

May ~ June 2012

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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.

Visit us on the web at www.eygc.ca

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Thursday, May 17, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Topic: What Treasures are for Waiting to be Snapped Up? Plant Sale
Speakers: Our Master Gardeners

Please bring the plants between 6:30 and 7:00PM so they can be prepared for sale. Please label the plant with name, colour, annual or perennial, height/width, blooming season, light requirements, and anything special a gardener needs to know. Master Gardeners will talk about the donated plants and maybe even bring some from their own gardens. The sale begins at the end of the meeting! If you can remember, try to bring a plastic bag or plastic trays for your own purchases. We will also have a "garden treasures" table so donations of any gently used garden related tools or items are appreciated.

There is no flower show this month, as the focus is on the plant sale. The plants will go on sale AFTER the speakers are done.

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

Thursday, June 21, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Topic: All about Lilies
Speaker: Sandra-Pat Willies

Sandra-Pat Willis has a noted garden in south-western Ontario. The garden is in the Carolinian zone and has extensive plantings of both lilies and daylilies. The lily collection contains many examples of historic hybrids, species, and the latest crosses.

There is a flower show this month. Show Theme: "The War of 1812"

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

In Memoriam

We are sad to report that **Jenny Ogner**, an EYGC life-member passed away on April 5, 2012, just a few weeks away from her 91st birthday. A Club member since 1973, Jenny was a frequent volunteer, participated in flower shows, and for many years was on the Board, where she served in a variety of roles, including membership coordinator, newsletter co-editor, and treasurer.

But for Dawn and me, it's as our next-door neighbour that Jenny will be most missed. It was her enjoiners of "Here Dawn, plant this" as she handed a hosta or a peony across the fence that gave us our start in gardening.

~ Malcolm Geast

Power to the People!

By Barb Piercey

The first **'People's Choice Novice Corner'** flower show was quite successful and with 15 entrants and 73 penny voters. A special thank you to our volunteers: Linda, Jenn and Allie. They were busy giving out the voting pennies, rounding you up to vote and doing the award tabulations.

Congratulations to our ribbon winners:

First—Mary Furlong;

Second—Valerie Saunders;



tied for Third—Carole Aida, George Gorrie, Claudette Levesque and Helen Koski;

Honorable Mentions—

Heather Craig and Allison Piercey.



Thank you for participating by entering and voting. I hope this will encourage some more members to try and enter our shows and give our show veterans a run for the money!

~ Barbara Piercey

Flower Show Coordinator



No April Showers for the April Flower Show



Considering our unusual weather this winter and spring, the entries for the first show of the year were amazing and surprising! There were 26 narcissus entries, 15 flowering or foliage branches and there were so many entries for tulips that we had to sub-divide that category! The judge loved all the preserves—and yes, she tasted them all. The design category continued to delight and the pink boots in Jean Quinn's 'Paperbag Princess' entry were enchanting.

Thank you to my volunteers for helping with the show: Carol Bouley, Linda Boyko, Tom Carter, Heather Craig, Jenn McDougall, Allison Piercey, Gord Piercey and Lee Pritchard. They set up tables and categories, filled vases with water, helped entrants place their entries, assisted with recording (clerking) the show and the winners and cleaning up afterwards.

A very special thank you to everyone for taking the time to enter this show. We know it takes a fair bit of time and effort, but the competition keeps getting better and better with every entry you make and the shows continue to educate the members.

Last chance to order your EYGC logoware!

The **May meeting will be your final opportunity to order T-shirts**, polo shirts, meeting bags and boat tote bags. All items will be produced with our East York Garden Club logo. Sample items and sizing charts will be available at the Logoware table. **Please note that payment is required when you place your order.** Payment can be made in cash or by cheque payable to East York Garden Club.



Pricing (including tax):

T-shirt- \$12.00 (\$14.00 for XXL)

Polo Sport shirt- \$30.00

Meeting Tote Bag- \$15.00

Boat Tote Bag- \$20.00

Sizing:

T-shirts (actual shirt measure)

Sm-36" Med-40" Lge-44" XL-48" XXL-52"

Polo Sport Shirts (sizing to fit body measurements)

Sm-37"-40" Med-40"-43" Lge-43"-46" XL- 46"-49" XXL-49"-52"

Please place your order at the May meeting. However, if you miss the meeting please contact Carole Aida ([416-429-9867](tel:416-429-9867)) as the final deadline for orders is Thursday May 24th.



Join Us on our Bus Tour ~ Sept. 16th, 2012

Our bus tour will be on Sunday Sept 16th , 2012, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will travel to Darren Heimbecker's Whistling Gardens, south of Brantford.

We've had Darren as a speaker twice & we've been thoroughly amazed at his energy & enthusi-

asm creating his 18 acres of gardens.

We will go to a winery for lunch then on to a nursery & produce stand, then home.

The cost is \$65.00 including all tips , entrance fees, & lunch. Non-members will pay \$ 65.00 plus \$10.00 for a half year membership

so they will be covered by Ontario Horticultural association insurance . In this case it would be two cheques...one for \$65 & one for \$10. Tickets will be available at the June meeting or mail me a cheque dated June.

~ Rosalind
[416-759-6247](tel:416-759-6247)



www.whistlinggardens.ca

Up Coming Events ...

Ward 29 Community Environment Day – Saturday, June 16th

Join Mary Fragedakis and your neighbours to reuse, recycle and safely dispose at **Dieppe Park from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm** on Saturday, June 16th.

Do your part in creating a cleaner, greener and more liveable Toronto. Bring your unused and unwanted household items and you will help to:

- Extend the life of a product by offering it to someone for reuse.
- Reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and ensure that it is properly recycled.
- Ensure that hazardous waste materials are disposed of safely

2012 POND TOUR

Sunday, July 15 ~ 10 am to 4 pm
Self-guided tour of East Toronto
\$12.00

For tickets call 416.960.9128 or
www.onwatergarden.com
Presented by: Greater Toronto Water
Garden & Horticultural Society

LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

East York Civic Centre
Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Starts May 15

East Lynn Park
(Danforth Ave w of Woodbine)
Thursdays 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm
Starts June 7

Withrow Park
(south of Danforth Ave.
between Logan & Carlaw)
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Starts May 19th

Evergreen Brick Works
(550 Bayview Ave)
Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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For plant lists and information on
other events:

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681 Fife's Bay Road

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The East York Blooming Contest is on again for 2012!

Yes, the contest is on track for this year and we need you to nominate gardens and be preliminary judges. There will be a sign up sheet for volunteers at the May meeting. There will be a 'learn to judge' and a refresher orientation for both new and experienced judges. More details to follow. If you have not volunteered to do anything for your club so far—this is your chance to put an East York garden into the city finals!

BUS TOUR

Sunday, Sept. 16/ 12
8 am ~ 6 pm
Darren Heimbecker's
Whistling Gardens
\$65.00

District 5 Annual General Meeting ~ Winners

Congratulations go out to long-time member Betty Meyers and new member Aileen Siu, both of whom were awarded Best-in-Show ribbons in the flower show at the District 5 Annual General Meeting held in Stouffville on April 28th, 2012. Betty's hellebore was the Best in Show in the Horticultural Division, and Aileen's entry in the "Green Foot Prints" category was Best in Show in the Design Division.

Aileen is also to be commended for her entries at Canada Blooms in March. She received a Silver and two Honourable Mentions.



Betty Meyers with her Best-in-Show ~ hellebore



Hellebore, close-up



Aileen Siu's Best-In-Show design



Aileen Siu's Silver Ribbon entry at Canada Blooms



One of Aileen Siu's Honourable Mentions at Canada Blooms



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We want YOUR email address!! Yes, it is important that you forward your current email address to the editor as postage costs are going up and it is so much better and green to get your newsletter via email.

That way you get it in colour too!

To get your newsletter the green way, email me, at newsletter@eygc.ca



SHARE YOUR PHOTOS with EYGC

Have something in your garden you'd like to share but not interested in hosting an open garden? Take a photo of the shrub or plant that you're proud of and send it to me at susanhirst@gmail.com for inclusion on the pre-meeting presentation.

Rewind

A Look back at the March & April Meetings

March by Allison Piercy

March found us listening wrapt to Lorraine Johnson, the City Gardener, who has tapped into the current urban gardening craze. She reminded us that city gardens have always been a part of Toronto's landscape, starting with Victory Gardens during WWII, and encouraged us to resist the tyranny of the lawn. There are lots of ways to grow vegetables in the city, from balcony pots to large green spaces but we also heard about some different growing spaces that you might not have thought about before. Rooftops and abandoned lots have lots of potential, as well as school yards and back lanes. Finally, we talked about all the different kinds of vegetables that can grow in small spaces, from beans in pots trained up walls, to squash and zucchini strung along a fence. An abundance of ideas, just ripe for the picking!

Welcome to our NEW members

Dave & Norma Barr
Lucia Duncan
Jim Grass
Jeffrey Joiner
Aileen Siu
Lori Marsden
Kim Hewitt
Celia Alida Rutte
Christine Gooderham
Susan McLeod
Karen Tiveron
Mary Anne Degilio
Robert Armstrong



April ~ Reminder of Buckets & Bounty in the Garden

Talk was given by James Graham

A reminder of some helpful tips and tricks given to us by James Graham:

- Create a mini greenhouse out of a large water bottle ~ fill it with lettuce seeds and put it outside mid-February and by the first of May you will have your first crop of greens
- How to prep pots for plantings ~ start with paper in the bottom (James like the LCBO paper best), layer in some soil, next is some un-composted compost and finish off with more soil ~ now your pots are ready to be planted
- Banana peels help keep aphids away
- Pepper plants love the warmth of growing in pots
- Leave the bean plants in your garden when you have completed the harvest. Then do the "Bean Stomp". Return the nitrogen to the soil
- Rhubarb ~ eat only the stems and feed to the leaves back to the plant
- After harvesting butternut squash wait 6 weeks before eating to completely develop the sweetness

These are just a few of the amazing things Graham shared with us. His take away message - **it's your garden do what you love, grow what you want.**

Kill Slugs on your Hostas

1 part cleaning ammonia

9 parts water

Mix and pour on plants in spring

Turns into a mild Fertilizer

First Place Winner~ Other Preserve Category

Apple Rhubarb Chutney (from the Bernardin Complete book of Home Preserving)

Makes about four 8-ounce (250 ml) jars

4 cups	diced peeled cored apples, treated to prevent browning
4 cups	granulated sugar
2 cups	diced rhubarb, fresh or frozen
1/2 cup	water
	Grated zest and juice of 1 lemon
1/2 cup	dried cranberries
1 tsp	ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp	ground nutmeg



1. In a large stainless steel saucepan, combine, apples, sugar, rhubarb, water and lemon zest and juice. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring constantly. Reduce heat and boil gently, stirring frequently, for 15 minutes. Add cranberries, cinnamon and nutmeg. Boil gently, stirring frequently, until thick enough to mound on a spoon, about 15 minutes.
2. Meanwhile prepare canner, jars and lids.
3. Ladle hot chutney into hot jars, leaving 1/2 inch headspace. Remove air bubbles and adjust headspace, if necessary, by adding hot chutney. Wipe rim. Center lid on jar. Screw band down until resistance is met, then increase to fingertip-tight.
4. Place jars in canner, ensuring they are completely covered with water. Bring to boil and process for 10 minutes. Remove canner lid. Wait 5 minutes, then remove jars, cool and store.

TIPS: For good textured chutney, choose firm cooking apples that keep their shape during cooking, such as Golden Delicious or Spartan.

When boiling sauces, chutneys and salsas that thicken as the moisture is evaporated, you may need to gradually reduce the heat to maintain a low boil and prevent scorching.

The War of 1812: June 21st ~ Flower Show

The next flower show is two months away on Thursday June 21st and the design category is: The War of 1812. There is a special section for novice designers to wet their feet and exhibit their entry under: "Laura Secord" a design incorporating any chocolate box. We look forward to all of the exhibitor's interpretations of the 5 categories in this special historical show.



This is a big show for iris, peonies and roses and also the beginning of fruits and vegetables.

I am always looking for volunteers to help at the shows, so if you didn't sign up with the clipboard, give me a call at 416-755-0278 and join the flower show team.

Barbara Piercey

If you would like to make a submission in be included in the next issue of The East York Garden newsletter the next **deadline is June 24th!**

Please e-mail your comments regarding our Newsletter or submissions for the next issue to newsletter@eygc.ca

We're on the Web!

<http://www.eygc.ca>



EAST YORK GARDEN CLUB

*Mark your Calendars ~
Some Great Spring Events*

- ♦ Sun. May 6, 2012 - 12 pm - 4 pm ONTARIO ROCK GARDEN & HARDY PLANT SOCIETY Super Plant Sale
- ♦ Sat. May 12, 2012 - 10 am to 3 pm ~ NORTH AMERICAN NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY SALE- Markham Civic Centre
- ♦ May 13th ~ Mother's Day
- ♦ Sat. May 26 - 10 am -1 pm - SCARBOROUGH GARDEN & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY PLANT SALE - 3600 Kingston Road - cash only
- ♦ May 26 & 27 ~ Doors Open Toronto
- ♦ June 3, 10:30 am - TORONTO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CLUB ANNUAL SHOW & SALE Allan Gardens Conservatory
- ♦ June 17 ~ Gardens of the Beach Tour
- ♦ June 17 ~ Father's Day



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