



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 Ave. 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.

Visit us on the web at www.eygc.ca

President: Barbara Fairbanks

Vice President: Rosalind Regnier

Newsletter Editor: Jennifer McDougall



East York Garden Club

Thursday, May 19, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Topic: What Treasures are for Waiting to be Snapped Up? Plant Sale

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 19, when we'll be holding our annual plant sale, from the donated plants from your own gardens. Also, bring along any extra seedlings and house plants you wish to donate to the sale.

Members are asked to bring their plants between **6:30 and 7:00 p.m.** so they can be prepared for sale. Please label the plant with name, colour, annual or perennial, height/width, blooming season, light requirements, and anything special the new gardener needs to know. We will also have a "garden treasures" table so donations of any gently used garden related tools or items are appreciated. The sale will begin after the speakers are done.

"Our beautiful bright green club T shirts will be on sale at the next meeting. Limited sizes are available from \$10. Make sure you grab one to sport at Environment Day, round the neighborhood, or marching on Canada Day in the parade."

Thursday, June 16, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Topic: Japanese Maples

Speaker: Marion Jarvie

Feel intimidated about planting and caring for Japanese Maples? Marion Jarvie will speak about all the different types of Japanese Maples and will include hardiness, colours and sizes. Want to know how to choose, place, plant, culture and prune? Then this presentation is for you.

Marion Jarvie is a passionate plantswoman who has been gardening in Thornhill for over forty years. She loves plants and invites any and all to her garden where you will find the hardiest of varieties side by side with plants from all over the world.

Marion has been involved with both the Toronto and International gardening communities and is an accomplished photographer and enthusiastic educator. She teaches regularly at the Toronto Botanical Garden and has lectured all over North America and in the UK.

Prez Patch

By: Barb Fairbanks

Promoting EYGC

So far, we have had four months of great speakers, a wonderful anniversary evening in March and a slam-dunk hosting of the District 5 AGM. Now, we move on to our regular club activities with a few new items thrown in for the anniversary year.

For the first time, we are going to have a monthly booth at the East York Farmers Market which is held every Tuesday from May to the end of October. The Civic Centre grounds are currently being upgraded/renovated/refurbished. We plan on setting up our EYGC table on May 24th and then again on June 14th to promote our Club within the community. We will continue once a month through the summer.

We have both the Janet Davis and Mary Fragedakis Environment Days to get involved with—both are on the same day this year—Saturday June 18th. We will promote EYGC and can sell plants left over from our plant sale.

We have our Canada Day Parade—a short, yet fun-filled march to the park and we have tables set up to promote EYGC and sell plants and have a little lawn sale.

Did you notice a theme here? We are promoting EYGC to those who have not yet found us. We are very much a community-based group (surrounded by garden clubs in Beach, Leaside, Riverdale & Scarborough) and we wouldn't have lasted 90 years without a bit of self-promotion and a ton of volunteer hours.

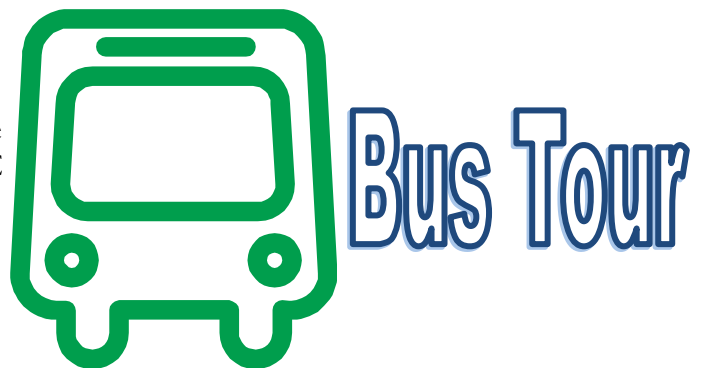
Speaking of volunteer work, we have the Rockery in Stan Wadlow Park that we maintain as our community project. Volunteers come out almost every Saturday morning May to October and dig and clip and chop and cut. Last year we gave 220 hours of time to this. We were just awarded a \$250.00 grant from the OHA District 5 to help us rejuvenate our now 12-year project. We have to document our changes and report back at the end of the year. We would like it if more members would join us on the Rockery to have many hands make light work.

East York Garden Club represents community—we are linked together by the garden, but the fellowship, the inter-

ests along with the camaraderie and the collaboration of volunteering together makes East York an even better place to live.

If you would like to know more about EYGC and the opportunities to help out a bit, call me at 416-755-0278. And while you are thinking of it, ask to pick up some of our brochures to promote EYGC membership.

See you at the meetings!



Saturday, August 6th, 2016.
8.00 a.m.- 6.00 p.m.

Including a farmers market, Cambridge butterfly conservatory, buffet lunch, a 5 acre amazing private garden in Guelph & Lost Horizons nursery & gardens in Acton.

Cost \$80.00, non-members, \$20.00 extra for a single or \$30.00 for a couple. Gratuities included

Contact Rosalind Regnier 416-759-6247

From the 1960 Yearbook:
Attributed to Ben Franklin

You can make life a bed of roses,
If you put in a lifetime of spadework.



March's 90th Anniversary Meeting by the Numbers

Whew! What an evening.

We had a record number of members and guests—**115**.

We had **5** of our **6** Past Presidents present—Lucie Simons, Betty Goldring, Malcolm Geast, Veronica Callinan and Susan Bartlett.

We had **2** former East York Mayors in attendance—Alan Redway and David Johnson.

We had a cake stating: “**90** Years and Still Growing” and we had **2** yummy homemade carrot cakes thanks to Vera Stoyanoff.

We had **1** great photographer—not Malcolm this night, but Rick Plume, with thanks.

We had a draw for **5** donated prizes from Joyce Crook, Diane Ronan, Hedley Piercey and Paul Zammit of the TBG, all with thanks.

We had **1** pretty basket of flowers gracing our cake table brought in by Audrey Campbell, with thanks.

We had official greetings and congratulations from **8** dignitaries: Councillor Janet Davis & Councillor Mary Fragedakis; Mayor John Tory; MPP Arthur Potts; MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith;

Premier Kathleen Wynne; Prime Minister Justin Trudeau!...and from Buckingham Palace!! All framed and now placed in our glass cabinet in the lobby for all to see.

We had a **40** minute presentation by our own Malcolm Geast about our Club's history—interesting, funny and thoroughly researched—it was an enlightening delight. We had **4** members with show & tell slide shows: Gail Gregory's “Front Yards of East York”, Linda Boyko's “Gardens & Parks of Newfoundland”, Anna Leggatt's “Garden Visitors: Good & Bad” and Wendy Plume's “Deconstructing a Concrete Jungle; Creating a Backyard Oasis”—all with humour, inspiration and very lovely pictures.

The meeting went a little later than usual, but it was a fun, chatty, tasty, and interesting evening and it goes to show what a great club we are—still after **90** years!

Thank you to all the members and guests for joining us this evening, and to the Board for organizing and being helping hands, and to the refreshment team for brewing and setting up, and to all the extra volunteers who cut and served cake, and to Joyce Crook for suggesting that we invite the “old” Mayors, and to our mini-film masters Gail, Linda, Anna & Wendy, and especially to our speaker and archivist: Malcolm. Congratulations EYGC!

May Plant Sale ~ How to prepare your Plants for Sale!



The May Members' Plant Sale is always a busy event. Please try to have your plants at the meeting by 7:00 pm so they can be priced. If you have any garden tools in good condition that you'd like to donate, those are welcome too.

Some pointers:

- Decide early what plants will go in the sale.
- A healthy attractive plant will sell faster than a plant that is potted up the day before or the morning of the sale. A plant that was potted up and kept watered in a shady spot for more than a few weeks should put up some new growth.
- Clearly label your plant with its proper name. Don't guess. Identify it.
- If you have the nursery label it originally came with mark it on your tag using the botanical name and cultivar. It will give the buyer more information about the plant.
- Does it need sun or shade? That is important information.
- Does it need lots of water or is it a drought tolerant plant that can survive on the dry side?
- Make sure there are no weeds or add on's. A buyer may not appreciate getting a sprig of goutweed or lily of the valley in with the sale plant. They can be aggressive plants once established.

East York Garden Club



THE GOVERNOR GENERAL - LE GOUVERNEUR GÉNÉRAL



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

9th February, 2016.

I am pleased to extend sincere congratulations to the staff and members of the East York Garden Club as you gather to celebrate its 90th anniversary.

Members of clubs, much like this one, meet regularly across Canada to discuss relevant issues, to share their passions, and to engage with the community. As you celebrate this impressive milestone, you can take pride in offering a forum for like-minded people to connect, and events that truly keep your community alive, vibrant and welcoming.

I wish the East York Garden Club many more happy anniversaries in the future.

David Johnston

March 2016

Dear Ms. Fairbanks,

The Queen has asked me to thank you and the Members of the East York Garden Club for your kind letter, sent on the occasion of your ninetieth anniversary which is being celebrated this year with a range of local events.

Her Majesty was interested to hear of the Society's aims in promoting horticulture and the use of natural resources within the community. The Queen much appreciated your thoughtfulness in writing as you did and, in return, sends her warm good wishes to all concerned for a most memorable anniversary year.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Sandamas
Chief Clerk to The Queen

Ms. Barbara Fairbanks.



PRIME MINISTER - PREMIER MINISTRE

March 17, 2016

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone marking the 90th anniversary of the founding of the East York Garden Club.

Since 1926, the East York Garden Club has nurtured an interest in gardening for fun and recreation; promoted a better understanding and appreciation of horticulture; and fostered civic pride through beautification projects. While initially a women's society, over time the club has attracted a diverse mix of individuals and families with a mutual love of gardening and the opportunities for socialization that come along with it.

This milestone provides an opportunity to reflect upon the organization's proud history and achievements while honouring the fellowship which comes from a shared passion. I would like to commend club members for their contributions to the community. Your efforts have inspired respect for the environment and greater appreciation for Canada's natural beauty.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer my best wishes for a memorable anniversary.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada



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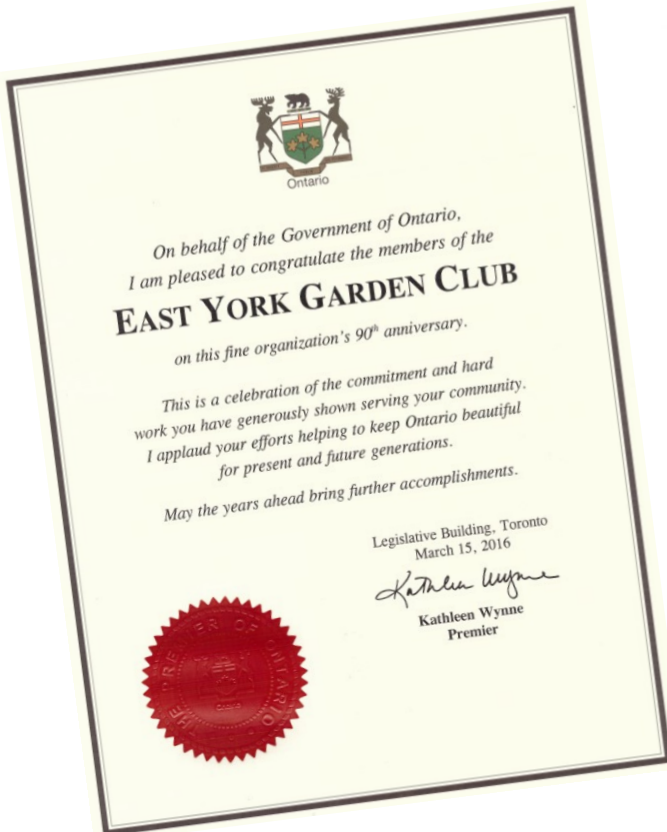
On behalf of the Government of Ontario,
I am pleased to congratulate the members of the
EAST YORK GARDEN CLUB
on this fine organization's 90th anniversary.

This is a celebration of the commitment and hard
work you have generously shown serving your community.
I applaud your efforts helping to keep Ontario beautiful
for present and future generations.

May the years ahead bring further accomplishments.

Legislative Building, Toronto
March 15, 2016

Kathleen Wynne
Premier





Line Design Workshop Day



Twelve eager designers, novice and experienced, gathered at the Club-house on the afternoon of Sunday April 3rd to learn the basics of creating Line Designs with our teacher, Ursula Eley.

It was a great success. Ursula gave us a presentation, actually demonstrated the creation of a line design along with tips and tricks. One-on-one direction during the hands-on portion of the workshop was most beneficial.

As we were all working with the same plant material, just different containers, it was interesting to see 12 different, yet the same, designs. A line-up of designs at the end of the day provided Ursula many 'teaching moments'.



All in all an enjoyable way to spend a Sunday afternoon and we look forward to another workshop on another type of design.



April Flower Show Results

With such an unusual spring, you would think that there wouldn't have been much at the show. However, there were 41 cut specimens compared to 16 last year. We are quite the preservers with a record number of entries at 42! The judge was most impressed with the whole show. Thanks to all the competitors for taking the time and effort to enter.

Congratulations go out to the following for the Judge's "Best of" awards:

Best Cut Specimen: Anna Leggatt for her 'Leonard Messel' magnolia branch

Best Potted Plant: Anna Leggatt for her cream-coloured orchid cymbidium



Best Preserve: Diane Ronan for her perfect pickled asparagus

Best Design: Vera Stoyanoff for her interpretation of "1970s: Pottery Road"



Other Design
Winners!
Photos by
Malcolm Geast

LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

East York Civic Centre
Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Starts May 17

East Lynn Park
(Danforth Ave w of Woodbine)
Thursdays 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm
Starts June 2

Withrow Park
(south of Danforth Ave.
between Logan & Carlaw)
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Starts June 4

Evergreen Brick Works
(550 Bayview Ave)
Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Year round





OHA District 5 - Fund-Raising Day Trip

Thursday July 21st, 2016

YOUR DAY TRIP INCLUDES:

- ✓ Transportation via highway motor coach;
- ✓ Guided tour of all gardens listed below;
- ✓ Muffins & juice break in a.m.; lunch in Thornbury; afternoon "tailgate" party;
- ✓ Gratuity to Tour Director and Driver
- ✓ **Plus a donation to District 5 of the OHA**



- Stepping through the garden gates of Three + private gardens
- Visit to the Fiddlehead Nursery, Flesherton
- Lunch in a waterfront café, Thornbury
- Visit to the Cedar Grove Labyrinth, Thornbury

PICK-UPS : 7:00 a.m. Hwy 404/Sheppard area – parking available
7:30 a.m. Coach departs from the Aurora car pool parking lot – Hwy 404, exit 45

Please be at your pick-up 15 minutes prior to departure

Cost: \$ 99. plus HST (\$ 112.)

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Tour Limited to 45 participants

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OR e-mail: margaret@hnatravels.com

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Royal York Hotel Afternoon Tea?

Interested?



We are planning a group visit to the Royal York Hotel to have afternoon tea with a rooftop garden tour of the herbarium and bee hives—18 stories up!

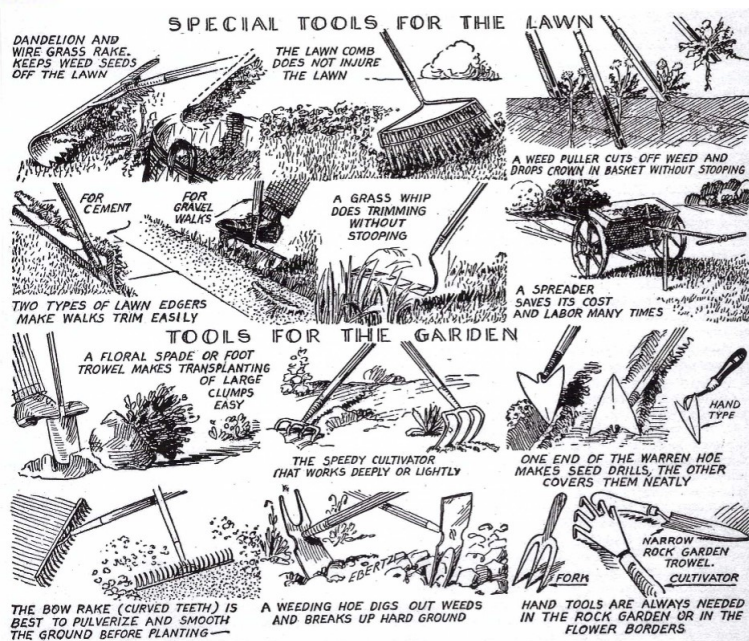
We are not sure when we will be able to go, but it would be a Saturday or Sunday in late June or in July. Seatings are at 12pm, 12:30 pm or 2pm. The tour follows the tea. The cost is approximately \$50 per person. Please note that the access to the rooftop is not fully accessible.

If you were not able to sign up as "I am possibly interested" at the last meeting, please call Barb Fairbanks and she will put you on the list. We are in the process of booking a date or two.

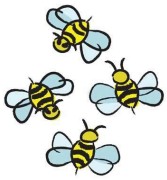
OHA Convention "Experience the Grand"

This year the OHA convention is in Kitchener at the end of July. They are having two competitions that may be of interest to our creative and artistic members: Creative Writing and Art. The due dates for entry and/or registration are coming up June 1st, so if you might be interested please check out the website at:

http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/up_conf.php



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



90th Anniversary Celebration

Picture Review



Thanks to Rick Plume for capturing these photos of our Celebration!





District 5 AGM “Garden Senses” Floral Competition Results

We contributed a number of lovely quality cut specimens, potted plants and designs for the show this year. EYGC came away with 6 firsts, 4 seconds, 6 thirds and 2 honourable mentions. Congratulations Betty Meyers for her Best in Show and Judge’s Choice Helleborus “Berry Swirl” and “Apricot” and to Anna Leggatt for her Best in Show for class 28—any other bulb, corm, tuber or rhizome in a pot.



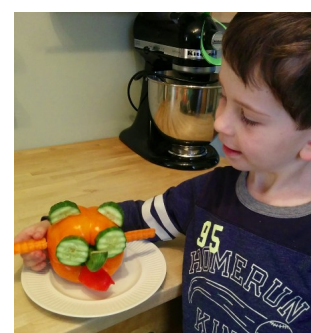
A very special congratulations to Charlie McDougall who competed in the Youth Design competition class “Lumpy, Bumpy, Scratchy, Smooth” (designing a head using fruits and vegetables incorporating 2 of the 5 senses). This class was for ages 5 and under. It has been many, many, many years since we have had a ribbon won in the youth competitions. Thanks Charlie!

Thank you to all our members for competing: Carole Aida, Daisy Auer, Barb Foster, Anna Leggatt, Charlie McDougall, Betty Meyers, Jean Quinn, Vera Stoyanoff.

Thank you to Anna Leggatt for organizing the EYGC entries.

Since we were the host of the AGM, we had extra responsibilities at the show this year. Thank you to Cristina Brown and Linda Boyko for being the co-chairs. Thank you to Wini Stoddart and Jenn McDougall for clerking. Thank you to Heather Piercey for tabulating all of the points for all of the clubs that entered. Thank you to Heather Landon for coming in at 6:15am to help with the early-bird floral designers.

Barbara Fairbanks
Flower Show co-Coordinator



District 5 AGM Printed Material Competition

EYGC won a ribbon for all the items we submitted in the Printed Material part of the competitions. All four of these are put together with volunteer hours. Well done and thank you.

Class 46 Yearbook, no ads: **FIRST** Coordinator: Malcolm Geast;
Cover photo: Wendy Plume

Class 49 Newsletter (May 2015): **THIRD** Editor: Jenn McDougall

Class 50 Bookmark: **SECOND** Designers: Peter & Diane Ronan

Class 52 Other (Brochure): **FIRST** Designers: Peter & Diane Ronan

Congratulations to all of the above and, now, on to the OHA Convention competitions!



See us at the East York Farmer's Market

All working out well for the renovation of the Civic Centre's green space, EYGC will be making an appearance once a month at the Farmer's Market.

The market is to open for the Season on Tuesday May 17th, and we hope to make EYGC's first appearance on May 24th. We will be there to promote the Club and our 90th Anniversary, our membership, our Rockery community project and any other interesting initiatives we have started.

We hope to be at the market on the following Tuesdays: June 14th, July 19th, August 16th, September 13th and October 18th.

Come by and say hi!



Calling all Rockery Volunteers!

You may have been out a little or a lot in 2015, or in the previous 11 years to help maintain our community project "The Rockery", but we now need volunteers for the 2016 season.

What do we do? For up to 2 hours most Saturdays late May to late October, we edge and prune and trim and cut and weed and dig and divide and plant and plan and chat and laugh and joke and take photos and have a cookie break.

Don't know what to do or how to do it? That's okay we have our 3 great team leads: Carol Bouley, Rosalind Regnier and Jacqueline Tanner (and looking for 1 more?) to help you out. Our persistent and organized city liaison is Diane Ronan and our newly-minted volunteer coordinator is Karen MacDougall.

How often would I have to be a volunteer? Once is nice, but a few times is nicer and many times over the season is even nicer. It is your call—whatever time you can give us, we will gladly take.

Anything new this year? Well, to start, we have a great prize basket that will go to one lucky member who signs up now and comes out to the first work day of the year: Saturday May 28th.

What else? Well, there is a tiny, small, little pizza 'thank you for all your help' at the end of the year.

Want more information? Call Barb at 416-755-0278

Want to sign up? Call Karen at 416-467-4827

Stay tuned for our
Pop Up garden tours!

Join us throughout the year, with art and goodies in the garden! If you have something special in your garden and want to share. Please contact be in touch with Diane Ronan to arrange a Pop Up in your garden!

The Rockery Needs YOU!!!



Please Call Karen
Today if you can help or
if you would like more
Information.

Flower Show Trophies & Awards You Can Win—Yes, you!!

Every year there are award presentations at our end-of-the-year AGM in November. This includes cash prizes for show points as outlined in the Flower Show Rules in your yearbook. This is a reminder of our trophies and awards possibilities for competitors:

We have the **“Anna Leggatt Novice Award”** that is awarded to the novice who wins the highest number of points in the monthly and annual shows. To be eligible, a member cannot have won a first prize in an EYGC flower show prior to the current year.

We have the **“Betty Meyers Best Cut Specimen Award”** of \$5 which is awarded to each member who receives the judge’s Best Cut Specimen at each of our regular monthly shows—April, June and September.

Finally, we have the **“George S. Henry Trophy”** which is awarded to the member with the highest number of aggregate points in both Horticulture and Design classes in the monthly and annual shows.



EYGC table at Jump On Spring

Photos by: Diane Ronan



Points from the Canadian Master Gardener Conference:

By: Anna Leggatt

Keep succulents dry in winter.

Cut the tops off when they get too tall. Leave dry till they start growing roots. Then pot it in porous soil.

Put some dirt in a watering can to speed up chlorine breakdown in tap water.

Water from thunderstorms is better oxygenated - contains more ozone.

Use wood-chips to mulch under trees, not cedar bark. Tree growth is much better.

Sensitive plants learn. They stop dropping their leaves after about a month of tapping them.

Yellowstone rivers became straighter after wolves were introduced!

The wolves altered elk behaviour and moved them out of fertile valleys and into more sheltered areas, which allowed the willow and aspen trees along the rivers to grow taller. Fewer elk (and more skittish ones among the remaining population) increased the number of berries, which has been good for bears. It has meant more food for rabbits and mice, which has meant more hawks and eagles. More beavers have been able to eat the healthier trees, and their dams provide habitats for many animals. The dams and the trees' deeper roots have made Yellowstone's rivers healthier and swifter. Therefore straighter.



- * No advance orders at Toronto sales*
- * Plant selection differs at each sale*

East End
Sat, May 14, 2016
Artisans at Work - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(2071 Danforth Ave., Toronto, ON M4C 1J6
Woodbine subway station)

West End
Sun, May 29, 2016
Christie Pits - 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
(South end of park, Christie subway station)

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Upcoming June Flower Show

The June show averages about 150 entries overall and starts off fruits and vegetables featuring rhubarb and herbs. This is a category that many new members new can enter as this is often something you always have growing. The design theme is the "The Roaring Twenties" to harken back to the decade of the founding of the East York Garden Club.

For those who have never entered a show, please take a look at the June Flower Show section in the yellow pages of your yearbook. There are a lot of possible flowers that you may happen to have growing in your garden. Bring something in and complete an entry tag—volunteers will be there to help you. Just remember to get your entry in no later than 7:10pm.

If you have any questions about how to compete or prepare your entry, please call Barb at 416-755-0278 or Cristina at 416-755-9077.



**Join EYGC in walking
in the Canada Day Parade.
Please speak with
Paul or Karen at our
next meeting.**



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 June 24th!**

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

Tiny Bottles Needed for Flower Shows

The Flower Show Committee would like to replenish our supply of small “vases” for future shows. We have a very few of ones like this 3” glass bottle. They do need to be glass, not plastic. If you happen to find any as you are spring cleaning, please bring them to the next meeting. Cristina at the membership desk will gladly take them.

Thanks for keeping your eyes out for these treasures!



Mark your Calendars ~ Some Great Spring Events

- ♦ **May 8th** ~ Mother's Day
- ♦ **May 13—15** ~ Toronto Botanical Gardens, Spring Plant Sale
- ♦ **May 14** ~ The Horticultural Societies of Parkdale & Toronto, Plant Fair, 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m., [Roncesvalles United Church](#) 214 Wright Ave
- ♦ **May 21** ~ Beach Plant Sale, 9 to 11: 30 am at the Adam Beck Community Centre
- ♦ **June 5** ~ Water Garden and Perennial Plant Sale, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, Banburry Community Centre
- ♦ **June 11 & 12** ~ Through the Garden Gate—Kingsway. Toronto Botanical Garden's 29th annual Through the Garden Gate, one of Canada's largest private garden tours. On **Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12, 2016** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 18 residential gardens in The Kingsway will open their gates to happy garden-goers in one of Toronto's most affluent neighbourhoods.
- ♦ A few seats are available for the Beach Garden Society's bus trip to the Belleville University Women's Club Annual Garden Tour on **July 9**. The trip includes a tour of eight private gardens. A box lunch with beverage is included. For more information, contact Claudia Woods at [416-699-1430](tel:416-699-1430).
- ♦ **August 20** ~ East York Garden Club's Annual Show and Tea, 2 to 4 p.m.