

September ~ October  
2014

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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**Thursday, September 18th, 2014, 7:30 p.m.**

**Topic: Spring Flowering Bulbs—Plant a Spectacular Spring Garden Now**  
**Speaker: Dugald Cameron of Gardenimport**

With a bit of energy this autumn and some tips and tricks from Dugald Cameron, everyone can have an exciting flowering garden from the first to the last day of spring. Learn about how, when and where to plant bulbs along with insight as to what bulbs are old and faithful and a peek at what is new and delightful.

Dugald Cameron is co-founder, owner and president of Gardenimport, a mail order nursery founded in 1983 when he couldn't find the variety or quality of bulbs seeds and plants he wanted for his garden. His search for the very best has led to close connections to many of the world's leading hybridizers. Since that time he has introduced countless new bulbs, seeds and plants to Canadian gardeners from coast to coast.

This month is also the last flower show of the year. Entries are due by 7:15 p.m. Members with surnames beginning with "S" to "Z" are asked to bring in some cookies or squares for the refreshment table.

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**Thursday, October 16th, 2013, 7:30 p.m.**

**Topic: Mushroom Mania! Speaker: Ann McIlmoyle of Waymac Farms**

Ann McIlmoyle, a scientist and the owner and manager of Waymac Farms since 1991, and a regular vendor at the East York Farmer's Market, will be speaking about growing Shiitake mushrooms on the farm and how you can do it at home!

Ann's spectacular educational and life background have made her an expert in the nutritional and health benefits of Shiitake mushrooms. The farm has grown shiitake mushrooms largely for the wholesale marketplace since 1991. They also continue to diversify their mushroom production growing other types of mushrooms for sale in the marketplace. Since 1991, Waymac Farms has been honoured with several awards.

Ann McIlmoyle is a scientist and lecturer and was an award-winning Secondary School science teacher, Head of Science. A mentor of many National and International award-winning science projects as well as projects that placed top in Canadian and International Science and Engineering fairs.

Ann will have available for purchase: some Shiitake logs (\$25) for personal production of Shiitake mushrooms and her new cookbook "Farmers' Market Favourite Mushroom Recipes" (\$20).

This month is also the seed exchange & people's choice pumpkin carving contest. Members with surnames beginning with "A" and "B" are asked to bring in some cookies or squares.

# *Record-Setting Annual Flower Show & Tea!*

*Saturday August 16th, 2014*

*By Barb Fairbanks*

Wow! What a Show! It was record setting! Twenty-one of our members entered 332 individual items—cut specimens, plants, fruits & vegetables and designs. For the records that I have, that is the most entrants and entries since at least 2003!



Congratulations all around!

While it was a tough show for roses (not many available for the show), the categories with the most entries were for Rose of Sharon, Hydrangea, and collections of both flowers and herbs.



and Best Potted Plant for her many herbs, Best Rose for her medium pink polyanthus spray and Best Hanging Planter for her white double begonia. Betty Meyers won Best Cut Specimen for her lovely clematis 'Viticella Venosa Violacea'. Sonia Van Heerden won Best Collection of Flowers for her beautiful assortment. Jean Quinn won Best Design for her 'Green Acres' foliage design. New this year, as the judges said we must give an award for the Fruit & Vegetable category—Best Vegetable went to Diane Ronan for her interesting "OSU-Blue #P20" tomato.



Thank you to everyone who took the time to compete, for giving your time to bake for the tea, for helping to set up and clean up, for preparing and pouring the tea and coffee, for organizing the draw table prizes, for selling tickets and teacups and organizing the photo contest. Thanks to Malcolm Geast for being our speaker and Veronica Callinan for being our inspiring auctioneer. Thanks to all our members and guests for coming out on a rainy summer Saturday afternoon to enjoy a great Annual Flower Show and Tea.



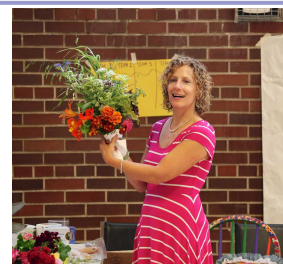
Barb Fairbanks  
Flower Show Coordinator



## Prez Patch

by Susan Bartlett

As fall begins, Canada Day seems like a long time ago to me! This year the parade route was busier than in had been for many years and despite an early rain shower at the parade, the rest of the day was dry at the plant and attic treasures sale.



The **August Annual Show & Tea** was a great success. Thanks to all who entered the flower show and photography contest, brought baking, helped in the show, assisted in the kitchen... it's quite a production. Thanks to coordinators Cristina Brown and Barbara Fairbanks, who put it all together. Thanks also to Malcolm Geast who gave a great talk. Many of us went home with beautiful bouquets, yummy treats, and even some prizes.

### Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation

In recent months, you probably received numerous emails from various organizations requesting permission to stay on their emailing list as per the anti-spam legislation that came into effect July 1, 2014. As a non-profit or-

ganization, the East York Garden Club has three more years to comply with the new legislation. So for now you will continue to receive email communications from EYGC. At some point in the future, the Club will deal with the issue, probably after consultation and input from the Ontario Horticultural Association and other garden clubs.

### The Rockery

Just a reminder that Rockery maintenance continues every Saturday from 10:00 am to noon, until the cooler weather forces us to do a fall clean up, we'll let you know when that is. In the meantime, feel free to come by on Saturday mornings with a pair of gloves and perhaps a set of small clippers. The cooler rainy summer was beneficial for the Rockery and it really looks good! It's also a great spot to see butterflies and birds.

### Tea Cups for Sale at the September meeting

If you haven't been at our last two Annual Flower Show and Tea events, then you missed an opportunity to purchase one of the lovely tea cups that were given to us by two of our long-time members, Minnie Price and Marie Sharp.



We will have the few we have left for sale at the September 18th meeting for a price of \$5.00 each. The ones from Minnie Price are tea cups that she was awarded as prizes for flower show entries back in the 1960s and 1970s—so there is a bit of EYGC history there that you can take home.

## EYGC Seed Exchange

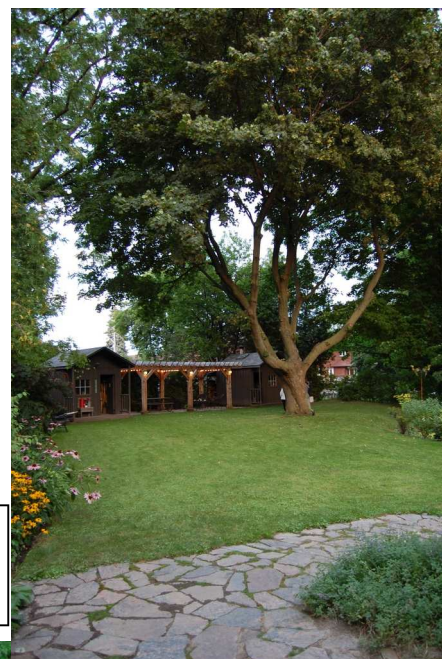
~ Thursday, October 18th, 2014 ~

Our annual seed exchange will take place at the October meeting. If you are contributing seeds please try to provide as much information as possible: plant name, annual/perennial, colour, height/spread, sun/shade, bloom time, etc. All this information is very helpful to the lucky recipients of your seeds. If you don't have time, just put some seeds in a packet and label what they are. All seeds are welcome!

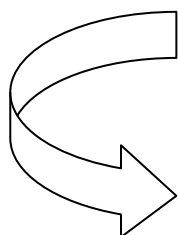
Last year we had a large number of contributions which made for a very successful Seed Exchange. So, please remember to check your gardens this Fall and bring some seeds to the October meeting.



## *The Canada Day Parade & the Members Potluck*



Annual July Member  
Potluck held in Maureen  
Hulbert's Garden



## *Last Flower Show of the Year !!!*

Our September 18th the year. The design category theme is 'International Year of Crystallography'. The Flower Show Committee has taken it to relatable crystal structures such as a Grain of Salt—a miniature design, an Ice Crystal—a design using white flowers, Gemstones—an interpretive design, and Geode—a design incorporating a rock or rocks. Cut Glass—a design in a crystal container also includes a separate category for novice designers so that you can experiment without the pressure of competing with the experienced designers.

\*\*There are two new categories for coleus specimens and one for a pumpkin if you were adventurous in the veggie garden. Please note that the pumpkin cannot exceed 400kg!\*\*





## Library Kiosk Alert

**SEPTEMBER is about bulbs! So... the kiosk can help:**

**All About Bulbs** has 96 pages full of info with a photo directory of more than 100 bulbs for all seasons.

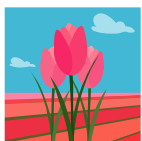
Crazy about snowdrops? Photos of 36 varieties are featured in the January 2013 issue of **The Garden**.

**A Greener Thumb** has a 15 page directory of bulbs and 10 pages full of info and illustrations.

**Gardening Made Easy** has detailed directions for planting bulbs in your lawn.

**The Ontario Gardener** has a 12 page directory to many bulbs.

CHECK OUT THE KIOSK TABLE AT  
SEPTEMBER'S MEETING!



## Pumpkin Carving Contest

Last year we held our first People's Choice Carved Pumpkin Competition and it was great fun with a good number of entries and lots of votes. It may

have been a long time since you have carved a pumpkin for Halloween or you may do it every year, but this is the year to carve one and bring it to the October 16th meeting. Our members will vote with pennies for their favourite and ribbons will be awarded.



Only one pumpkin entry per member. Accessories allowed. Pumpkin must have a name or title. Entry tags available at the meeting. Pumpkins to be in place by 7:15pm. Voting starts at 7:15 and closes at 7:45pm.

So, put a reminder on your fridge or in your technology of choice, choose your pumpkin—large or small it is up to you, get out your carving knife and test your skills!



## What you Missed on the Mystery Bus Tour

For all those who couldn't attend our tour I'll explain the mystery. After our stop at Tim Horton's in Milton, we visited Springridge Farms (<http://springridgefarm.com/>) --- home of the singing chickens. In the enclosed picture Joyce Crook is shown milking a contented cow. We tasted Springridge's home baking then off to Chen & Linda's one acre garden. I'd seen their garden last year and since then he'd added a stream, bridges and a gazebo. Next it was lunch at the Mandarin then off to Crawford Lake Conservation Area (<http://www.conservationhalton.ca/crawford-lake>) to visit their Iroquoian village and their Meromictic lake. We finished off at Lost Horizons Nursery (<http://www.losthorizons.ca/>) and bought our beloved plants. Next year perhaps Peterborough in August or September.

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P.S. Don't forget to visit the Stan Wadlow rockery beside the skateboard park. The zinnias, echinacea, & roses are wonderful this year.



## Newsletter of the 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 October 23rd!**

Please e-mail you comments regarding our Newsletter or submissions for the next issue to [jenn@majam.net](mailto:jenn@majam.net)

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### *A Couple of notes about the Fall Photo Contest*

A quick reminder that our annual Fall Photo Contest is coming up soon. Entry forms will be available at the September meeting, or can be downloaded from our website ([www.eygc.ca/photocontest](http://www.eygc.ca/photocontest)). We'll be accepting entries at the October meeting, but if you can't be at that meeting and would like to enter, or if you have any questions, you can contact Malcolm at [malcolmg@eygc.ca](mailto:malcolmg@eygc.ca) or by phone at 416-429-4719.

In the next two or three months, we'll be deciding on categories for next year's contest. We're always interested in ideas for new categories, or hearing about those that you think we should bring back. Feel free to let Malcolm know your thoughts about the 2015 contests.

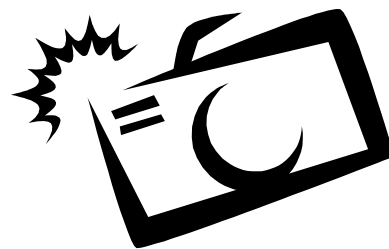
**Listed below are the categories for the Fall Photo Contest.** Full details about can be found in your year-book.

**Horticultural**

1. A Rose is a Rose is a Rose
2. Hanging Baskets
3. My Garden
4. Autumn Leaves
5. Anything Grows (children's (6 to 10 years) and youth (11 to 17 years) category)

**General**

1. Landmarks of Toronto
2. Black & White
3. Outside at Night
4. Bird Baths (with or without the bird)
5. Flowing Waters
6. The Year of the Horse (a photo with a horse as the subject)
7. The Four Seasons (four photos of the same location, one photo in each season; need not be horticultural)



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