria flower buds were formed last year and are also just waiting.

If you feel up to it, nudge aside some snow and you'll see that many bulbs have already poked up new leaves. Need a gardening fix? Any time over the next couple of weeks is fine to snip off last year's Hellebores leaves. New flower buds will be poking up soon - watch for them!

There'll be more snow, for sure. But, the days are getting longer and there are less than 3 weeks to Groundhog Day. Spring is coming!

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**New at the TBG:**

EYGC Member, Vicki Stevens is the new interim volunteer coordinator at the Toronto Botanical Gardens. If you have hours to volunteer with the BG, she can be reached at 416-397-4145 or email [volunteers@torontobotanicalgarden.ca](mailto:volunteers@torontobotanicalgarden.ca).

**OHA 2011 Bus Trip**

**The International Flower Show - in Boston, June 2011.**

Seven day/six night excursion: Wednesday June 15th to Tuesday June 21st, 2011

Space is limited to 50 participants. Once 50 deposits have been received, any reservations received after that date will be put on a wait list. Please do not wait until the deadline of February 1<sup>st</sup>. Deposits will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.

OHA New England Garden Tour features:

- Two days admission to the International Flower Show
- Secret Garden tour - Newport, Rhode Is.
- Tour of Blithewold Mansion, Garden & Arboretum
- Tour of Newport Mansions:  
The Breakers /The Elms / The Green Animal Topiary Garden

Package includes:

Six nights' accommodation: (including baggage handling) (1 night Springfield, MA, 2 nights Boston, MA, 2 nights Providence, RI, 1 night Albany, NY)

Meals: Four breakfasts; Two dinners, Two lunches

Return Transportation by deluxe Motor Coach plus all applicable taxes

This "jam-packed" package is affordably priced at only \$1,169. per person, double occupancy plus \$60. taxes. Single supplement is an additional \$500.

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## 2011 Photo Contests

by Malcolm Geast



### People's Choice Photo Contests

Don't forget that we'll be having the first of 2011's People's Choice Photography Contests at our January meeting. This month's category is "Christmas Tree(s)", followed by "Snow" in February.

The category for January is "Christmas Flowers", for February it's "Red Hot", and for our March meeting (which this year takes place on St. Patrick's Day) It's "Green". All of these categories are open to your interpretation, so feel free to be imaginative and creative.

The procedures will be the same as last year: Bring your photo to the meeting by 7:15 p.m., with your name on the back (please don't put any identifying marks on the front). Your photos should be no larger than 5 by 7 inches (approximately 13 by 18 cm)

We'll have all the photos laid out on a table, and will ask the membership to vote for the best picture. Ballots will be available for all members. It will be done on the honour system, so please take only one ballot.

First, Second, and Third Prize winners will receive ribbons and points to be counted toward the awarding of the annual trophy.

This year, with a Flower Show in April, there will be no People's Choice contest that month. Instead, the Annual Flower Show & Tea in August will include an expanded contest, with three categories. \* January 20 - Christmas Tree(s)

### 2011 Photo Contests

- January - Christmas tree(s)
- February - Snow
- March - Green

August (held in conjunction with the Annual Flower Show)

1. CN Tower (a photo incorporating the CN Tower)
2. My Favourite Tree
3. The Edible Garden

November - 2012 Yearbook Cover

### Annual Fall Photo Contest

There are a dozen categories in the 2011 Annual Contest, held in the fall. Nine are horticultural, and three are general, with non-horticultural subjects.

Here are this year's Annual Contest categories:

1. Horticultural Captured Beauty (close-up of a single flower, showing the entire flower)
2. Inside a Flower (a seriously close, close-up. Nothing extraneous showing)
3. Black & White (any horticultural subject, in black and white)
4. The Garden at Night (a photo taken in a garden after sunset)
5. First-up (early spring bloom(s))
6. Iris (one or more irises)
7. Roadside Blooms
8. TBG (A photo taken in the Toronto Botanical Garden)
9. Anything Grows (Any horticultural subject)
  - \* Children's division (6 to 10 years)
  - \* Youth division (11 to 17 years)
10. Non-Horticultural Cemeteries (a photo taken of or in a cemetery)
11. Along the Waterfront - (Toronto - may or may not include water)
12. Fence (a photo with one or more fences as the subject)

Entry is only open to members of the East York Garden Club, and to children or grandchildren (17 or under) of club members.

Full contest rules will be printed in the 2011 Yearbook.

## Forcing Paperwhites (From the Toronto Botanical Garden, Dec. 2010)



Paperwhites are the original “Just Add Water” plant. While paperwhite bulbs can be planted in soil, more commonly they are grown in water in pots or dishes with some stones or marbles to anchor them in place.

1. Select a container or dish that is about 3 - 4 inches deep (8 - 10 cm) without drainage holes.
2. Spread an inch or two of stones, marbles or even gravel, along the bottom of the container.
3. Position your paperwhite bulbs, pointed end up, on top of the stone layer. Go ahead and pack them in. They not only look better in a large group, the tight fit will help keep them from toppling over.
4. Add another layer of stones to fill in any gaps and cover the bulbs up to their shoulders. The pointed tips should still be showing.
5. Add water so that the level just reaches the base of the bulbs. Allowing the bottom of the bulb to sit in water will stimulate growth. Covering the entire bulb with water could cause it to rot.
6. The bulbs don't need light at this point and they prefer to be kept on the cool side, at about 65 degrees F (18 degrees C.)
7. Check your bulbs daily to see if they need more water.
8. When you see roots developing, move the container to a sunny window. The sunnier the better, but try not to let them get too warm or they'll grow leggy.
9. Once the plants flower, they will last longer if moved out of direct sunlight, to a cool spot with indirect or diffused light.

You can start pots of paperwhites every couple of weeks, for a continuous display throughout the winter.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, January 27, 2011 - When Native Plants Are Not the Answer** at the Toronto Botanical Garden (Lawrence & Leslie) Belinda Gallagher will talk about the meaning of "native", how to choose the right native plant for the right situation, and when not to plant them. Begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Floral Hall. Admission is free for members, \$20 for non-members, \$15 for students. Further information: <http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/programs/edwardslectures.htm>

**February 9, 2010 (Wednesday), 7 p.m. — Riverdale Horticultural Society monthly meeting (Frankland Community Centre, 816 Logan Ave.).** Tena van Andel, master gardener and passionate orchid grower, will present a slide show on “Orchids — Taking the Fear out of Growing These Beauties”. Further information: [www.gardenontario.org/site.php/riverdale](http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/riverdale)

**February 10, 2011 (Thursday), 7:30 p.m. (7 p.m. refreshments) — Leaside Garden and Horticultural Society** monthly meeting (community room of Leaside Library, 165 McRae Drive). Denis Flanagan will speak on “Patios, Paths and Walls”. Further information: [www.leasidegardensociety.org](http://www.leasidegardensociety.org)

**Tuesday, February 22, 2011 - Romance with Trees at the Toronto Botanical Garden (Lawrence & Leslie)** Authors Wayne Grady & Marilyn Simonds. Begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Floral Hall. Admission is free for members, \$20 for non-members, \$15 for students. Further information: <http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/programs/edwardslectures.htm>

**March 16 to 20, 2011 (Wednesday to Sunday) - Canada Blooms at the Direct Energy Centre** The largest flower and garden show in the country returns for another year. Further information: <http://www.canadablooms.com/>

## Ontario Hosta Society

The Ontario Hosta Society in conjunction with Royal Botanical Gardens are pleased to bring these great speakers to you in a 1-day Hosta Forum. Five Fabulous Speakers! Light Lunch! (Coffee/tea/juice/water/home baking will be included.) Door Prizes!

**When: Sunday, March 27, 2011**

**Where: ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS**

**Time: Registration 9:00 a.m. Note: Forum begins at 9:30am and ends at 4:00pm**

Ticket Price: \$55. Tickets will be on sale through Cindy Deutekom at [cindydeutekom@netscape.ca](mailto:cindydeutekom@netscape.ca) or 905 986 4363.

### Topics and Speakers

- *Hostas in the English Garden:* Mike Shadrack
- *Flip This Garden:* Sandy Wilkins
- *Photographing Gardens:* Keep it Simple - Trish Symons
- *The Book of Little Hostas:* 200 Small, Very Small, and Mini Varieties. Kathy & Mike Shadrack
- *The Beauty of the Woodland Garden:* Jim Wilkins, M.D.

## TBG: Expand your horizons:

The TBG offers more than 150 adult courses, lectures, demonstrations, workshops, symposia and special events on a broad spectrum of subjects- from gardening, art and design, to flower arranging, yoga and the environment. A number of programs are co-partnered with George Brown College and Ryerson University and some offer credits leading to certification.

Many new courses are starting this month.. Courses available include:

- Great Gardens on the US Gulf Coast - Monday, January 17.
- Warm up and wonder at the beautiful gardens of the US Gulf Coast.
- Brushes with Serenity (Snow on Pines) - Sunday, January 23.
- Botanical Art for Beginners - Wednesdays, beginning January 26 (evening).
- Foundations of Photography - Wednesdays, beginning January 26.

<http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/programs/overview.htm>



**19th annual Successful Gardening Show, March 31st to April 3rd, 2011 at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Road in Mississauga. 2400**

square feet will be dedicated to the Ontario Horticultural Association, promoting horticultural societies and showcasing members' gorgeous plant material and designs.

The cultural section of the show has something for everyone, from prickly cacti to velvety African violets and unbelievable orchids. There are 62 classes of houseplants, cut garden plant material and special exhibits.

Two demonstrations offered daily: "Simple and effective floral designs for your home" and "How to create your own outdoor planter."

Show schedule and entry forms are available at <http://www.home-show.net/successfulgardening/swgotha.htm>. To volunteer, contact Barb O'Malley at 905-278-1958;

**Toronto Botanical Garden; Ontario Horticultural Association, District 5; and Toronto Master Gardeners cordially invite you to**

**GET THE JUMP ON SPRING  
Saturday, February 19, 2011**

Toronto Botanical Garden  
777 Lawrence Avenue East  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Free Admission  
Free Parking

A \$2 donation gives hourly chances to win great prizes !  
GET FRIENDLY in the Floral Hall with horticultural organizations  
GET ENLIGHTENED by Presentations and Demonstrations given by garden experts  
GET INFORMED with garden advice from Toronto Master Gardeners  
GET INSPIRED by an innovative Floral Design Competition  
GET EXCITED by browsing the Marketplace for creative garden gifts  
GET REPLENISHED at the Jump Café

## EYGC 2011 PROGRAM

<p><b>Jan. 20</b>    <b>How to Look and Why you Should</b> – Photography with Andy McCraw</p> <p><b>Feb. 17</b>    <b>Gardening with Attractive Foliage Throughout the Year</b> Speaker: Marion Jarvie</p> <p><b>Mar. 17</b>    Coming up Roses Speaker: Sheri-Lynn Safir (and Preparing for a Flower Show)</p> <p><b>April 21</b>   <b>New Modern American Flower Arrangements</b> Speaker: Rosemary Dobson + Notes from our flower show judge - Flower Show</p> <p><b>May 19</b>    <b>What Plant Where?</b> Our own Master Gardeners will tell us about the plants in the sale. - Plant Sale (no flower show)</p>	<p><b>June 16</b>    <b>The Importance of Bee-ing</b> Speaker: Kathy Kozma - Flower Show</p> <p><b>July 21</b>    Members’ Pot-Luck Dinner (location to be announced)</p> <p><b>Aug. 20 (Sat.)</b>    Annual Flower Show &amp; Tea</p> <p><b>Sept. 15</b>    <b>Cooking with Herbs</b> Speaker: Yvonne Tremblay - Final Flower Show</p> <p><b>Oct. 20</b>    <b>Whistling Gardens – Choice Dwarf Trees</b> Speaker: Darren Heimbecker - Seed Exchange</p> <p><b>Nov. 17</b>    Annual General Meeting and Members’ Pot-Luck Dinner</p>
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*Many thanks to Anna Leggatt for coordinating such an interesting roster of speakers.*

### East York Garden Club Membership Renewal Form

Name .....

Address .....

Postal Code ..... Phone #.....

email.....

(Note that we will only use your email address to send you EYGC information. We do not distribute it to anyone else.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal           | <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership    |

Age Bracket:  Under 18     18-60     Over 60 (Note: it is strictly voluntary if you choose to check one of these boxes. The rental rate at Stan Wadlow is a lower rate for organizations with a high number of seniors (over 60) and youth (under 18) therefore it is helpful, but not necessary, for us to have this information.

Membership fees are due by January of each year. Fees for 2011 are \$20 for a single, and \$30 for a family membership. Fees can be paid in person at a regular meeting of the Club or by mailing this form and a cheque (payable to “East York Garden Club”) to:

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Toronto, ON M4C 3G8