

July ~ August 2016



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 at 416-755-9077

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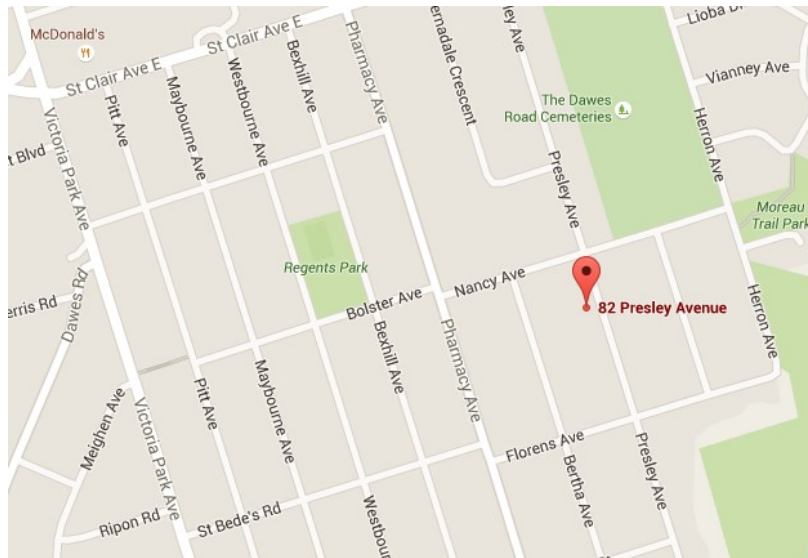
Jennifer McDougall



## Thursday, July 21st, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

### Topic: Annual Member Pot Luck Dinner

This year's dinner will be at the garden of Roz Regnier. Her address is 82 Presley Avenue. 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 20th, 2016, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

### Annual Flower Show & Tea

Entries for the Flower Show will be accepted between 7:00 and 8:00 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. The design theme for this year's flower show is "EYGC Club Activities". At the end of the day, the competition flowers become bouquets and are auctioned off. Goodie packages will be available for purchase.

**Regular Meetings resume Thursday, September 15th, 2016!**

## June Flower Show Summary

By Barb Fairbanks

Thank you to all our participants and volunteers in the June flower show. We had 145 cut specimens in the show and that is a record number for us for June. We had fewer houseplants and designs, but the quality was still great. As usual there were many, many beautiful hosta entries and I believe they should have their own show as the classes had to be subdivided and that gave the show clerks a workout! Thank you to the volunteers for setting up, cleaning up and helping out. A special thank you goes out to Nancy Brown who became a member that evening (!) and jumped in to help the competitors place their entries. Also, thank you to our show clerks Wini Stoddart and first-timer, Heather Landon.

Congratulations to: Jean Quinn for flowering shrub branch that received the Best Cut Specimen award, Betty Meyers for her "Sexy Remy" rose that received Best Rose Award, Jean Quinn for her "Charlston" Best Design and Anna Leggatt for her Japanese Cobra Lily that received the Judge's Choice award.

Barbara Fairbanks  
Flower Show Coordinator



Photos: by Malcolm



## *The Annual Flower Show & Tea*

*Saturday August 20th*

*By Barb Fairbanks*

Thinking about our big flower show already! This is a great competition and it is judged by two accredited horticulture and design judges. It is a really wonderful way of celebrating what is growing in East York and who grows and shows the best of the best. The show and tea is open to the public after judging from 2-4pm.

There are 54 cut specimen classes, 14 plant classes (including hanging plants and dish gardens), 11 fruit and vegetable classes from beans to zucchini, and 7 adult design classes and a children's design class. New this year is the age group: 10 and under (no minimum age).

The design theme this year is continuing with the celebration of our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: "EYGC Club

Activities". Perhaps there is one our activities that you enjoy the most and you can create a floral design inspired by it. Maybe Roz will compete with a design showing movement in the "Bus Tour" class or Malcolm or Dawn will enter a line design incorporating a picture frame for the "Photo Contests" class! Anything is possible.

**A reminder to entrants: Friday entry time: 7:00 to 8:00pm 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, please call us: Cristina Brown 416-755-9077 or Barbara Fairbanks 416-755-0278

### **The Tea, Plus Plus!**

The Flower Show and Tea opens for viewing and sipping at 2pm. We welcome you to come and enjoy a lovely afternoon with a large assortment of goodies and great coffee, tea or lemonade.

We also have prizes to be won if you purchase one or more raffle tickets.

We will have a guest speaker and of course, the fabulous flower bouquet auction will complete the day and scrumptious goodies will be packed up and sold as tasty takeaways.

This day is a fundraiser for the Club and it wouldn't be complete without your attendance!



## August Photo Contest

By Malcolm



### Photo Contests

Summer is here, and it's time to think about your entries in the People's Choice Photography Contest, held on Saturday, August 20, at the Annual Flower Show and Tea. As always, we have three categories, all of which invite you to be creative and imaginative:

- Spirals
- Dark
- Let's Eat

Entries will be accepted from 7 - 8 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 13 categories, six of them horticultural, six that are "general", and one for children & youth members:

- ☐ 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)
- ☐ 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

This year, the Children and Youth Section category is "Anything Goes". Note that, this year, the subject does not have to be horticultural. There are two divisions, Children (10 years and under), and Youth (11 to 17 years). And remember, children and grandchildren of members can also enter the contest. This is a perfect way to encourage their interest in photography.

Rules and full information about the categories can be found on pages 27 to 29 of your yearbook, or on the Garden Club website ([eygc.ca](http://eygc.ca)). And if you have any questions, you can contact me at [malcolm@eastyork.net](mailto:malcolm@eastyork.net) or by phone at 416-429- 4719. We're also looking for new categories for 2017, so feel free to send me any ideas that you have.



## *Volunteer at the CNE*

Volunteers are needed to help out at the Ontario Horticultural Association's booth at CNE from August 19 to September 5 this year. Similar to the booth that some of you have been involved with at Canada Blooms, you won't be expected to answer complicated gardening questions (there'll be a Master Gardeners booth nearby to give those answers), but instead will be providing information about garden clubs (and there's lots of information on hand to help you). It's often a good opportunity to meet gardeners from other parts of Ontario. Volunteers receive free admission to the CNE.

If you are able to participate, please fill out the Microsoft Word form at [www.eygc.ca/OHA-CNE\\_SignUp2016.doc](http://www.eygc.ca/OHA-CNE_SignUp2016.doc) and return it to [ohac-ne@gmail.com](mailto:ohac-ne@gmail.com) as soon as possible, preferably before July 10, so that the organizers can accommodate your wishes. If there are any questions, call Bill at 416-769-6795.



Karen, Barb & George at Dieppe Environment Day



## Treasurer Wanted:

We are still looking for a new Treasurer!

Jean Quinn has given East York Garden Club 10 years of fantastic work and is willing to give the new Treasurer her knowledge and guidance, as are our Financial Reviewers.

We would like the Treasurer to be up and running the Club's finances for the new fiscal year starting October 1<sup>st</sup>.

If anyone has an interest in being the club's next Treasurer, or knows someone who would like to become a member and become Treasurer, please contact Barb Fairbanks at 416-755-0278 or [barb.fairbanks-eygc@bell.net](mailto:barb.fairbanks-eygc@bell.net) for more information.



## Prez Patch

By Barb Fairbanks



Summer has arrived, and with it was another Pop-Up garden event in the garden of Carol Kaltenbock. In the spring we had Anita Millar's garden, Diane and Peter Ronan's garden and Anne Henry's garden. If you haven't made it to one of the Pop-Ups it is lovely to see all the different shapes, sizes, directions and styles of East York Gardens. Some gardens are new, in renovation mode, or established, yet changing. Your visit can be as quick or as leisurely as you like. It is also a nice time to chat with other members as sometimes at meetings the time is limited. Thank you to the members who have popped-up and we look forward to many more over the summer.

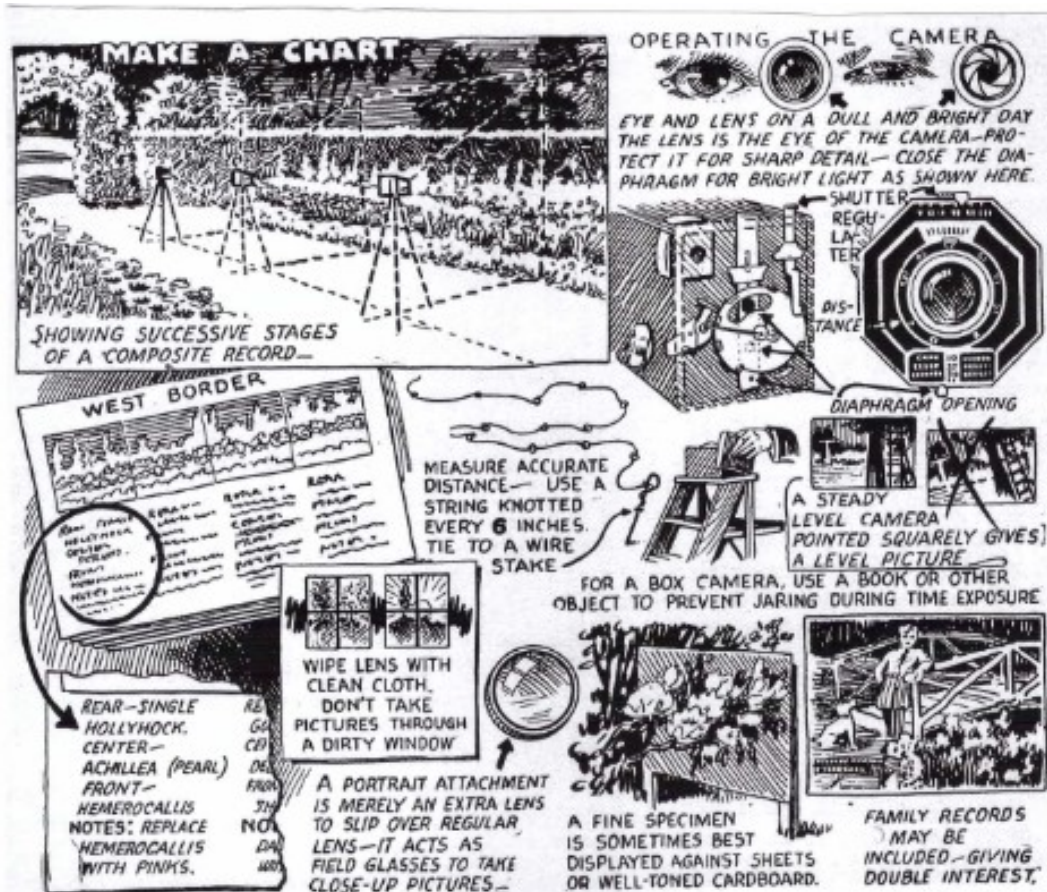
By the time you get this newsletter, we will have had our Canada Day Event—marching in the parade and hosting our canopied booth in the park selling plants and attic treasures. I am hoping the weather is perfect and we had a record number of marchers and sales of both plants and memberships and we hoisted our new banner high!

Rosalind Regnier 'Roz' designs and manages all our bus trips and has done so for many years. She tries to keep the cost reasonable and go somewhere different each year. This year is no exception. The date is Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> and the bus is going to the Guelph & Cambridge area. The trips are fun, a chance to meet other members, filled with plant purchasing opportunities and this year is a buffet lunch! Contact Roz if you would like to go or want more information 416-759-6247.

The Executive Board wants to give you a great experience for your membership in the Club and we hope you

feel that, so far, we've hit it. We appreciate all your ideas and suggestions—keep them coming. In order for EYGC to do as much as it does, we need to keep the board seats full. Please think about joining the board and volunteering in a bigger way. Call me at 416-755-0278 to see what is involved.

I hope to see many of you through the summer, whether it is at the Rockery on Saturday mornings, at one of the Pop-Ups, at the July potluck, on the bus trip or at the Annual Show and Tea in August.



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



## *The Rockery Kick-Off and weeks following ....*

We had 17 volunteers out on May 28<sup>th</sup> to clean up and kick off our 2016 Rockery Maintenance season. Jacqueline Tanner gave us a tutorial about dog-strangling vine and scale—what it looks like and how to treat it. We had heaps of winter clean out and weeding done.



Dog-strangling vine Slayer

In the last few weeks, we have moved a mountain of compost into the beds in preparation for the annuals that have now been planted. We are working on moving the mountain of mulch to help retain moisture and give the weeds some resistance! The City is in the process of repairing the stairs and adding a handrail, so the steps are out of bounds for the time being.

Our team leads this year are: Carol Bouley, Jacqueline Tanner and Roz Regnier and Susan Bartlett with our City Liason Lead, Diane Ronan and our volunteer coordinator, Karen MacDougall. There are always challenges to leadership, but we have an experienced team and that make the community project run smoothly.

We meet almost every Saturday morning (not on long weekends) from 9am to 11am, and while we don't always have that many volunteers out, it is a great group and if you would like to be added to the roster of volunteers please contact Karen MacDougall at 416-467-4827.

If you have never seen the Rockery, or haven't been there in a while, why not walk by sometime and see the effect a hardworking group of volunteers can have on a rocky piece of City of Toronto property.



Hard work at the kick-off



Happy Compost Movers



**See you at  
the Rockery**



# *EYGC at the East York Farmers Market*

We said we were going to do it and we did! EYGC had a table at the East York Farmers Market on May 24<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup> from 8am to almost 2pm. Lucky for us, we had lovely weather and it was a very pleasant way to spend a morning. It is amazing to see the beautiful displays of fruits and vegetables and plants and honey and cheese and bread and sausages while being serenaded by an accordion player or a violinist.



Gail & Bonnie at Farmers Market June 14th

With the help of the great volunteers: Diane Ronan, Rick Plume, Lynda Tanner, Bonnie Howes and Gail Brodeur we promoted the Club and all that we do—our meetings, our Rockery work, the pop-up garden tours, speakers, photo contests, flower competitions...

We have 5 new members from those 2 days and we generated a lot of interest. School kids came by and Bonnie encouraged their planting stories, lots of members stopped by to say hello and the market-goers were interested and interesting.

EYGC will have a table at the East York Farmers Market on Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help out for an hour on one or both of those days, please call me and I will find you a time slot.



Diane at Farmers Market May 24th

Barb Fairbanks  
416-755-0278

## *History of EYGC Bus Tours*



This is why and how the bus tours started about 11 years ago. A tour company approached us that they would put together a bus tour for us. We just had to collect the money and the bus driver would get us there. So I collected the money and we visited a nursery on an Native Reserve south of Brantford and another nursery near Lake Erie with a total of 5 plants for sale as they were in the middle of moving. It was a rousing success even though few plants were purchased. It was a chance to get to know other people as you are together about 9 hours. I concluded that I could put together a better bus tour as I've seen amazing private gardens close to Toronto through the Rock Garden Society and OHA conventions.

So we've gone east, west, north & south. I definitely will go back to Whistling Gardens, Ecology Park in Peterborough, Prince Edward County. Sometimes we get lost but fortunately Betty Meyers used to live nearby and directed us to Mason Hogue Gardens. Sometimes it rains. While we are eating lunch on the boat on the Peterborough Canal system, it rained so hard that I asked for a salad bowl for the table, and that was our water feature. I've added farmer's markets to our itinerary as we gardeners like to eat and also we like to drink, so sometimes we visit wineries.

We've visited an artist colony, the McLaughlin Estate, Iroquois village, and a streetcar museum etc. Next year who knows. I'm up for suggestions.

Don't forget our current bus tour happening with summer. send a cheque to me if you didn't sign up at June meeting

Rosalind Regnier



Tour Group ~ 2015



# *2016 District 5 Annual General Meeting*

*by Susan Bartlett*

After months of planning by EYGC, the big day was finally here, Saturday, April 23, 2016. There are many people to thank for their efforts in making this day happen, but that is a separate article itself. I will focus on the overall experience from a participant's point of view.

On arriving at the Latvian Centre, greeters directed people to the side doors and the registration desk. Flower show entries were sent upstairs, and an elevator was available. Despite a late spring, entries were pretty impressive. Registration was relatively quick, and door prize tickets were handed out, along with a helpful sheet listing the prize lots.

The main room looked beautiful! The table centerpieces were "bouquets" of colourful handmade napkins. The overhead screen showing garden scenes and live piano music completed the atmosphere. The "garden senses" prize tables featured many unique handmade items by EYGC members and their family members, as well as gift cards and donations from local businesses. Truly something for everyone and the prize tables attracted attention throughout the day.

On the other side of the room, a smorgasbord of food waited. Morning refreshments included home baked muffins and goodies, fruit and cheese trays, bagels, smoked salmon...all replenished at the break except for the devilled eggs which disappeared devilishly quickly. Some mingling, munching and a chance to run into old friends and then it was 9 am.

District 5 Director, Cindy Scythes welcomed attendees. After the opening remarks the early bird draw of \$100 in cash was given out to the winner. Now it was time for the business portion of the meeting. This went relatively quickly, and then it was time for a short break (to replenish our coffee and plates of goodies) and some of the society prizes were drawn. Each society had provided a door prize related to one of the 5 senses. Next was our morning speaker, horticultural therapist Margaret Nevett. Margaret talked about how gardening can incorporate the five senses in a positive and healing way. The rest of the society prizes were drawn and then it was time for lunch.

It seemed impossible to be hungry after such a morning spread, but hungry the crowd was. A lot of decision making by the planning committee went into lunch choices (hot lunch versus cold, how many salads, how much vegetarian fare etc.) and in the end it worked out beautifully. The Latvian Centre provided a nice selection of sandwiches, salads, and traditional Latvian baked desserts. There was more than enough for everyone to sample a couple of types of sandwich (leftovers were taken to a youth shelter).

After lunch, a chance to view the flower show and the prizes. The flower show and paper entries were in two separate rooms, which spaced out the crowds and made for enjoyable viewing of the entries. Returning to the big hall, some of the "garden senses" prizes were drawn. David Hobson, the afternoon speaker, gave us a humorous look at gardening and reminded us to above all, not to take it too seriously. The flower show awards were announced and the remaining prizes raffled off. While East York didn't win the big flower show trophies that we've taken home the last couple of years, it was all good. Things would get a little boring if the same club always won right?

Overall, a great day thanks to the efforts of the planning committee, volunteers and EYGC members. Attendees from the other 18 District 5 societies had very complimentary things to say. Next April, EYGC attendees can sit back and enjoy the AGM presented by the Leaside Garden Society. Our volunteers have certainly earned it! And if you are a newer member or have never attended an AGM, give it some thought for next 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 August 25th!**

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



Anna's winning forced bulb



Betty's winning Hellebore

We're on the Web!

<http://www.eygc.ca>

## D5 AGM Photo's



Our Speakers David & Margaret



Table of prizes



Our 90th certificate from OHA rep

Rose O'Dell



Registration Table

