

January ~ February
2016

East York Garden Club

THE EAST YORK GARDEN



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 at 416-755-9077.

Visit us on the web at www.eygc.ca

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Barbara Fairbanks

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Thursday, January 21st, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Topic: Monarchs, Mountains, Mexico Speaker: Anna Leggatt

A short visit to central from the Pacific to the highlands.

Anna grew up in the English countryside, near Stratford-on-Avon. She built her first rock garden about the age of 12. After getting a degree in Botany, she taught high school and then immigrated to Canada. When the children were older, she obtained diplomas in Nature Interpretation and Horticulture. She now works part time at the Kortright Centre for Conservation and lectures in Horticulture and wildflower travel.

Anna has been to every Continent but there are still many places where there are flowers to photograph.

Anna is basically a mad gardener, gardening in a comparatively large garden in Toronto with lots of shade and mink, deer and groundhogs.

Members with surnames beginning with "M" through "O" are asked to bring in some cookies or squares for the refreshment table. Don't forget to bring your own mug for coffee or tea.

Thursday, February 18th, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Topic: Cold Frames: Get an Early Start in Your Spring Garden

Speaker: Kyla Dixon-Muir

Learn how to apply Season Extension Techniques to get as much as a two-month head-start on growing foods outdoors this spring; and learn how to design and build Cold Frames and Raised Beds, for your own garden. Get inspired to keep foods growing far longer into this fall, and right through the winter, to achieve the earliest possible harvests next spring.

Kyla Dixon-Muir has been in the garden every single week – including right through the winter - for many years. She is, as a volunteer, the Development Coordinator at Riverdale Meadow Community Garden in downtown Toronto. Kyla grows foods, using organic practices, in a wide range of low-cost and no-cost cold frames, many of which do not require construction skills.

Kyla speaks to Community Groups, School Teachers, Horticultural Societies, and Master Gardeners Organizations; she hosts Cold Frames In Action Tours; and also leads Build Your Own Cold Frame Workshops, as well as offering site-specific consultations and custom builds all across SW Ontario.

Members with surnames beginning with "P" through "S" are asked to bring in some cookies or squares for the refreshment table. Don't forget to bring your own mug for coffee or tea.



Last Call for our Member Show & Tell

Sign up or call Barb Fairbanks if you are preparing a slide show of a gardening nature for our March meeting—it will be like a member's show and tell!

We will have a sign up sheet at the January meeting. Deadline is January 31st!

Contact: Barb Fairbanks at 416-755-0278 for more information or to sign up

Winner of the 2015 George S. Henry Trophy



Winner for the 10th Year in a ROW - Vera Stoyanoff

Winner of the 2015 Malcolm Geast Photography Award



Winner - Wendy Plume

ARE YOU?

Are you an Active Member, the kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the Meetings, and mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home, to criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part, to help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that Just Belong?
Do you ever go to help a Member who is sick,
Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the Clique?
There is quite a program scheduled, that you must hear about
And we will appreciate if you, too, will come & help us out.
So come to the Meetings often, and help with hand and heart;
Don't just be a member, but take an active part!
Think this over, Members; you know right from wrong –
Are you an Active Member, or do you just belong?

~ first appeared in the EYGC 1976 Yearbook ~

"This is almost an anonymous poem. It was found in the book "Fraternal Poetry and Prose," 1950, with no author cited. " Submitted by Barb Fairbanks.

Prez Patch

by Barbara Fairbanks

Happy New Year!

I am writing this on a December day when the temperature has reached a high of 14C and I have planted our last few “procrastinator” bulbs. Let’s see what happens to them in the spring which may arrive sooner if this weather keeps up!

I am really excited to be the President of such an active and vibrant Garden Club. Our Board members and talented club members come up with some brilliant ideas and suggestions for activities, newsletter items and speakers. We do listen and we do read the surveys. You will see some of your thoughts and ideas appear at meetings and in the newsletter this year and beyond.



Recently, I had the opportunity to look through Malcolm Geast’s archive of club yearbooks from the 1960s to date. It was fascinating.

They give an insight into the club’s community involvement and grassroots knowledge of gardening. Joyce Crook, one of our long-time members said that on meeting nights the ladies dressed up and the gentlemen wore suits. Thank goodness times have changed! But, our love of gardening and community still brings us together throughout the year and I look forward to celebrating the club’s 90th anniversary with you throughout 2016.

2016 EYGC Board Members

*Winners of the 2015 Betty Meyers’
Best Cut Specimen Awards*

*Winners of the 2015 President
Awards*



Winners—Vera Stoyanoff & Anna Leggatt



Winner - Darina Quinn & Jeffrey Joiner



Winner: Carol Bouley

2015 Flower Show Round Up

By Barb Fairbanks

Thank you to the 39 members for bringing a total of 719 horticultural specimens, plants, fruit and vegetables, preserves and designs to the four flower shows of 2015. It was a record number of competitors for our club and we thank you for taking the time to bring in entries. They were a shining example of what our club members can grow.



In March, we had a hands-on design workshop for Miniatures. It was well attended and we saw an increased number of designs in the shows. The workshops give confidence to novices and some twists for the experienced competitors. Another workshop is planned for April 2016.

The People's Choice Carved Pumpkin contest had 4 entries and they were excellent (see the last newsletter for photos). We look forward to more entries in 2016.



Thank you to all the volunteers and board members who helped at flower shows from start to finish, and to the 2015 Flower Show Committee for planning a great season of designs.

This coming year, Cristina Brown will join me in coordinating the shows and help us prepare a new coordinator to take the lead.

Winner of the 2015 Anna Leggatt Novice of the Year

We hope each and every member stops to take a look at the entries in the show and give your fellow members encouragement.

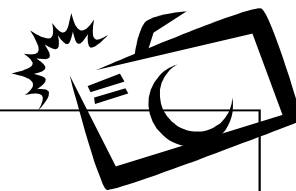
With 2016 being a big anniversary year for the club, we look forward to the coming year with lots of nods to the past 90 years.

Barb Fairbanks
Flower Show Coordinator
416-755-0278



Winner: Daisy Auer

Photo Contests for 2016



People's Choice

January - Square
February - White
March - Wind

August
Spirals
Dark
Let's Eat!

November - 2017 Yearbook Cover

Annual Fall Show: Horticultural

- ~ Captured Beauty (a close-up of a single flower)
- ~ Caught in the Rain (a flower, leaf or garden vegetable during or after a rain shower)
- ~ A Garden Vista (a broad view of one of your favourite gardens)
- ~ Having a Wild Time (wildflowers)
- ~ Fading Flowers
- ~ You Crack Me Up (a plant or plants growing in a crack)

Annual Fall Show: Non-Horticultural

- ~ Summer (a photo that captures the essence of the summer season)
- ~ In Search of Magnificent Trees (one or more magnificent trees)
- ~ What Time is it? (a clock or clocks in a public place)
- ~ I'm Looking Through You (a photo taken through a window)
- ~ Black & White (Any subject, using only black, white, and shades of grey.)
- ~ Abandoned

Annual Fall Show: Youth

- ~ Anything Goes (10 years of age or under)
- ~ Anything Goes (ages 11-17)

The EYGC People's Choice Photo Contest Rules 2016

By Malcolm Geast

1. Members may submit one print, which is to be no larger than 5 by 7 inch (approximately 13 by 18 cm)
2. The member's name must be printed on the back of the photo. (Note: Press lightly when writing or use a label, so as not to make an impression on the front of the photo.)
3. The photo should fit with the category for that month's contest.
4. Entries for monthly contests must be received by 7:15 p.m. on the day of the contest.
5. Entries for the August show will be accepted between 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 19 and between 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, August 20
6. First, Second, Third Prize, and Honourable Mention winners will receive ribbons and points to be counted toward the awarding of the annual trophy.
7. Entries in the November contest must be portrait orientation, and can include photos entered in previous contests (including the Fall contest). The winning entry will be the cover of the 2017 yearbook.
8. Photographs are to be produced from any still-camera (film or digital).
9. The Club reserves the right to copy and use the images of the winning entries.

Judging Criteria: Ballots will be provided for those attending to vote for the photo of their choice, one vote per member.

2016 Garden Club Speaker Line-Up

| Date | Topic | Speaker |
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| January 21 | Monarchs, Mountains & Mexico <i>People's Choice Photo Contest: "Square"</i> | Anna Leggatt |
| February 18 | Cold Frames: Get an Early Start in Your Spring Garden <i>People's Choice Photo Contest: "White"</i> | Kyla Dixon-Muir |
| March 17 | Our Club's History & 90th Anniversary Celebration <i>People's Choice Photo Contest: "Wind"</i> | Malcolm Geast |
| April 21 | What is New & Exciting in Easy Care Perennials for 2016 <i>Flower Show</i> | Dawn Golloher |
| May 19 | Members' Plant Sale | |
| June 16 | Japanese Maples <i>Flower Show</i> | Marion Jarvie |
| July 21 | Pot-luck supper in a member's garden | |
| August 20 (Saturday) | Annual Flower Show & Tea <i>People's Choice Photo Contest</i> | |
| September 15 | Toronto Seed Library <i>Flower Show</i> | Brendan Behrmann |
| October 20 | Incredible Edibles <i>Fall Photo Contest Entries Accepted</i> <i>People's Choice Carved Pumpkin Contest</i> <i>Seed Exchange</i> | Sonia Day |
| November 17 | Annual General Meeting, Awards Presentation, and Pot-luck Supper <i>People's Choice Photo Contest: "Yearbook Cover"</i> | |

Our Queen Bee has finally been Crowned!



You may recall that last June our speaker, Cathy Kozma a Master Gardener and bee person extraordinaire, offered to have a bee hive in the club's honour and we could name the Queen Bee.

At our AGM in November we the members wrote down their top 3 choices of names. It resulted in 34 names, with a few duplicates, from which to choose.

Names such as: Bee-wild-er-mint, Honey Suckle, Lizzzabeth and Beatrice were on the list. The board, after much deliberation and 2 rounds of voting, agreed upon: **QueenEY.**



Thanks to everyone who put out suggestions and we will keep you posted on the health of our 2016 hive and our Queen.

We Have a Few Job Openings for 2016



Help Wanted ...

If you are interested in helping in one of these areas of club activities, please contact: Barb Fairbanks 416-755-0278 or barb.fairbanks-eygc@bell.net

Newsletter: Working with the Editor, Jenn McDougall, by helping to procure articles and photos of club events that will be of interest and value to the membership and follow-up with regular contributors for articles and announcements.

Audio/Visual: Working with Malcolm Geast to help at the monthly meeting with the audio part of the set up. It would require you to be there for 6:45pm on meeting nights and set up the equipment in the clubhouse's storage and ideally do a sound check prior to member's arrival at 7pm so it is ready for early announcements.

Publicity: Work with the Publicity committee to distribute and maintain brochures, posters, announcements in various locations within East York.

Photo Contests: Work with Malcolm Geast and Dawn McEachern in various capacities for the 5 People's Choice contests and the Annual contest by helping in the planning process for choosing categories and at the meetings by setting up the table, accepting photos for the contests, encouraging voting and reconciling the votes. It would require you to be at the clubhouse before 7pm on contest nights.

Membership Greeters: Working with the Membership committee on meeting nights to ensure all members and guests are greeted at the entrance and, if needed, to orient new members as to the proceedings of the evening's meeting and introducing some other members. It would require you to be at the clubhouse before 7pm.

Board Members: We are always looking for good board members to help keep the club active in its 90th year and beyond. We are currently in need of 3 new people. If you've been on the board before and would like to come back—great!



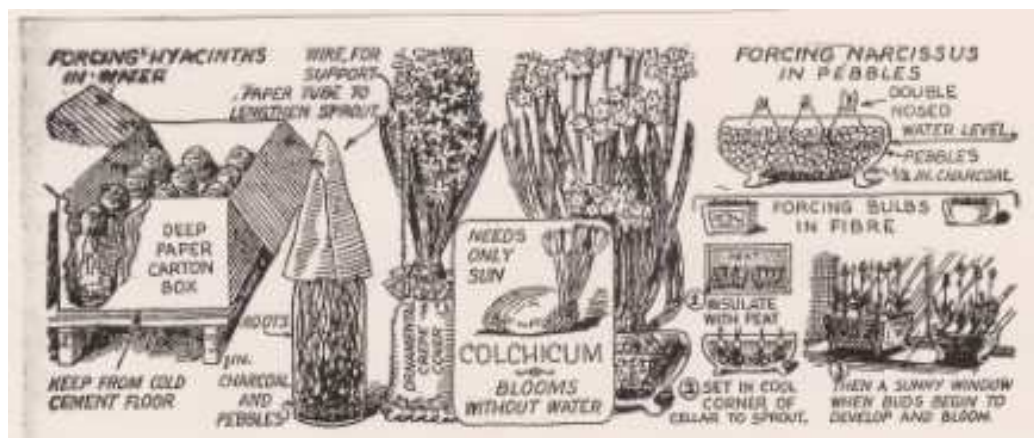
Treasurer Wanted



After 10 years of being our wonderful Treasurer, Jean Quinn has advised the Board that 2016 will be her final year in this role.

We thank Jean for the excellent work she has done for the club for so many years. With this in mind, we must prepare ahead and look for a new Treasurer to be responsible for the club's finances commencing in 2017.

If anyone has an interest in being the club's next Treasurer, and would like more detailed information on the role, please contact Barb Fairbanks at 416-755-0278



From: *The Complete Book of Garden Magic* by Roy E. Biles, was originally published in 1935 and updated 1953. Illustrations: Jos. E. Ebertz et al



70th Anniversary Dutch-Canadian Friendship Tulip Garden

by Susan Bartlett

You may have heard about this promotion last fall.

The Canadian Garden Council in collaboration with the Canadian Tulip Festival, Veseys Bulbs and the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association invited community groups and societies to apply to receive 700 bulbs. The winning groups were to plant the bulbs in peace gardens commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of The Netherlands and the Dutch Gift of Tulips.

East York Garden Club applied, but we were not selected. We chose the location of Topham Park neighbourhood, which was built as housing for World War II veterans and named after Victoria Cross recipient Fred Topham. Many of the area's street names commemorate and honour either veterans, such as Merritt and Warvet Boulevard, or are in remembrance of the war e.g., Valour, Warvet, Amsterdam and Holland.

We thought we had a strong case to receive the bulbs, but there were many applications from across the country. EYGC received a few packages of Veseys bulbs as a consolation gift, these bulbs have been planted in the Rockery. The winners in the Toronto area were the Sunnybrook Veterans Centre and the Friends of Guild Park and Gardens. For a complete list of winners see:

<http://www.canadagardenroute.ca/cg/index.php/anniversary>

GET THE JUMP ON SPRING

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2016
10am to 4pm

TBG's Annual Horticultural Open House
Jointly sponsored by the volunteers of the
Toronto Botanical Garden and the Ontario Horticultural Association District 5

We will be hosting seminars of current interest to the gardening community. There is a design competition. A café will be available onsite and parking and admission are free. A donation of \$2 is appreciated; visitors who choose to donate will have the opportunity to win exciting prizes.

EYGC will have a table there, so please pop by and say hello!

For more information check out TBG's website:
www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca



2016 District 5 Annual General Meeting – April 23, 2016

It's that time again ... registration is open for the District 5 Annual General Meeting, which will be hosted by none other than the East York Garden Club. We intend to continue (or perfect!) the tradition of invigorating speakers, good food, fun prizes and a chance to socialize with fellow gardeners.

Date: Saturday April 23, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Venue: The Latvian Centre, 4 Credit Union Drive, North York

Speakers: Margaret Nevett and David Hobson

Theme: Garden Senses

Price: \$30.00 - which includes lunch and morning coffee & snacks

You may pay and register at the January meeting. If you can't attend the meeting, please contact Barbara Fairbanks 416-755-0278 or barb.fairbanks-eygc@bell.net

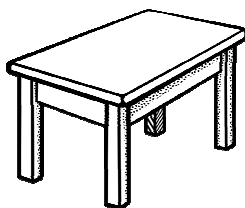
(Note: if you intend to volunteer to help out at the AGM Flower Show – please let us know before you register.)

Sponsoring a Table at the 2016 District 5 AGM

Would like to sponsor a table at the East York Garden Club District 5 AGM? You can sponsor a table in memory of/in honour of someone. Or perhaps you have a small business that would benefit from the exposure. We are asking for \$100 to sponsor a table, and all of the money will go towards the costs of this event.

Please contact Susan Bartlett or Lynda Tanner if you are interested in sponsoring a table or have any questions. Forms will be available at the January meeting.

Susan Bartlett 416-467-4945 susanhirst@gmail.com
Lynda Tanner 416-465-7449
lynda_tanner@hotmail.com



Line Design Workshop

We are having a Line Design workshop for novice and experienced designers for the flower show competitions. Line designs are a good basis for learning floral design.

The workshop will be held on **Sunday April 3rd from 1:30-4:30pm at the Stan Wadlow Club-house**. It will include a presentation by Ursula Eley, an accredited floral designer and judge, and a hands-on workshop with plant material provided. The cost is \$25 per person.

You can sign up and pay for this workshop at the January meeting.

If you want to attend, but won't be at the meeting, call Barb Fairbanks at 416-755-0278 to register.



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Seeds for Sale in January

*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 February 22nd, 2016***

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



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We're on the Web!

<http://www.eygc.ca>

Our member, Vera Stoyanoff, has acquired some “just past date” packets of Burpee seeds and has donated them to the club to sell as a fundraiser. We will have these seeds available at the January meeting and the packets will be priced at \$1 a packet (they range from \$1.99 to \$4.99 packet price)

There is a wide variety of seeds:

Carrots: Scarlet Nantes, Touchon, Little Finger, Short & Sweet

Lettuce: Heirloom Tom Thumb, Black Seeded Simpson

Peas: Heirloom Blue Bantam, Green Arrow

Spinach: Double Choice Hybrid, Big Ruffles Hybrid

Beans: Scarlett Runner, Burpee's Stringless Green Pod

& Spaghetti Squash, Broccoli, Corn, Cucumber, Canteloupe, Petunias, Sweet Peas, Oregano, Dill, Basil

Come and take a look at what we have and thank you to Vera for thinking of us!

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.)

Membership fees are due by January of each year. Fees for 2015 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:

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