

July ~ August 2014



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 Bond at 416-423-5857.

Visit us on the web at www.eygc.ca

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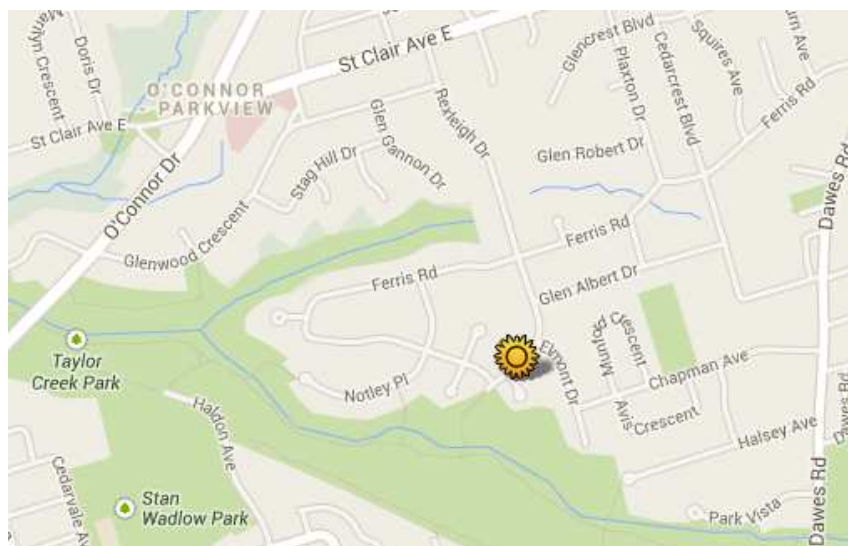


Thursday, July 17th, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

Topic: Annual Member Pot Luck Dinner

This year's dinner will be at the garden of Maureen Hulbert at 6 Ferncliff Court. Please bring a dish of food, with at least six portions*. We also request that you bring your own plate and cutlery, and a folding chair if possible. Beverages will be provided.

*(The law requires us to give notice that the food has not been inspected i.e., eat at your own risk. In keeping with food safety, please follow general food safety practices – wash your hands when cooking, keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot.)



Saturday, August 16, 2014, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Annual Flower Show & Tea

Entries for the Flower Show will be accepted between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening, and between 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. on Saturday morning. Judging begins at 11:20 a.m. sharp. Viewing time is between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. There will be some nice raffle prizes: tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. (Tickets will be for sale not only the day of the show but at the Potluck dinner.) For the afternoon tea, we would appreciate donations of desserts, cookies, or other goodies. plants, and fruits and vegetables. The design theme for this years flower show is "Making a Difference: International Year of Water Cooperation" with Green Roof, Waterfall, Raindrop etc. At the end of the day, the flowers, preserves and remaining baked goods will be auctioned off.

Regular Meetings resume Thursday, September 18th, 2014!

Another Great June Show!!

By Barb Fairbanks

Thank you to all our participants and volunteers in the June flower show. This year, not only did the hosta entries number 43, but our design section was spectacular with 20 entries! The judge was impressed with the quantity of entries and the enthusiasm of the entrants.

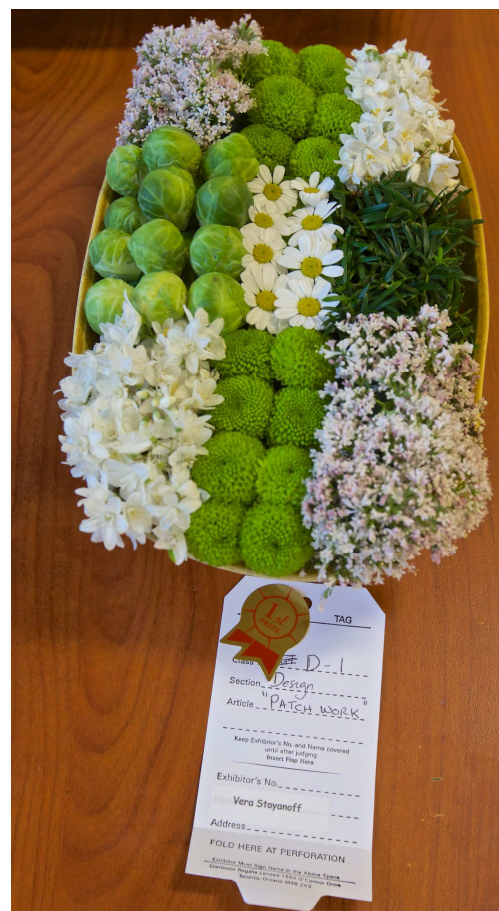


Congratulations to Claudette Levesque for her lovely peony that received the Best Cut Specimen award, Vera Stoyanoff for her "Patchwork" Best Design award, Anna Leggatt for her red shrub rose that received Best Rose award and also for her long foxglove that received the Judge's Choice award.



And thanks again to everyone who volunteered by filling vases, running entries to tables, helping with filling out entry cards, carrying entries from cars and clerking and cleaning up after the show. What you do may seem small, but it makes a big difference to the members that take the time to enter the show.

Barbara Fairbanks
Flower Show Coordinator
416-755-0278



A Quilter's Garden at EYGC

Our June meeting was so full of colour! We had the East Toronto Quilter's Guild join our meeting to show off their work and promote their group. That they did with large and small quilts all with a floral or garden theme that provided a spectacular backdrop for the flower show.

Thank you to our member, Tom Carter, for making such a great suggestion. Thank you to Claudette Levesque for researching and coordinating the event. And a big thank you to Linda Van Lierde and all the members of the ETQG for sorting, preparing and setting up their glorious work.

It was a wonderful community event with over 100 members and guests attending the meeting.



Anyone interested in more information about quilting or joining the ETQG, please contact Linda Van Lierde at 416-421-2233.



The Annual Flower Show & Tea

Saturday August 16th

By Barb Fairbanks



This is our big and fabulous show with great competition for the judge's award money prizes and enough time to set up your entries the night before and the morning of the show. There are many cut specimen categories, potted and hanging plants, and fruits and vegetables. The design theme is "International Year of Family Farming" with 7 categories including: Green Acres a foliage design and Hayloft a dried arrangement.

A reminder to entrants: Friday entry time: 6:30 to 7:30pm and Saturday entry time 9-11:15am. Judging starts at 11:20am sharp! Looking forward to seeing everyone's entries and if there are any questions regarding the show or tea, please call us:

Cristina Brown 416-755-9077

Barbara Piercey 416-755-0278

The Flower Show and Tea opens for viewing and sipping at 2pm. Again this year we have available for purchase some lovely teacups from the collections of Minnie Price and Marie Sharp. We welcome you to come and drink your tea in a lovely floral china teacup and then take it home with you!

Don't forget we will have 3 draw prizes for the august show.....some big metal flowers, a large metal rooster & a Lea Valley birdbath & stand. Tickets 1 for \$2.00, 3 for \$5.00, 10 for \$10.00.

Summer & Fall Photo Contest's ~ Are you taking your pictures?

As in past years, we'll have three categories for the summer version of the People's Choice Photography Contest, held on Saturday, August 16th, at the Annual Flower Show and Tea. Creativity and imagination are always encouraged, but this year you'll be able to let them run wild. We have three categories that invite you to be especially inventive and unorthodox: • Dry • Solitude • Murals

Entries will be accepted from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Friday evening and from 9 - 11:15 on Saturday morning. Voting will take place when the show opens at 2 o'clock, and continue until 3:45. Winners will be announced between 3:50 and 4:00. All who attend the show will be eligible to vote.



The long days of summer are also the time to think about entries in the Fall Photo Contest. This year we have a dozen categories, four of them horticultural, seven that are "general", and one for children & youth members.

Horticultural subjects are, "A Rose is a Rose", Hanging Baskets, My Garden, Autumn Leaves

In the "general" classification, we invite you to look at three structures that we all see every day: Landmarks of Toronto, Black & White, Outside at Night, Bird Baths (*with or without the bird*), Flowing Waters, The Year of the Horse (*a photo with a horse as the subject*), The Four Seasons (*four photos of the same location, one photo in each season; need not be horticultural*)

"Anything Grows" is for the children's and youth category, but we're hoping that those of you with children or grandchildren between the ages of 6 and 17 will encourage them to enter this year.

Rules and full information about the categories can be found in your yearbook, or on the Garden Club website (eygc.ca). And if you have any questions, you can contact me at malcolm@eastyork.net or by phone at 416-429-4719.

Anna's Picks:

I frequently acquire new products to assess.

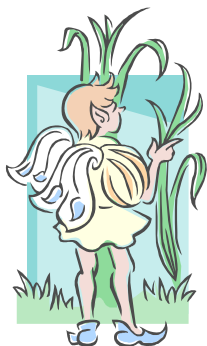
Fiskers have produced many tools that are easy on older joints. I like the stand up weeders which are designed to remove dandelions and other unwanted plants from lawns. Step on the base and it will send 4 claws down into the ground round a dandelion root. There is a new feature this year – a push of a button and the weed is ejected into your bucket. The handle is ergonomic so your wrists won't get so tired.



Another new product is their folding pruning saw. This locks into the usual straight saw (with a slightly longer 25.4 cm blade). A push of a button and it will go further to right angles, allowing you to undercut a branch.

Loblaws continues to find new products for gardeners and continues with old favourites. Look for Max Touch gardening gloves that allow you to use your smart phone in the garden without removing your gloves! (Make sure the gloves aren't muddy!) The liner is electro conductive copper and nylon blended.

Presidents Choice © Magic®-Grow 5-15-5 is a concentrated liquid plant starter. It also contains 3 hormones to stimulate root growth. I find their Blooms maintenance fertilizer easy to use – drop a puck into a 8L (2 gallon) watering can and fill with water. Stir to dissolve, and then water your indoor or outdoor flowers.



Fairy Gardens are new trough gardens. Small arches, bridges, seats, fairies and miniature lights enhance the plant design. I particularly like the dwarf evergreens that Loblaws is now selling. Check the plant on the Internet – the hardiness ratings may be better than the label suggests.

I have 3 of the Loblaws illuminated planters. The original is still glowing at night after being out for 3 winters. I just left it with water in the top. One had plants all winter – I think this past winter was too severe for plant survival.

WaterDots are small absorbent squares of foam. Add them to planters and reduce your watering. These can be easily removed in the fall if you empty a planter. Then use again next year. You can even soak them in liquid fertilizer (mixed using manufacturers instructions) to jump-start your plants in May. <http://www.waterdots.ca/>

Are you short of space in your garden? Myers' Industries have a range of vertical gardening solutions. The newest of which is the Hanging Garden Planter. You can fix this to a wall or fence and grow flowers or vegetables – particularly tomatoes. It is made of durable recycled materials and has a self-watering feature to reduce the times you need to water. Even watering reduces blossom end rot in tomatoes so this is a bonus.

Check small nurseries and corner stores. Often you will find unusual plants.



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.



OHA District 5 Art Contest ~ Calling all Artists

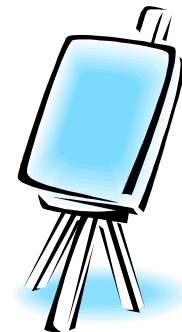
There will be an art competition at the OHA Convention in July. The deadline to apply is July 11, 2014. All entries need to be pre-registered through Donna Hussey:

MAIL - Donna Hussey, 405 Earl St., Delhi, ON N4B 1W4

EMAIL - district6@gardenontario.org

PHONE - 519-582-4523 or Cell 519-718-0659

Information can found here: <http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/com.php>



Not planning to attend the convention? You can still enter. Malcolm Geast and Dawn McEachern have offered to take entries to the convention in Cornwall (and bring them back). To make arrangements, contact Malcolm by email at malcolm@eastyork.net or by phone at 416-429-4719.

Resource Booklets for Sale

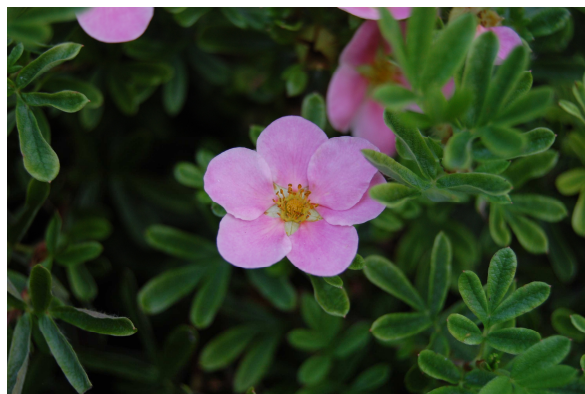
We still have a few resource booklets for sale. Contact Barb Fairbanks at 416-755-0278 if you would like one over the summer.

We have the Following available:

Snippy Tips-Care of Cut Flowers and Plant Material - \$6.50

Natural Landscape Resource-A Guide to using Native Plants - \$5.00

Ontario Judging & Exhibiting Standards for Horticultural & Floral Design (AKA Publication 34) - \$6.00



HELP US GO GREEN

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 jenn@majam.net

Tree Tour in East York

On Sunday, July 27th at 2pm, join LEAF, Ward 29 Councillor Mary Fragedakis and volunteers from the MoreTrees29 community project for a tree tour in Old East York.

Highlights:

Old trees: Admire beautiful old Oaks dating to when East York was first settled by Europeans. Wonder at a stately, mature Elm tree that escaped Dutch Elm Disease.

New trees: See results of the City's focused planting effort in 2013 on residential streets with

boulevards. Check out one local school's ambitious schoolyard greening project.

See two "tiny perfect" native plant gardens.

Learn about urban tree stresses and how to avoid or mitigate them. Learn some basic tree identification and fundamentals of tree care.

Hear how the MoreTrees29 community group is trying to increase & protect the tree canopy in our Ward.

Meet outside the convenience store on the northeast corner of Broadview & Torrens Ave. (1221 Broadview), two blocks south of O'Connor. From Broadview station, either walk 1.5km north or take one of the following buses: #8 Broadview, #87 Cosburn, #100 Flemingdon Park, #322 Coxwell.

We will spend 1.5 to 2 hours, walking about 2km total, with options to drop out near transit points.

"For last-minute updates, check moretrees29.com or www.yourleaf.org/tree-tours.



Dutch Elm survivor on Torrens Ave.



A Silver Maple that rode out the ice storm

Trees at historic Taylor Cemetery



A Silver Maple that rode out the ice storm

*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 August 25th!***

Please e-mail your 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



*Mark your Calendars ~
Some Great Summer Events*

- ♦ **July 1st** ~ East York Canada Day Parade & Plant & Attic Treasure Sale @ Stan Wadlow Clubhouse.
- ♦ July 12th ~ Uxbridge Garden Tour 10am to 5 pm
- ♦ July 13 ~ Markham & Horticultural Society Garden Tour, 12 pm to 4 pm
- ♦ July 19 ~ Bees, Butterfly & Birds Tour at Brickworks from 2 to 3 pm (Free)
- ♦ July 27 ~ Tree Tour in Old East York
- ♦ August 4 ~ Civic Holiday
- ♦ August 23 ~ St Joseph Island Flower and Vegetable Show from 2:30 to 5 pm

