

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 Cristina Brown at [416-755-9077](tel:416-755-9077).

Visit us on the web at www.eygc.ca

President:

Susan Bartlett

Vice President:

Rosalind Regnier
Barbara Piercey

Newsletter Editor:

Jennifer McDougall



Thursday, January 19, 2012, 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7:00)

Topic: Orchids

Speaker: Tena Van Andel

Tena will show us how to re-pot an orchid and then help you! Bring your own orchid in to re-pot, plus some orchid mix (soak it first) and a larger pot if necessary.

Tena is delighted to have been a Toronto Master Gardener since 2003 and she also currently serves on the Master Gardeners of Ontario Board. She enjoys talking to anyone about anything horticultural, although orchids, large trees and the exotic bring a special gleam to her eye.

Members with surnames beginning with “N” through “R” are asked to bring in some cookies or squares for the refreshment table. Don’t forget to bring your own mug for coffee or tea.

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Topic: Bugs: The Good the Bad and the Ugly

Speaker: Malcolm Geast

Malcolm Geast has been an East York Garden Club member since 1998, and was President from 2004 to 2007. He is currently an Assistant Director of District 5 of the Ontario Horticultural Association, as well as the Association’s archivist. Currently retired, he spent 33 years with Environment Canada as a weather forecaster, climatologist and software developer.

Although not one himself, Malcolm comes from a long line of “bug-phobics”. His mother was never far from a can of Raid, as she fought a never-ending battle to keep the house free of creepy-crawlies.

This talk will look at some of the common and not-so-common insects and spiders that we find in our gardens. Love ‘em or hate ‘em, there’s something that we can appreciate about every one of these marvels of nature with whom we share our gardens.

Members with surnames beginning with “S” through “Z” are asked to bring in some cookies or squares for the refreshment table.

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 2012 and remember to renew your membership if you haven’t already.

2012 Photo Contests by Malcolm Geast



People's Choice Photo Contests

Don't forget that we'll be having the first of 2012's People's Choice Photography Contests at our January meeting. This month's category is "Frosty", followed by "Blue" in February.

The category for January is "Frosty", for February it's "Blue", and for our March meeting it's "Something Broken". 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.

2012 Photo Contests

- January - Frosty
- February - Blue
- March – Something Broken
- August (held in conjunction with the Annual Flower Show)
 1. The Garden Centre (nurseries, plant sales also included)
 2. Yellow - One or more yellow flowers
 3. Signs - Billboards, road signs, signs above store windows, etc.
- November - 2012 Yearbook Cover

Annual Fall Photo Contest

There are a dozen categories in the 2012 Annual Contest, held in the fall. Five are horticultural, and seven are general, with non-horticultural subjects.

Here are this year's Annual Contest categories:

HORTICULTURAL

1. Inside a Flower (A seriously close, close-up. Nothing extraneous showing.)
2. Cactuses and Other Succulents
3. Harvest Time
4. The World of Mycology (mushrooms and other fungus)
5. Anything Grows (Any horticultural subject)
 - a) Children's category (ages 6 to 10)
 - b) Youth category (ages 11 to 17)

GENERAL

6. Spiderwebs (self-explanatory, but outdoor for sure)
7. Rocks
8. Insects
9. In the forest (photo must include trees)
10. Life in the swamp
11. Shadows
12. Black & White (any subject, using only black, white, and shades of grey)

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 2012 Yearbook.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 2, 2012 - The Gardens Of Versailles at the Toronto Botanical Garden (Lawrence & Leslie) Art historian David Wistow, from the Art Gallery of Ontario begins his lecture at 7:30 p.m. in the Floral Hall. Admission is free for members, \$20 for non-members, and \$15 for students. Further information:
<http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/programs/edwardslectures.htm>

March 16 to 25, 2012 (10 day event) - Canada Blooms at the Direct Energy Centre
The largest flower and garden show in the country returns for another year. This year's theme is "City Culture" Further information:
<http://www.canadablooms.com/>

April 12 to 15, 2012 (Thursday to Sunday)
The International Home & Garden Show and The Successful Gardening Show at the [International Centre \(Airport Road & Derry Road\)](#)
Toronto's spring home & gardening shows returns for its 20th year. As was the case in 2011, this year the show will held after Canada Blooms. You'll be able to visit both shows.
Further Information:
<http://www.home-show.net/successfulgardening/index.html>

NEW: The Drought-Tolerant Garden
By: Frank Kershaw
With hot, dry summers all too common, many gardeners are searching for water-efficient gardening techniques and drought-tolerant plants. Explore several design adaptations and plant material options to save hours of your time and fresh water without sacrificing garden beauty.
Thursday, March 15, 7 to 9 p.m.
public \$30, member \$25
<http://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/learn/adult/download-the-latest-program-guide/>

From the East York Historical Society:

Now available: East York flags from the East York Historical Society. 3' x 6' flags will be ordered at a cost of \$95 for April delivery and desktop 3" x 6" flags are available now for \$10. Prepayment should be sent to the East York Historical Society, 10 McKayfield Road, East York, ON. M4J 4P7 or brought to the Historical Society meetings on Jan. 31 at 7:30 or Feb. 15 at 2:00 at the S. Walter Stewart Library.



Margaret McRae

LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING



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. Fabulous Speakers! Light Lunch! (Coffee/tea/juice/water/home baking will be included.) Door Prizes!

When: Sunday, April 1st, 2012

Where: ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

Time: Registration 8:30 a.m. Note: Forum begins at 9:00am and ends at 4:00pm

Ticket Price: \$60.

To Register: Please visit their website for Registration information. <http://www.ontariohostasociety.com/index.php/events/hostaforum>

Topics and Speakers

- *Hostas - The Diamond of the Garden:* Kathie Sisson
- *Dealing with Hosta Pests – Naturally:* Martin Galloway
- *Photographing Gardens* - Trish Symons
- *Are Our Hostas Going to the Dogs?* - Ron Livingston

TBG: Expand your horizons:

TBG is one of the best places to learn about plants, gardening and horticulture. Join the hundreds of adults who share your interest and learn from experts in the field. Day, evening, and weekend classes are designed to fit any schedule. Choose from more than 100 classes offerings each year. There are programs to suit every level of experience and area of interest. Many new courses are starting this month. Courses available include:

- Botanical Art for Beginners – Thursdays
- Botanical Art with Coloured Pencils: Textures - Mondays
- Brushes with Serenity Warmth in Winter – Feb. 26
- Botanicals for Women's Health – March 7
- Essentials for Small City Gardens – March 14

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



20th annual Successful Gardening Show, April 12th to the 15th, 2012 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.

Take advantage of their "2 shows for the price of 1" offer while at the Successful Gardening Show and visit The International Home & Garden Show (in Halls 1, 2 & 3) at no extra cost.

Show schedule and entry forms are available at <http://www.home-show.net/successfulgardening/swgoha.htm>.

Toronto Botanical Garden Women to Women

On Thursday, June 7, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the Toronto Botanical Garden invites you to the magical lunch in the garden.

Woman To Woman is a moveable feast to celebrate and share your passion for gardening with mothers, daughters, sisters and friends.

Enjoy delectable food among the beauty and colours of the garden; music, guided tours, art and the company of friends and fellow gardeners will make a truly special occasion.

We look forward to hosting all friends of the Toronto Botanical Garden, their friends and Toronto's gardening enthusiasts on this occasion. What better way to usher in the summer season? Proceeds from the Woman To Woman event will support the TBG's programming and the upkeep of the wonderful gardens.

Individual Ticket – \$100
 A Pair of Tickets - \$175 (\$87.50 per ticket)
 Group of 4 People – \$340 (\$85 per ticket)
 Group of 8 People – \$680
A tax receipt for the maximum allowable amount

EYGC 2012 PROGRAM

Jan. 19	All about Orchids Speaker: Tena Van Andel
Feb. 16	Bugs: The Good the Bad and the Ugly Speaker: Malcolm Geast
Mar. 15	The Urban Gardener Speaker: Lorraine Johnson
April 19	The Frugal Gardener Speaker: James Graham
May 17	What treasures are waiting to be snapped up? Our own Master Gardeners will tell us about the plants in the sale. { Plant Sale}

June 21	All about Lilies Speakers: Sally-Pat Willis {Flower Show}
July 19	Members' Pot-Luck Dinner (location to be announced)
Aug. 25 (Sat.)	Annual Flower Show & Tea
Sept. 20	To Be Announced ... {Flower Show}
Oct. 18	Gesneriads - Beyond African Violets Speaker: Vincent Woo {Seed Exchange}
Nov. 15	Annual General Meeting and Members' Pot-Luck Dinner

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.)

- Single Membership Family Membership
 Renewal 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 2012 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:

East York Garden Club
 17 Fairside Avenue
 Toronto, ON M4C 3G8