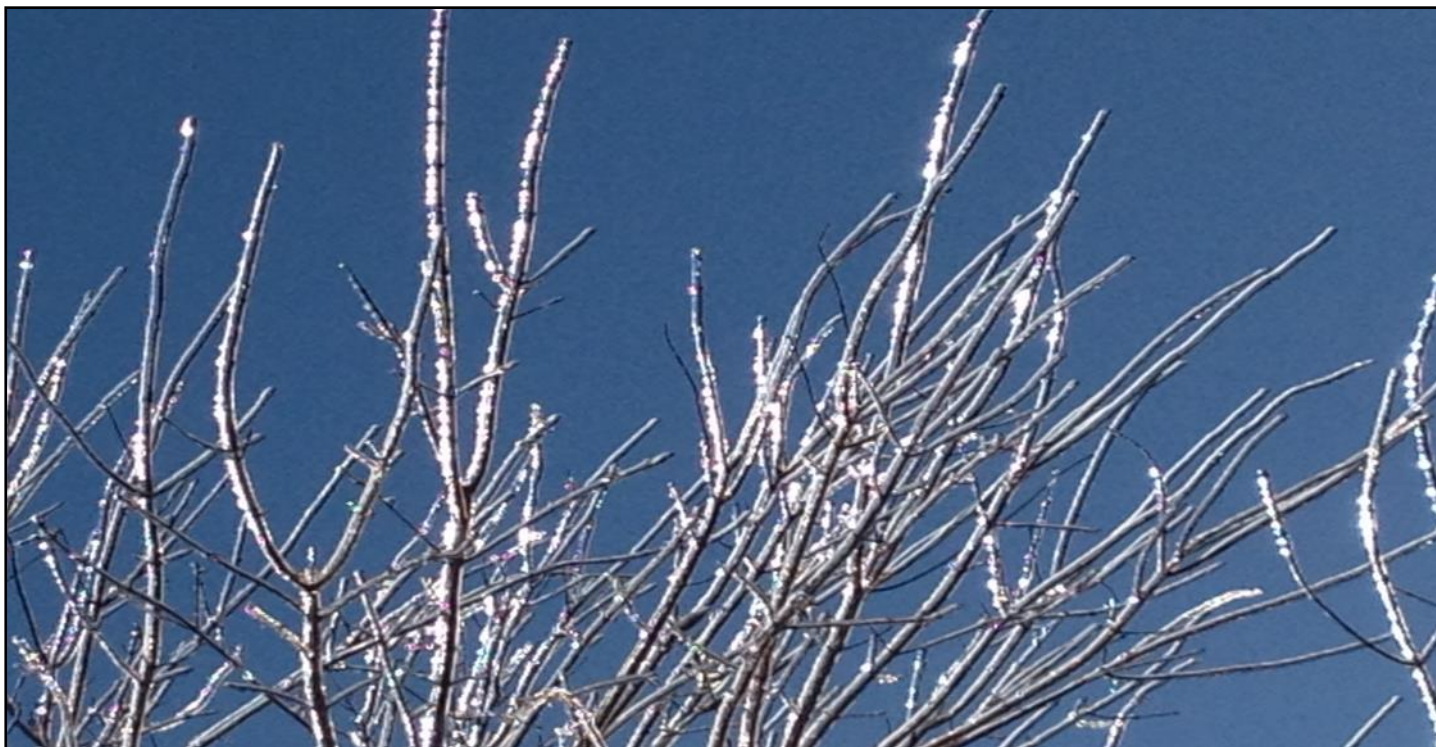




The East York Garden

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Next Meetings:

Thursday January 18, 2018, 7:30PM

Topic: "Growing Urban Orchards"

Speaker: Susan Poizner

More and more North Americans are planting fruit trees in their gardens or communities. What many don't realize is that in order to thrive, fruit trees need skilled hands-on care including correct annual pruning, fertility management and pest & disease prevention.

Susan Poizner is the author of the award-winning fruit tree care book *Growing Urban Orchards* and the creator of the award-winning online fruit tree care training portal at www.orchardpeople.com.

Members with Surnames beginning with "C" through "D" are asked to bring some cookies or squares for the refreshment table. Thank You!

Theme for the January Peoples Choice Photo Contest:
"Garden Bones - Your Garden in Winter"

Thursday February 15, 2018, 7:30PM

Topic: "South Africa - A Paradise for Wildflowers"

Speaker: Anna Leggatt

There are over 22,000 species of plants in South Africa – 10% of the world's species. Anna has visited 3 times and will show plants from fynbos, forest, Karoo, mountains, grassland and savannah.

Anna grew up in England, and got a degree in Botany, then immigrated to Canada, where she obtained diplomas in Nature Interpretation and Horticulture. She has been a Chair or Director for many Societies besides our own and is a Toronto Master Gardener Emeritus.

Members with Surnames beginning with "E" through "H" are asked to bring some cookies or squares for the refreshment table. Thank You!

Theme for the February Peoples Choice Photo Contest:
"Family Day"



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 pm.

Refreshments are available at 7:00 pm. The Clubhouse is wheelchair accessible. Visitors are always welcome.

Yearly membership fees are \$20.00 for a single, \$30.00 for a family. To inquire about membership, please contact:

Barbara Fairbanks at:
416-755-0278

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Barbara Fairbanks

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Rosalind Regnier

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Michael Woods



GET THE JUMP ON SPRING & SEEDY SATURDAY

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2018
10am to 4pm

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

This year is also Seedy Saturday. There will be lots of seeds to purchase from homegrown, organic etc.

There will be a variety of 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 a prize each hour. There will be lots to see and do!

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



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Barbara Fairbanks, Monique Gauthier, Malcolm Geast, Patricia Landry, Rick Plume, Michael Woods, & Janet Zablocki

Message from EYGC's President



Prez Patch

by Barbara Fairbanks

2017 was a wonderful year for the East York Garden Club and we continue to grow and thrive. With some new board members to shake things up a bit and some new activities we hope to continue to inspire you to get involved in some way to help us jog down this path.

In this newsletter you will see information on our speaker line-up, changes to the 2018 Flower Show Schedule and a request for a proposed new floral emblem for EYGC, along with a request for a new logo. You will be asked for your input on the emblem and logo and I hope you do give us your time to reply to this request.

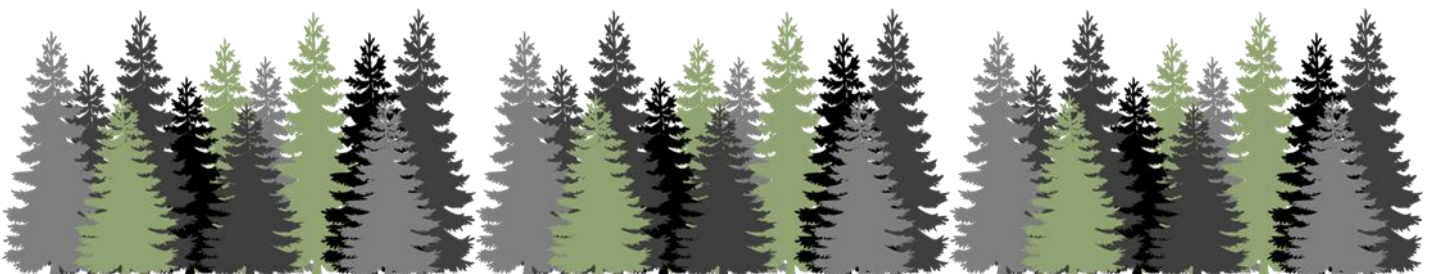
As always, when you have a good idea or thought, read an interesting article, hear a good speaker or visit somewhere new that might be of interest to our members, please share it with me. We will do what we can to make it available to the members at some point.

Looking forward to another great year.

Barb Fairbanks

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings this year and, as always, you can contact me at:

barb.fairbanks-eygc@bell.net or 416-755-0278



Editor's Letter

A New Look to our Newsletter

As you have probably noticed, the front page of our newsletter has a new look to it this month. The previous front page layout was a stock template from Microsoft Publisher (that we modified a bit), which was a real time saver this past year. However, moving forward, I felt that we deserved a front page layout of our own, that we could use to personalize our newsletter, and show off what East York Gardens have to offer. Something simple, colourful, and one that put more emphasis on a cover photo.

The photo on this issue's front cover is from my own photo library, but I hope future issues will feature photos from our members. So, this request goes out to all of you, please take a look at any photos you have taken, and see what ones you think would make good cover photos. The photo theme for each issue is: "*What you might see in an East York Garden in the two months of each issue*". While I really don't want to see any more ice storms, they do sometimes occur here in East York in January and February, so that is why I chose that particular photo for this January February issue. (...and for the blue Sky!)

They can be photos from your own garden, or from any garden that inspires you, but they should be seasonally appropriate for each issue. Any photo used for the front cover will have your photo credit directly underneath the featured photo. I look forward to receiving your photos at: woods-eygc@bell.net



Michael Woods

Editor,
EYGC Newsletter

EYGC Logo Update:

We are putting the logo quest on hold until we resolve the new official flower for the club. We're doing this so that logo submitters can incorporate the new flower if they choose to.

The previous deadlines mentioned for the logos will be revised. We will let you know what the new deadlines are. Thank you for all the submissions received to date. They are considered valid entries, and we will hold on to them until the Logo quest is back on track. We encourage many more entries for the new EYGC logo. Thank you.

Michael Woods

Branding & Graphics Committee Chair

A Flower for EYGC...

According to our in-house historian, Malcolm Geast, the official flower of the East York Garden Club from 1946 to 1968 was the rose. In 1968 it was changed to the Trillium, and that's when we got our current logo.

The Board of Directors has decided to implement a couple of initiatives this year including a new logo, and a new official flower. We are starting with the flower search first, as some of our logo designers may want to incorporate the new flower into their proposed designs.

Our provincial parent organization, the OHA, and several other horticultural groups all use the Trillium as their official flower, so we felt it was time for the EYGC to have its own unique floral emblem, one that is not only beautiful, but hopefully says something about who we are. That may be a tall order, and just to make things more of a challenge, we thought some other criteria would be a good idea:

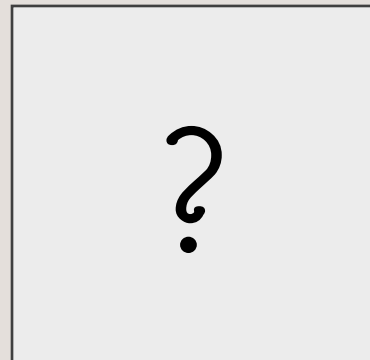
- Our official flower should be a native plant to southern Ontario, and should not be an invasive species. (So “Dog-Strangling Vine” is out...)
- Some EYGC members may want to grow our official flower in their own gardens, so it should be relatively available for purchase, and not too difficult to grow for either novice or experienced gardeners.
- We would like to use the new floral emblem in our advertising, and as graphics on T-shirts, etc., so colour and form are important.



1946



1968



2018

We will be assembling a list of nominees, and putting together a ballot for voting by all of the EYGC members. Please stay tuned for more information.

“A flower does not think about competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms.” – Zen Shin

Fall Photo Contest - First Prize Winners



"Inside a Flower" - Michael Woods

Every Autumn we have our annual Fall Photo Contest. There are 12 categories, and we award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes in each category.

Shown here are the 1st prize winners in all of the categories. The name of the category is show first, followed by the name of the photographer.

We hope you enjoy seeing these photos in the newsletter.



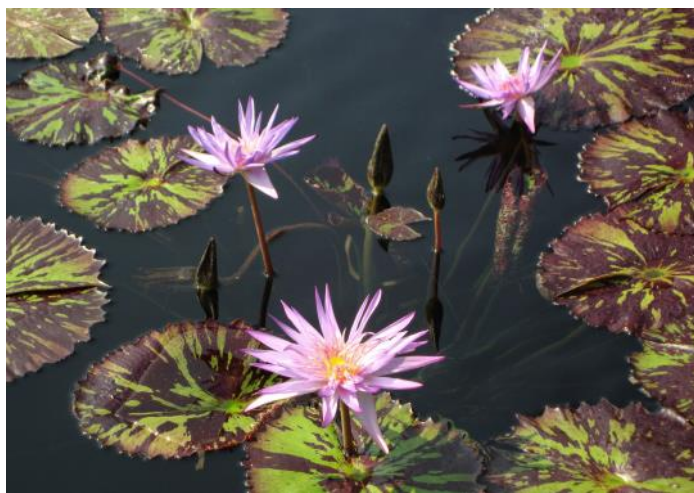
"Spring Fever" - Anna Leggatt



"Other Side of the Fence" - Wendy Plume



"Something in the Air" - Anna Leggatt



"Ponds" - Michael Woods



"Railway Tracks" - John Howes

Fall Photo Contest - First Prize Winners



"Call me Herb" - Alan Barber

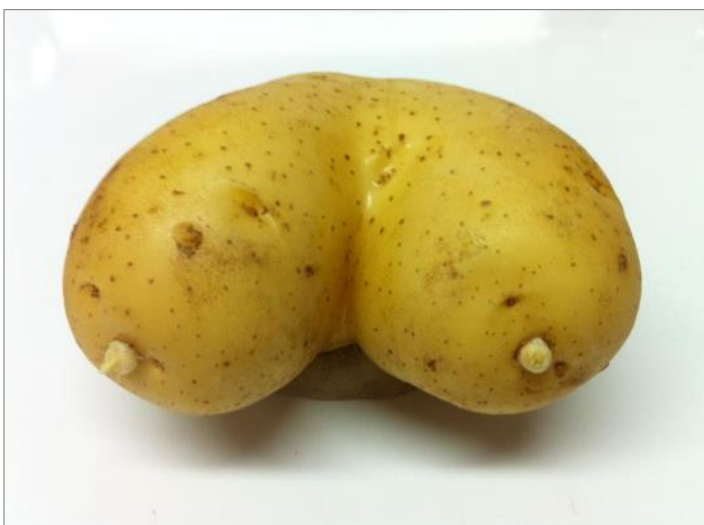
Anna Leggatt's "Wild in the City" entry also won the "Best in Show" award.

If you would like to see all the winners, please let us know at: woods-eygc@bell.net and we will look at how we could best accomplish that.

It might take the form of a special email publication, so that we could show off all the photographs to the best advantage.



"Black and White" - Anne Stanley



"Look What I grew in my Garden" - Wilfred Haufe



"Window Boxes" - Wendy Plume



"Seed Pods" - Michael Woods



"Wild in the City" - Anna Leggatt

Plant Corner



My Love of Daylilies

By Janet Zablocki

My collection of over 80 different daylilies are definitely the champions of colour and beauty in my summer garden.

I cannot wait to see them every morning throughout July until mid-August as new blooms give me a delightful surprise. These flowers never fail to take my breath away. I greet them and tell them they are beautiful as their name, *Hemerocallis*, which translates to mean "beauty for a day".

I have introduced countless perennials to the garden over the years that have come and gone for unknown reasons. Was it the soil? Did I plant them too close to other plants who competed for their real estate? Perhaps it was too much sun or not enough? I have spent more money than I care to think of on spring bulbs only to see them disappear in a few years. Even the species tulips have joined the dearly departed. Clematis and so many others never stood a chance. My roses are trying their best yet it might be bad news for them as well. The perennials that have remained loyal give me great pleasure.

They include the Purple Phlox from my father's garden, the Festiva Maxima Peony who is a senior citizen, Michelmas daisies along the fence, good old Sedum, Hostas, Black Eyed Susans, Soapwort and Queen Anne's Lace. They join the amazing Daylilies to provide the bursts of colour that I live to enjoy in my garden.

Pictured Right: Some of Janet's Lovely Daylilies



EYGC Executive Board for 2018:



Barbara Fairbanks, Cristina Brown, Diane Ronan, Joyce Crook, Lynda Tanner, Roz Regnier, Jacqueline Tanner, Michael Woods, Barb Foster, Paul Sarjeant, Mary Donovan, Linda Boyko, Anita Millar, Leslie Grimshaw, and Rosemary Vandierendonck

Meeting Schedule for 2018:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
18-Jan-18	"Growing Urban Orchards" People's Choice Photo Contest: "Garden Bones: Your Garden in Winter"	Susan Poizner
15-Feb-18	"South Africa: Wildflower Paradise" People's Choice Photo Contest: "Family Day"	Anna Leggatt
15-Mar-18	1. "Permits & Promise: Making a Garden for People & Wildlife" 2. "Rain Gardens" Peoples Choice Photo Contest Topic: "Ice" Preserves Competition	1. Rob Norquay 2. Marc Yamaguci & Ting Wang
19-Apr-18	"Succeeding with Magnolias in Southern Ontario" Flower Show	Kevin Kavanaugh
17-May-18	Members' Plant Sale	
21-Jun-18	"Carefree Roses" Flower Show	Gloria Broks
19-Jul-18	TBA	
18-Aug-18	Annual Flower Show and Tea People's Choice Photo Contest:	
20-Sep-18	"Wild-ish at Heart: The DIY Naturalized Garden" Flower Show	Tony Spencer
18-Oct-18	"Growing Plants from Seeds" Fall Photo Contest Entries Accepted People's Choice Carved Pumpkin Contest Seed Exchange	Ken Brown
15-Nov-18	Annual General Meeting, Awards Presentation, & Pot Luck Dinner People's Choice Photo Contest: 2018 Yearbook Cover	

City of Toronto Garden Contest 2017

Every year the City of Toronto puts out a call for help to find Toronto's beautiful front yard gardens! The goal is to recognize the city's green-thumbed residents and business owners for helping to beautify the city. You could nominate your garden, a neighbour's garden or any garden within Toronto. The garden contest categories included:

- Residential - Traditional
- Residential - Environmental/Pollinator Habitat
- High Density Residential
- Commercial
- Community

Winning gardens received a gift certificate courtesy of either Home Hardware for Mark's Choice Gardening Supplies, or Sheridan Nurseries.

Here's the list of winners for 2017:



The prizes this year included a \$100.00 gift certificate, and a lovely glass award designed by a local artist (shown above), engraved with the address of the winning garden.

Residential Traditional

Frances & Philip Macarz - 8 Courtwood Place (Ward 24)
Rundi Phelan - 32 Berryman Street - (ward 27)
Alan Barber and Michael Woods - 72 Binswood Avenue (Ward 31) **(EYGC Members)**

Residential Environmental Pollinator

Petie Sabbah - 384 Hounslow Avenue (Ward 23)
Judith Goldstein - 135 Viewmount Avenue (Ward 15)
Mary Katherine Accadia, Stephanie Chris, Paul Accadia - 81 Thirty Fifth Street (Ward 6)

Residential High Density

Grande Triomphe Condos - 10 Northtown Way (Ward 23)
The Majestic Condos - 28 Empress Avenue (Ward 23)
Skygarden Condominium Community – 2330/2350 Bridletowne Circle (Ward 39)

Commercial

Lippert Music Centre Inc. - 970 Pape Avenue (Ward 29)
York Cemetery – 101 Senlac Road (Ward 23)
Metropolitan – 143 Sheppard Avenue (Ward 23)

Community

Hope Garden – 220 Cowan Avenue (Ward 14)
York Hispanic Centre - 1652 Keele Street (Ward 12)
Northview Community Garden – 540 Finch Avenue W. (Ward 10)

Award of Recognition

Shanthi Kuganesan – 16 Deerfield Place (Ward 37)

City of Toronto Garden Contest 2017



The Awards ceremony took place in the Council Chambers at Toronto City Hall, w/special guest Mark Cullen



Some Community Garden & Award of Recognition winners, & EYGC members Alan & Michael with Janet Davis



This East York Front Garden of EYGC members Alan & Michael, received third place in the "Residential - Traditional" Category

Our AGM Wrap-Up:

We moved it to a Friday and we still had a great night on November 17th with our Annual General Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner and Awards night.

We had 118 members in attendance this year—a record number! Many new members joined us for the evening. The buffet of potluck items was plentiful and varied with punch and tea and coffee. Once again the leftovers all went to Kennedy House, a youth hostel on Pape Ave. They have a new website if you would like to know a bit more about Kennedy House: www.kennedyhouseyouthshelter.com

Our new Executive Board for 2018 was sworn in by District Director Cindy Scythes. The full listing of the Board members will be listed in the upcoming yearbook that will be available in January with your new membership cards.

The winners of the Flower Show and Photography Competitions were announced (also to be fully listed in the upcoming yearbook) along with the President's awards given out by me. These awards are given to members who may fly a little 'under the radar' or have been a big help to me throughout the year. This year I presented certificates to: Sue Mason, Michael Woods, Diane & Peter Ronan, Karen MacDougall, Lynda Tanner and Cristina Brown. Congratulations and thank you all. We also added a member to our prestigious Life Member list: Cristina Brown. Congratulations Cristina.

We had lots of draw prizes including many wonderful gift cards. It is always a fun evening with many laughs and a good time for all.

Thank you to Lynda Tanner and Mary Donovan and all their volunteers for coordinating this annual event.

Barb Fairbanks



Our AGM Wrap-Up:



Linda , Anita & Monique



Barb & Cristina



Betty presenting "Best Cut Specimen" award to Austra



Linda , Anita & Suzanne



Barb & Michael



Barb, Vera, & Cristina



Anita & John



Barb, Peter & Diane



Barb & Sue



Bonnie & John



Cindy Scythes & the EYGC Board



Barb & Karen



Barb & Linda



Vera



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EXGC Flower Show Rules Update:



Flower Show Changes for 2018

The Flower Show Committee has made a few significant changes to the 2018 Flower Show schedule:

- **Preserves will have their own show at the March 15th meeting.** They will still be judged by a qualified judge and points will count towards the yearly total
- Entries for the monthly shows (April, June and September) will be **restricted to only one entry per competitor per class**
- For each of the monthly shows (April, June and September) there will be a **class in the "Cut Specimens" section that is just for first-timers.** These first-timers have *NEVER* competed in a show prior to 2018. This is to get them/you to dip your toes and compete amongst yourselves. The entries will be judged based on the same criteria as the rest of the classes, but some helpful information from the judge and show chairs may be written on your entry tag. These first-timers may also fully compete in all other classes. The first-timers are considered first-timers for all 2018 shows.
- **Some classes have been eliminated or consolidated.** Please fully read through the Flower Show Schedule in the yearbook to see all the changes.



EXGC Flower Shows in 2017

2017 Flower Show Round Up:

Thank you to the 38 members for bringing a huge variety of horticultural specimens, plants, fruit and vegetables, preserves and designs to the four flower shows of 2017. Thank you for taking the time to bring in entries. We also had a few of our new members enter for the first time and it was fun to see their excitement of entering and placing.

Congratulations to Vera Stoyanoff for winning the George S. Henry trophy for the highest number of aggregate points in horticulture and design for 2017. Congratulations also to Janet Zablocki for winning the Anna Leggatt Novice Award. Our second place winner by points is Betty Meyers and third place winner is Wilfred Haufe.

The People's Choice Carved Pumpkin contest had 7 entries this year. Thank you for entering (see the last newsletter for photos). It was a lot of fun to vote. We look forward to more creative entries in 2018.

Thank you to all the volunteers and board members who helped at flower shows from start to finish, and to the 2017 Flower Show Committee for planning a great season of designs.

Barb Fairbanks
Flower Show Co-Coordinator



Vera Stoyanoff with the George S. Henry trophy

District 5 AGM: Saturday April 28th in Aurora

This year the District 5 Annual General Meeting will be held in Aurora (it is their 100th anniversary!) and their theme is: Preserve our History, Protect our Future. It will be held at the Northridge Community Church of the Salvation Army on Saturday April 28th from 9am to 3:30pm.



The cost for registration is \$30 and that includes 2 speakers, lunch, door prizes, draw prizes and the flower show competition. This year the speakers will be: David Tomlinson known for his garden Merlin's Hollow, and Mark & Ben Cullen! A great line-up.

To reserve your seat, we will have a sign up sheet and will accept payment in cash or cheque (payable to East York Garden Club) at the January meeting.



CERTIFY YOUR GARDEN
AND
FILL OUT OUR BOUQUET

EYGC's 50 in 150 Update:

2017 Canada 150 Project:

"Certify 50 EYGC Members Gardens with the CWF as recognized Wildlife-Friendly Habitats"

WOW! – We did it! What an amazing club effort!

Thank you! Thank you! ... to all the members who took the time and effort to make an application to the Canadian Wildlife Federation to certify your garden as a wildlife-friendly habitat.

Not only can you be proud that you are recognized by the CWF as a gardener who cares about our natural heritage and environment but you also supported a club project. We saw it through to completion and beyond. To date there are 53 gardens that have been certified.

Please try to attend the January 2018 meeting where we recognize the members who took part in this project. There will be rewards for everyone who participated.

And a special shout-out to my committee members who helped make this happen: Stacey Shannon, Michael Woods, Paul Sarjeant, Jacqueline Tanner, Linda Boyko and our president, Barb Fairbanks.

Diane Ronan

50 in 150 Committee Chair

Certification is still a great idea!

Our 2017 initiative to have 50 EYGC gardens certified by the CWF has been achieved, and the Tulip Poster has been filled. However, we encourage anyone who has not yet certified their garden to go ahead and get their certification. We will continue to add names to our list of certified gardens.

The CWF considers their Certification Program an important on-going project, and we fully support the program.

So, get your garden certified!



Nina Sparks



Barb Foster



Carole Aida

Miscellaneous:



Hey, What's Going On?

Dates:	Title:	For More Info Contact:
9-Jan-2018	Orangeville Horticultural Society - "Planting Native Trees"	http://www.orangevillehort.org/
10-Jan-2018	Scarborough Garden & Horticultural Society - "Your Pane is their Pain" - Preventing Bird Collisions with Windows.	http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/scarborough
10-Jan-2018	Credit Valley Horticultural Society - "Scary Bugs??" by Malcolm Geast	http://creditvalleyhort.ca/
10-Jan-2018	Floral Design - "Classic Design Fundamentals I" 4 Weekly Sessions - \$190.00, 12:00 to 3:00	torontobotanicalgarden.ca
21-Jan-2018	Annual Dream Garden Conference in Cambridge, 10:30 to 3:30, \$55.00. Speakers: Darren Heimbecker, Lorraine Johnson, Dugald Cameron	http://galthort.com/
22-Jan-2018	North York Garden Club - "Preserving the Oak Ridges Moraine".	http://northyorkgardenclub.ca/
23-Jan-2018	Applewood Garden Club, Mississauga - Speakers: Mark Cullen, Frank Ferragine, and Denis Flanagan - \$20.00	For more info Contact: Wendy Bell, 905-891-7884
27-Jan-2018	TBG - "Irresistible Dreamy Woody Plants" Add year-round structure to your garden. Marion Jarvie, \$30.00, 1:00 to 3:30	torontobotanicalgarden.ca
7-Feb-2018	TBG - "Botanical Gardens & Conservation" by Dr. David Galbraith. 7:30 to 9:00	torontobotanicalgarden.ca
13-Feb-2018	Orangeville Horticultural Society - "Native Plants for Urban Shade Gardens" by Melanie Kramer	http://www.orangevillehort.org/
17-Feb-2018	Toronto Botanical Garden - "Get the Jump on Spring" - 10:00 to 4:00	http://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/enjoy/special-events/jump-on-spring/
On-Going	Certify Your Garden Through The Canadian Wildlife Federation	http://cwf-fcf.org/en/explore-our-work/connecting-with-nature/in-the-garden/get-certified/?src=ws

This list is to alert you to some of what's going horticulturally in Toronto and the surrounding areas. Comprehensive information about each event is not listed here. We don't have the space for that. If you see something that interests you, then explore it further on your own. If you go to one of these events, please let us know about your experience. Thanks!

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS BUSINESSES

New member, **Dan Heath**, has been busy helping Roz gather prizes for our club to give throughout the year up to and including our big AGM in November. These gifts enhance an already great program for you, our 230+ members. At this time, we would like to acknowledge their support of our club and encourage you to visit their stores:

Canadian Tire on Danforth

Costco at Warden & Ellesmere

Freshco at Victoria Park and Gerrard

Loblaws at Victoria Park & Gerrard

Lowes on Danforth

Metro at Victoria Park & Danforth

Shoppers Drug Mart on Danforth at Coxwell

And from *Nelson Education Ltd* on Birchmount you can visit their website: www.nelson.com

Thanks Dan!



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Welcome to East York Garden Club Members in 2017!



The following people became members of the East York Garden Club in 2017! Please join us in welcoming them to the garden club.



Gillian Akong	Sherry Krieg-Corcoran	Mary Lou Sawyer
Hayden Angeloff-Tingley	Sandra Laforme	Lee Ann Sicard
Alma Bailey	Susan Lagosky	Irene Sidgwick
Darren Baird	Eric Lee	Susan Slottow
Melvine Baird	Christa Lindberg	Teresa Slusarchuk
Maureen Ballentine	Jennifer Ling	Ken Sugamori
Iris Chan	Genevieve Mahoney	Lesly Taylor
Barb Fox	Frances McAllister	Bev Vandahl
Cathy Goring	Kate Morris	Rosemary Vandierendonck
Owen Hennessy	Patricia Mosdell	Jacqueline White
Kim Hewitt	Susan Mosdell	Bev & Doug Woods
Peggy Jablonsky	Dan Pearson	Mary Zacharatos
Lenore Juan	Imelda Prifti	
Elizabeth King	Sidra Rizvi	

If you would like to make a submission to be included in the next issue of "The East York Garden" newsletter, the next deadline is:

February 23rd, 2018

Please email your comments regarding our newsletter, or your submissions for the next issue, to *Michael Woods* at:
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We're on the Web! Find out more information and get back issues of this newsletter at our website:



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