

September ~ October
2015

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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Susan Bartlett

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Thursday, September 17th, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Topic: Growing Tender & Hardy Succulents By: Erika Shroedersecker

Erika Shroedersecker's presentation will be about how to grow both hardy and tender succulents, and she will have some of her own plants to enhance her talk.

Erika is a passionate plants woman. She is currently the president of the Toronto Cactus and Succulent club, and is affiliated with many other clubs internationally. Her obsession began at a young child when her father built perennial gardens, and a rock garden. At the age of 14 she started to take over her parent's garden, and began buying and importing plants from nurseries in North America. Alpines and bulbs were her passions, and still are. She enjoys growing rare, and challenging plants, and surrounding herself with beauty. Her garden represents a greenhouse with a large bulb collection, alpines, and curiosities from all over the world, as well a garden with alpine troughs, containers, Chinese and Japanese perennials, ephemerals, shrubs, and trees.

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

Thursday, October 15th, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Topic: Beauty and the Feast Speaker: Marjorie Mason

How to create a beautiful and edible garden. Tips, tricks and varieties to make a kitchen garden you would be happy to show off to your friends. Marjorie Mason will share her experiences gardening with edible plants that are beautiful for the eyes and the palate.

Marjorie Mason is an enthusiastic gardener who enjoys sharing her ideas with others. She started gardening at a very early age on her parents market garden farm near Peterborough. After a career as a public school teacher, she worked for 19 years at Pine Ridge Garden Gallery in Pickering where she amassed a collection of over 500 different varieties of Pelargoniums.

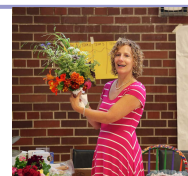
Marjorie has a passion for gardening in containers and was instrumental in promoting the concept of B.C. style moss baskets in Ontario. She has discarded the assumption that only annuals should be grown in containers and is now advocating the use of houseplants, bulbs, edibles and perennials in pots as well. She uses the term "Potscaping" to describe the grouping together of containers into pleasing arrangements. Marjorie hosts "Let's Get Growing" every Saturday morning from 9-10am on 1580 CKDO and 107.7 FM.

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

Prez Patch

by Susan Bartlett

It's been a great summer, and we are back to our regular scheduled meetings starting in September.



Annual Show & Tea

This was a great success, in no small part to our Flower Show co-ordinators Cristina Brown and Barbara Fairbanks and Diane Brockman as Tearoom coordinator. A big thanks to them! Thanks also to many more of you who baked, entered or helped out in myriad of ways.

Pop-up Gardens

Thank you to those who hosted our July and August pop-ups:

Mary-Lou Burt - July 19
 Rosalind Regnier - July 15,
 Margaret McRae - August 16



All in all, this was a fun way to visit members' gardens and we raised some funds for our AGM. Thanks to Diane Ronan for the idea. The garden seasons isn't over, if anyone wants to share the glory of their fall garden, just email me: susanhirst@gmail.com

The District 5 AGM – New Date: Saturday, April 23, 2016

The date of the District 5 Annual General Meeting has been changed to SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016, at the Latvian Centre. Some of you had already stepped forward to volunteer, and we hope that you can still make it, one day earlier. With that in mind, we will be starting to sign up volunteers at the September meeting and hoping to get more specific with numbers. Some things we will need volunteers for are ahead of the AGM, such as baking, packaging prizes or set-up. The day of the AGM we will need help with selling raffle tickets, directing traffic as it arrives, working at the flower show, to name a few things.

Photos By:
 Diane Brockman



Proposed Changes to EYGC By-Laws

The Executive is proposing a couple of changes to our by-laws. These will be announced at the September meeting and the membership in attendance at the November Annual General Meeting will be asked to approve the proposed changes.

The first change is regarding fees for new first-time members. Traditionally, we have allowed people joining after July to pay one-half of the fees. However, the Ontario Horticultural Association does not allow this practice.

By-law 3. c. "The fees for any new first-time member joining between July 1 and September 30 shall be half of the regular fees."

Proposed Change: Eliminate this line.

The other proposed change is to the number of Executive meetings. Email has changed the need for quite so many meetings, and we find we are able to get a lot done without meeting in person.

6. Meetings

a. Excepting August and December, general meetings of the Club are to be held each month, on the third Thursday of the month. The Executive Board may decide to hold additional general meetings.

Proposed Change: A minimum of 10 executive board meetings to be held in the calendar year. The Executive Board may decide to hold additional general meetings.

6. d. Meetings of the Executive Board are to be held at least once a month. The agenda of the December meeting shall include planning of events for the following year.

Proposed Change: Remove this paragraph.



2016 Executive

It's that time again to look for new people to join us on the Executive Board. Ideally, we could use at least three new directors to the Board. The term is usually two years (but it goes fast!) and we plan meetings and events, and try to come up with new ideas to keep the club fresh. The idea behind the two year commitment is that directors are on alternate years. As some new directors join, other directors who have been there for a year and know the ropes will stay another year. That way there is always a mix of experienced Board members, along with "new blood".

Meetings are held at the Civic Centre, one week after the regular meeting (Thursdays). But for the last couple of years have experimented with staying after the regular meeting for a mini-meeting, thus leaving that next Thursday free. We have also skipped the July meeting. This is why we have proposed changes to the by-laws which state we must meet every month. The by-laws were made before email was widely used and we find we can get a lot done without meeting in person. If interested, speak to anyone on the Executive or email me sanhirst@gmail.com

Another Record-Setting Annual Flower Show & Tea!

Saturday August 29th, 2015

By Barb Fairbanks

If you attended the show, you may have thought there were more entries than usual. You are right! Another record setting with 28(!) members entering 354 items from cut specimens, potted and hanging plants, fruits & vegetables and designs. We had quite a



few first time entrants and some returning-after-a-long-hiatus entrants. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who entered.

The categories with the most entries were for Coleus, Heuchera, Sedums and Rudbeckia. The Heuchera was a new category and it brought 14 entries. Thanks to the Flower Show Committee for adding that to the schedule.

Vera Stoyanoff won Best in Show and Best

Hanging Plant for her big hanging plant, Best Rose for her medium pink polyanthus spray and Best Potted Plant for her Herb Planter. Anna Leggatt won Best Cut Specimen for her 'Show n' Tell' dahlia and Best Vegetable for her interesting bitter melon. Wilfred Haufe won Best Collection of Flowers for his sunflowers (the judges said they were absolutely culturally perfect and bringing them together was stunning). Carol Bouley won Best Design for her 'Chile: Bottoms Up' design incorporating a wine bottle. Well done to all.



Thank you to everyone who took the time to compete. Thank you to all the board members and volunteers who baked and organized for the tea, helped set up and clean up, prepared and poured the tea and coffee, organized the draw table prizes, sold tickets and tea-cups and organized the photo contest. A special thank you to goes out to Cristina Brown for again making the most spectacular bouquets to auction. Thanks to Paul Hirst for being our kilted auctioneer. Thanks to all our members and guests for coming out and supporting our club's efforts to present the best of the East York Garden Club.

Barb Fairbanks
Flower Show Coordinator



Flower Show Winners



Best Collection of Flowers:
Wilfred Haufe



Design winner: Betty Myers



Best Potted Plant:
Vera Stoyanoff



Best Design: Carol Bouley



Best Vegetable: Anna Leggatt



Best Rose: Vera Stoyanoff

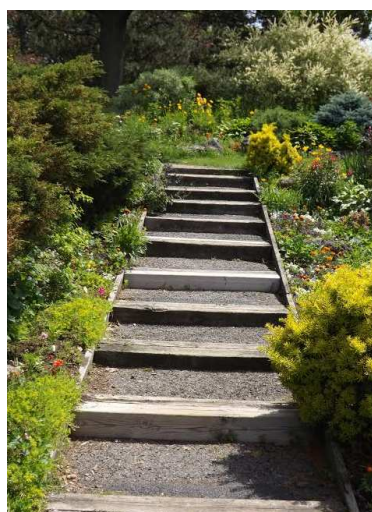
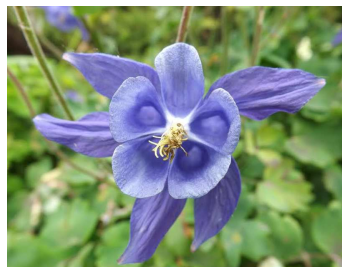


Best Cut Specimen:
Anna Leggatt



Design winner:
Jean Quinn

All Photos by Jeffery Joiner.



Summer at the Rockery

Last Flower Show of the Year !!!

Sometimes it is surprising what is blooming and thriving in our September gardens in East York. Our September 17th meeting will have the last flower show of the year. The design category theme is 'Canadian Music'. For both Experienced and Novice designers "Stompin' Tom Connors – a design incorporating wood" should get you off to a good start!

Last year Wilfred Haufe impressed us with his lone pumpkin entry. He got a 'first' for it and luckily it did not exceed the 400kg limit. Can you give him some competition??

Please take some time to look at your garden for our final show of the year and see if there is something that matches up with the items listed on pages 20 and 21 of your yearbook and bring it in for competition. One of the volunteers can help you complete an entry tag and give you wishes of good luck!

Photo Contest



Winners

August People's Choice contest

Bark -
Anna Leggatt



Pumpkin Carving Contest

While we only had 4 entries last year, they were top-notch! Perhaps this is your year to try your hand at carving a pumpkin for the competition.

Bring your work of pumpkin art to the October 15th 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!



Curved - James Cockroft

Now that the summer's over (well, almost), it's time to think about collecting your photos together for the Fall Photo Contest. Categories for the contest can be found in your yearbook, or on the Club's website, at www.eygc.ca/photocontest. We'll have entry forms available at the September meeting, or you can download them from the website. Entries will be accepted at the October meeting, but if you're not going to be at that meeting and would like to enter, or if you have any questions, you can contact Malcolm at malolmg@eygc.ca or by phone at 416-429-4719.



Straight - Anna Leggatt

Balloons - Anna Leggatt

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*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



EAST YORK GARDEN CLUB



Marketplace Sale at the October meeting

Over the past couple of years the club was given some lovely floral pieces of porcelain from two of our long-time members, Minnie Price and Marie Sharp. We have sold almost all of the tea cups and mugs, but still have vases, sugar bowls, knick-knacks all with a floral motif.

We will have the balance of our inventory for sale at the October 15th meeting with prices from \$1 to \$20.



Please note that we are not looking to acquire any new pieces at this time, but if you do have some bits and bobs that you think would be suitable for future fundraisers, please let any of the club board members know.



Our youngest Annual Show winner:

Charlie McDougall. Second place for his cucumbers

We're on the Web!

<http://www.eygc.ca>

Don't Forget!

In 2016 our garden club will be celebrating its 90th anniversary. That is really something! We want all of our members to be part of the celebration in a special way. Our meeting in March 2016 will be our 'show & tell' evening. Malcolm Geast will have a presentation of our club's history and then it will be your turn.

We would like you to think about preparing a one to two minute talk, slide show or video about you and your garden (now or in transition) or your travels involving plants, gardens and wildlife or just your favourite flowers in different seasons. You can put it to music, have subtitles, or narrate—it is up to you as long as it relates to your garden or gardening in general. We will have a sign up sheet at the October meeting for both presenters and helpers.

This is the time to put on your thinking caps and look through your piles of photos and albums or take new photos or videos to capture your gardening moments. To assist you, we are looking for members with the technical A/V know-how to help contributors create their show. If you think you will need help to prepare your show, we will match you up with an A/V volunteer.

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