

November ~ December
2012

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 Christina Brown at 416-755-9077.

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www.eygc.ca

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Thursday, November 15th, 2012

Annual General Meeting and Pot-Luck Dinner (Members Only) **Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Dinner begins at 7:00 p.m.**

Dinner: Plates, cups and cutlery are provided by the Club, as well as coffee/tea and non-alcoholic punch. Please bring a dish of food of at least six servings and a serving utensil (if possible put your name on your dish & utensil). Any leftovers at the end of the evening will be donated to Touchstone youth shelter.

Draw Prizes: Tickets will given out at the door. You can then view the prizes and put in one-half of your ticket for the item you want to win.

Club Business: The election of officials and awarding of flower show winners will be held, as well as the final "People's Choice" photo contest of the year, with the winning picture to be featured on the cover of the EYGC 2013 yearbook. Bring in either one or two of your best garden-related photos from 2011 or 2012. You should select photos that you think would look particularly good on the front of the yearbook. The only stipulation is that the photo must be in portrait orientation (i.e., taller than it is wide). And for this contest, photos can be entered even if they've already appeared in one of our previous contests. The winner will be selected by a vote by those in attendance at the meeting. Entries must be received by 6:50, with voting taking place through the evening. We'll also be announcing the winners of the Fall Photo contest, with all photos entered on display.

**Remember NO meeting in December ~ Our monthly meetings will resume on
Thursday, January 17th, 2013.**

2012 Blooming Contest Winners

By Barb Piercey



Residential-Environmental/Alternative

Judge's Choice: 3 Holland Av
 Garden of Distinction: 10 Dustan Cr
 Garden of Merit:
 297 Monarch Park Av
 32 Gardens Cr

Commercial

Judge's Choice: 301 Donlands Av (Law Office: Walton, Brigham & Kelly)
 Garden of Merit: 128 O'Connor Dr (Restaurant: The Greek Grill)

Residential-Traditional

Judge's Choice: 459 Strathmore Blvd
 Garden of Distinction: 1629 Woodbine Heights Blvd
 Garden of Merit:
 56 Glenwood Av
 54 Glenwood Av
 1057 Greenwood Av
 43 Stag Hill Dr



Community/Other:

Judge's Choice: 1100 Woodbine Av
 (Church of the Resurrection)
 Garden of Distinction: 64 Tiago Av (Kingdom Hall)
 Garden of Merit: 1171 Woodbine Av
 (Woodbine Baptist Church)

The Judge's Choice winning gardens will go on to participate in the City Wide Front Yard Garden competition in 2013.

~ Barb

People's Choice Photo Contests 2013

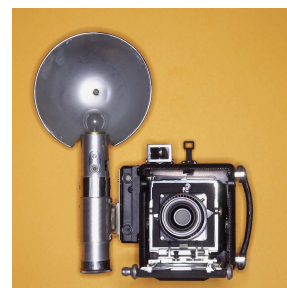
Your entries have been submitted for the Fall Photography Contest, and you've decided which photo you'll be entering in the November contest for the EYGC yearbook cover. But that doesn't mean that it's time to put down the camera. Once again, we'll be holding People's Choice contests at the first three meetings of the New Year. Keeping in mind that these are opportunities for you to be imaginative and creative, all three are open to your interpretation:

January - Christmas Light

February - Purple

March - Indoor Blooms

The procedures will be the same as they were this year: Bring your photo to the meeting by 7:15 p.m., all the photos be laid out on a table, and the members will vote for the best picture. Complete rules, which aren't expected to be any different than in 2012, will be in the 2013 yearbook and in the January newsletter. We'll also have the full schedule of categories for all of the 2013 available in December.



Prez Patch

by Susan Bartlett

What a year it has been. Early in the year, the possibility of a City lockout had us a bit worried about the Stan Wadlow Cubhouse being available for our meetings, but things were resolved and we enjoyed some great speakers at our regular location with diverse topics ranging from the beautiful (orchids, lilies, gesneriads) to interesting (urban gardening, being a frugal gardener, dealing with shade) to the ugly but sometimes interesting (bugs). In May our Master Gardener members shared their expert advice on plants in our annual plant sale.



We've had plant sales, flower shows, new t-shirts, photo contests, our first People's Choice Flower Show, a book sale and this was just at our regular meetings! Over the summer "break" we marched in the EY Parade, had our usual table at Canada Day, toured members' open gardens, enjoyed our pot-luck dinner at the Rockery and held the Annual Show & Tea. EYGC members, in partnership with the City, brought back the Blooming Contest and nominated and judged local gardens in July and August. Many members attended the OHA District 5 AGM in April and a small number made the trip to Niagara region for the big OHA AGM in August. September found us on our bus tour to Whistling Gardens and the Lake Erie/Norfolk county region.



It wouldn't have happened without all of you who volunteered and helped out and I thank you for all your hard work. Below are some plans or resolutions for 2013.



Toronto Botanical Garden

The Executive discussed sending a donation to the Toronto Botanical Garden fundraising campaign. We decided that our dollars would best be spent by purchasing a membership for the Club. We are hoping in this way we can support the TBG but also derive some benefits for our members, such as discounts on TBG tours. I know that I haven't really taken advantage of my own membership, there really is a wealth of lectures, workshops and even summer concerts. We may need a coordinator to keep track of various TBG events (some require a minimum number of attendees, for example Barry's Parker's Parkdale garden tour that we did in July) and perhaps organize carpooling.

Greeters at Meetings

While our Board has several members, we can't all always be at every meeting and some meetings we are quite busy with draw ticket sales, logoware, taking orders... you get the picture. Ideally, we would like a friendly face at the front table by 7:00 p.m. of every meeting, to make guests and new members feel welcome and point them in the right direction. Maybe you would like to do this? Don't worry, you don't need to commit to every meeting, we'd like about three volunteers - which works out to about three meetings over the year.

Club Library

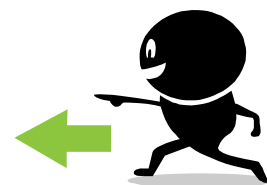
We are going to resurrect the Club library. We still have some nice books and think this is a good resource. Again, this requires someone to be there early as the library cart should be out when the doors open at 7:00 p.m. We already have one volunteer (thanks Allison Piercey) but would like two more people as back-up, so one person won't have to do it every month. The other thing we need to make the library a successful venture is for members to borrow (and return) the books. So come check out the library cart at the January meeting!

Email me at susanhirst@gmail.com if you would like to be a greeter, operate the library cart or help organize TBG outings.

Speaker's Peek at 2013



While we can't give you the complete list just yet, we can wiggle our green thumbs with a peek at what is coming up in 2013—Crops That Wow!, Design an Outdoor Garden Room, Jack Kent with Hostas!



Membership Renewal Reminder

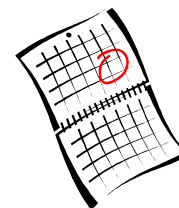


If you haven't done so, please renew your membership. In addition to our monthly talks and plant sales, your EYGC membership card gives you a discount at many of the local independent garden centres such as Sheridan Nurseries, Mason House, Bill's, well as one time coupon at Humber Nurseries (which will be coming in the May newsletter).

Fees for 2013 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, c/o Cristina Brown, 7 Knightsbridge Road, Scarborough, ON M1L 2A8.

Mark your Calendars ~

Here are Some Great Events



- ♦ **November 4** ~ Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!
- ♦ **November 11** ~ Remembrance Day Service at East York Civic Centre—10:45 am to Noon
- ♦ **November 25** ~ Beaches Christmas Parade at 1:00 p.m., runs along Kingston Rd.
- ♦ **November 29** ~ **TBG Holiday Open House** 5:30 to 9:30 pm
- ♦ **December 1** ~ Tree Lighting in the Park—Kew Gardens—5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **December 15** ~ Public Skating begins at the Evergreen Brick Works
- ♦ **December 21** ~ Winter Solstice
- ♦ **December 25** ~ **Christmas—Happy Holiday's Everyone!**
- ♦ **December 31** ~ New Year's Eve—Happy New Year—See you in 2013!!!

Hearts & Flowers Campaign for the Toronto Botanical Garden

As you may have heard that the Toronto Botanical Garden is in need of financial help from the public to keep their doors open.

Here is what they said on their website about their new Hearts and Flowers fundraising campaign:

“[Their] goal is to raise \$250,000 by December 31, 2012

Many people give to support health causes. But there is one epidemic today that hospitals can't cure—a malaise of the spirit. That's where we come in. The Toronto Botanical Garden, a registered educational charity, brings comfort, connection, inspiration, learning, peace and joy to many tens of thousands of people every year. A stroll through our 17 stunning gardens can calm your mind, fire your imagination, and lift your mood. We are the kinder, gentler place that you can escape to any time, year-round. All are welcome, and admission and parking are free.

You may not be able to do much about the greed, cynicism, and despair that cloud our world today, but you can do something to help a place that's precious and pure and good—your botanical garden. Think of us as a green, beating heart—with flowers – pumping nourishment into your soul. Please support Toronto Botanical Garden by making a contribution to our Hearts and Flowers Fundraising Campaign today. Our future depends on it.

Check off your reason for making a tax-deductible donation to TBG, and please call or write your Councillor from the list provided to ask for support—remember, every little bit helps. Thank you!”

You can donate by visiting their website <http://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/> every gift of \$10 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt.



Cyber Gardeners

Veronica hosts a Gardeners group in [Facebook](#) that might interest you. This group has members from horticultural societies, garden clubs, Master Gardeners, gardening writers, nursery vendors, and gardeners of no affiliation. This is a place to share gardening/botanical/horticultural information, regardless of where it comes from. Here you'll find news stories, plant pictures, requests for plant identification, gardening events, plant sales, tours, meetings, websites, podcasts, products. If you have a Facebook account and would like to be added, send Veronica a Friend request:

<http://facebook.com/veronica.callinan>. She can also be reached on Twitter: @CallinanV.



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Flower Show Round Up for 2012

Considering the unusual winter and spring of 2012, only a few categories in the four flower shows were decimated. No lily of the valley, no iris, no peonies. However, we had a record number of narcissuses.

With 26 entrants and a total of 684 horticultural specimens, plants, fruit and vegetables and preserves—it was a very good year. All the judges we had were impressed by the quantity and caliber of our entries and designs. We had our first ever “People’s Choice” show in April with Mary Furlong winning 1st prize for her stunning narcissus.

Firstly, a huge thank you goes to everyone who entered a show whether it was your first time or your 100th time. We would have no shows without your hard work both at home in your gardens and on the show floor.

Secondly, thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up the tables, fill vases with water, assist bringing members entries in and placing the entries in the categories, writing out entry labels and clerking the shows, cleaning up afterwards etc, etc. So, thank you to: Carol Bouley, Linda Boyko, Tom Carter, Heather Craig, Jenn McDougall, Allison Piercey, Gord Piercey, Jean Quinn, Irene Derzay, Marion Stephens, Terry Williams, the members of the Executive team, and Claudette’s sister-in-law (all the way from Argentina!).



And lastly, thank you to the 2012 Flower Show Committee for planning the categories and design themes—it was a fun evening.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2013 with a few ‘upgrades’ and we hope that more members enter shows and/or volunteer. If you have thought about entering or volunteering, but were intimidated or daunted or just plain forgot—call me—I will help you to get started!

Barb Piercey
Flower Show Coordinator ~ 416-755-0278 ~ barbpiercey@bell.net



Water Wise Gardening ~ Toronto Master Gardeners Technical Update



Join in on the Toronto Master Gardeners Technical Update: Water Wise Gardening
January 12, 2013 8:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Avenue East

Waterwise gardening incorporates the collection and storage of rainwater, the improvement of soil health, the establishment of proper maintenance techniques and the selection of suitable plant species to create healthy, beautiful gardens. Join us in a day of exploring ways to become more water wise gardeners!

8:30 Registration and refreshments	1:00 Welcome back (Donation-Endeavour Draw*)
9:15 Welcome / door prizes / quiz	1:15 Practical Solutions: Jeff Mason
9:45 Keynote Address: Chris Denich	2:15 BREAK (Donation-Endeavour Draw)
The Damage Urban Development Creates	2:30 Water, Not Canada’s Problem? Panel Discussion
10:45 BREAK	with Chris Denich, Beth McEwan and Jeff Mason,
11:00 Effects of Extreme Weather: Beth McEwan	moderated by Joe Delarge
12:30 LUNCH (included in registration fee)	3:30 Wrap UP

Payment by cheque ONLY: Payable to Toronto Master Gardeners
Public : \$50.00* ea Master Gardener: \$45.00* ea

Make your cheque out to Toronto Master Gardeners and send, with the form, to:
Linda Boyko, 38 Peard Rd. Toronto, ON M4B 1T7
Registration questions? Contact Linda at 416-777-3307 (B) 647-995-3307 (H) or lboyko@kpmg.ca.

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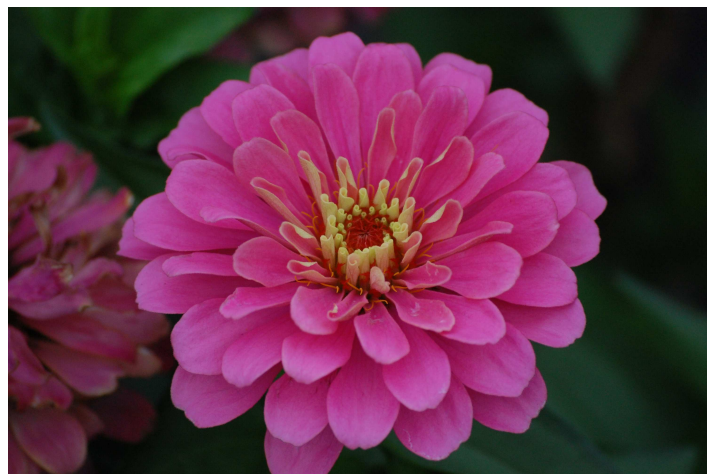
EAST YORK GARDEN CLUB

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 December 20th, 2012**

Please e-mail you comments regarding our Newsletter or submissions for the next issue to jenn@majam.net

We're on the Web!

<http://www.eygc.ca>



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.)

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