

# The East York Garden



Photo: Coneflowers with Bee Credit: Monique Gauthier

## Next Meetings:

*Thursday September 20, 2018, 7:30PM*

*Topic: "Wild-ish at Heart: The DIY Naturalized Garden"*

*Speaker: Tony Spencer*

An introduction to the ethos, aesthetics, and ecological tenets of the New Perennial Movement in terms of naturalistic planting design along with an overview of some key principles: layering, matrix planting, intermingling etc., and how to achieve that in your own garden.

A writer by profession and planting designer by passion, Tony Spencer is the creative force behind The New Perennialist, an award-winning blog exploring the frontiers of naturalistic garden design. Deeply inspired by the work of Dutch plantsman Piet Oudolf and others, He's currently at work on experimental planting design projects at his country property in the rolling hills of Mono, Ontario.

*We do not need any people to bring cookies or squares for the refreshment table. Our supply is good Thank You!*

*September Flower Show: Good luck to everyone who enters in the September Show.*

*Thursday October 18, 2018, 7:30PM*

*Topic: "Growing Plants from Seeds"*

*Speaker: Ken Brown*

In this presentation Ken draws the average gardener deeper into the joys of horticulture. Everyone who has ever wished for a wider range of flowers and vegetables to plant into their garden will find the answer to their dilemma by perusing the seed racks and catalogues.

Ken removes the mystery of starting your own plants from seed by revealing the tips and tricks that horticulturists use to successfully turn a packet of dry, lifeless appearing, seeds into healthy young transplants for our spring gardens. A lifetime of successes and not a few failures have left Ken with a host of interesting and often humorous anecdotes and ideas that will have his audience rushing to their basement light tables to *Dally in the Dirt* in the dead of winter.

Ken Brown is a horticultural consultant, writer and photographer. He received his bachelor's degree in horticulture from the University of Guelph.

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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:

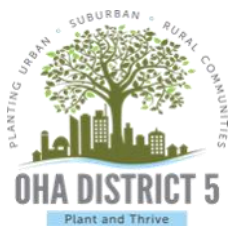
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Michael Woods



### *October 18th: Ken Brown Continued...*

Ken worked as the Superintendent of Horticulture at the Toronto Zoo when it was being planned and built, where he was responsible for the planning and planting of all the indoor gardens and the overseeing of the outdoor Landscaping contractors.

He owned and operated "The Plant Manager" an interior landscaping company for 20 years where he built and maintained a wide variety of public and private interior gardens. He also has a horticulture teaching degree from the University of Toronto and has taught a variety of related courses.

Ken is a certified horticultural judge and he is a frequent speaker at horticultural meetings and seminars. Ken's writing and photography continue to be published in several magazines and newspapers.

www.gardening-enjoyed.com, his web page, is a great source of advice, tips and updates. His own gardens feature his Iris collection and a wide range of plants that he is trialing. In a space of their own and interspersed throughout all his gardens, Ken grows a comprehensive list of vegetables in some innovative ways to maximize the use of space.

He currently spends most of his non-gardening hours writing for his web site, www.gardening-enjoyed.com and ezine, *Dallying In The Dirt*.

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

*Don't forget about the Seed Exchange, Garden Book Sale, and the Carved Pumpkin Contest at October's meeting, as well as receiving entries for the Annual Fall Photo Contest. The results and awards for the Annual Fall Photo Contest will be revealed at the November Meeting. Good luck to everyone!*



**Apron Models Linda, Lesley, & Anita**

**Want an Apron, or other Logowear?**

**Go to pages 16, 17, and 18 for more info on our great new Logowear, highlighting our new Logo!**

### Sept-Oct 2018 EYGC Newsletter Photo Credits

#### Various Photos:

Alan Barber, Karen Bell, Linda Boyko, Barbara Fairbanks, Monique Gauthier, Malcolm Geast, Austra Gulens, Anita Millar, Rob Norquay, Diane Ronan, Peter Ronan, Jennifer Smith, Lynda Tanner, Jacqueline Tanner, Sonia Van Heerden, Michael Woods, Janet Zablocki



# Message from EYGC's President



**Prez Patch**  
by Barbara Fairbanks

## *Enthusiasm...!*

I love the enthusiasm of our members. It gives me a lift and a push to keep on giving my time to such a great Club. I see and feel the enthusiasm at all our events from our regular meetings, to the competitions to the draws to the community work at the Legion.

It is your participation in these events and the volunteering of your precious time that keeps me, and your Executive Board, working to make EYGC even better.

Talking about enthusiasm—here is an email I got recently that made me laugh:

Email dated August 11, 2018 to me:

*Hi Barb:*

*Call me an overachiever or the prize winner for the having the most outrageous senior moment of my life!*

*I was so excited to enter the contents of this box of beautiful blooms that I arrived for the Annual Flower Show this morning only to find the club house door locked. Yes, you read right. I am one week early! I feel foolish but have to take this opportunity to have a good chuckle. I just hope I have some nice blooms left in my garden for next Saturday. Don't you think I could get just a 1st prize anyway for that gorgeous Daylily?! See you next week.*

*Cheers,  
Janet Zablocki*



Janet did compete at the Annual Flower Show & Tea and she did have some winning blooms!

Thank you to all of you who do take some time to help out and to let us know that we are doing some things right. We are always open to suggestions and ideas for improving or introducing what we do. After that, all we need is the volunteers...

*Barb*

*I look forward to seeing you at our meetings this year and, as always, you can contact me at: [barb.fairbanks-eygc@bell.net](mailto:barb.fairbanks-eygc@bell.net) or 416-755-0278*



# The Doyenne of Daylilies

By Michael Woods

Reggie Morgan is a force of nature. Literally. She has been growing and hybridizing daylilies for many years, and her back yard, front yard, and neighbor's back yard are proof of her talent and dedication. Her home on Ridley Avenue in Toronto is also her laboratory, nursery, and trial garden, and for anyone who has an interest in growing daylilies, it's definitely a necessary place to visit.

July is a prime time to see daylilies in bloom, and thanks to a tip from fellow EYGC member Mary Lou Burt, Alan and I were able to pay a visit to Reggie this year when her daylilies were at their peak. Thank you, Mary Lou!



We had heard so much about Reggie and her daylilies that we really wanted to see for ourselves what her garden was like. I don't think we were prepared for how extensive and impressive it would be. One has no trouble spotting which house it is, even if you don't see the house number - it's the one with all of the raised beds in the front yard, full of beautiful daylilies. As you wander into the backyard, the first thing to greet you is a lovely display garden with some daylilies, but lots of other delightful plants too. Like many of us, Reggie likes most things horticultural.

The remainder of the deep backyard is where you'll find Reggie's raised trial beds, full of daylilies. Not all are for sale, some are very much part of the hybridizing process, and may be for sale in future years. But there is a rainbow to choose from, with all of the sale beds clearly marked, and looking very tempting. So, of course we bought a few daylilies, even though our own garden is fairly full (ahem...). As Alan likes to say, there's always room for more plants! The closer you plant, the less room for weeds...

Reggie is also a font of knowledge, especially when it comes to hemerocallis. If you want to know about diploids, tetraploids, etc, she will gladly and generously share her knowledge with you. We are delighted that Reggie will be the speaker at our meeting next June!

Thank you Reggie, you are a treasure!

**Contact: Reggie Morgan, 219 Ridley Blvd., Toronto, ON. [reggiemorgan@sympatico.ca](mailto:reggiemorgan@sympatico.ca)**





# Update: Gardening at the Legion

It is interesting volunteering to help maintain a new garden.

We are working at the Royal Canadian Legion, Todmorden Branch 10 at Pape and Woodville. We started on May 31<sup>st</sup> and have gone semi-regularly and plan to keep going at least until the end of October.

What makes it interesting is seeing the plantings grow through the season giving us an overall sense of what was originally planned. The garden was overhauled and enhanced in the autumn of 2017 with the help of the Highway of Heroes.

We did do a few small plantings, but we are currently restricted by the Legion as they do want to follow their original plan as much as possible. So we weed, deadhead, prune, edge and do a general tidy up. It is quite satisfying as what we can do in an hour with a small team makes a significant result. So far, we have given over 30 hours of work.

The Legion management said it has been getting lots of compliments about their gardens and have thanked us for the work we do. It makes a difference.

If you feel the need to get out of your own garden and help out, feel free to join us anytime. Thank you again to all the volunteers we have had so far.

*Barb Fairbanks*

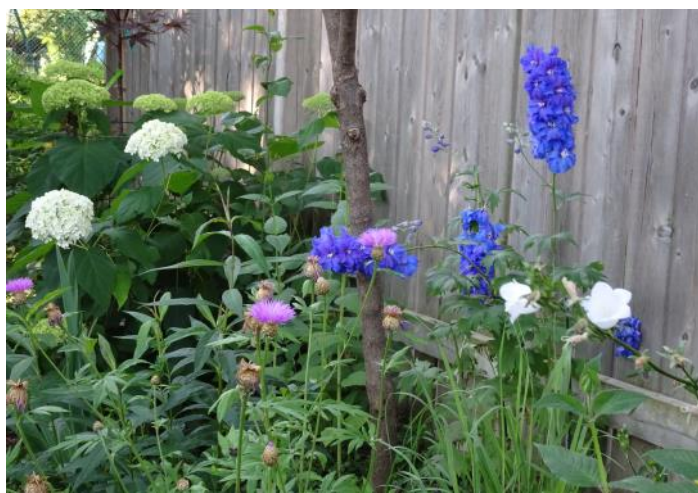




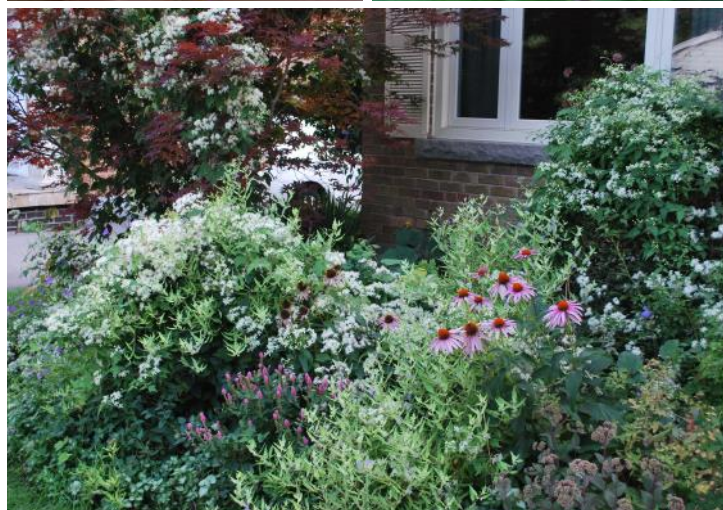
# Pop-up Gardens: Summer 2018



***Austra Gulens Colourful Full Sun Garden in Summer***



***Diane Cavanaugh's Colourful Blooms***



***Roz Regnier's Front Garden and Patio Pots***



## Pop-up Gardens: Summer 2018



***Jennifer Smith's Summer Garden with Bright Yellow Ligularia***



***Alan Barber & Michael Woods's Lilies and More***

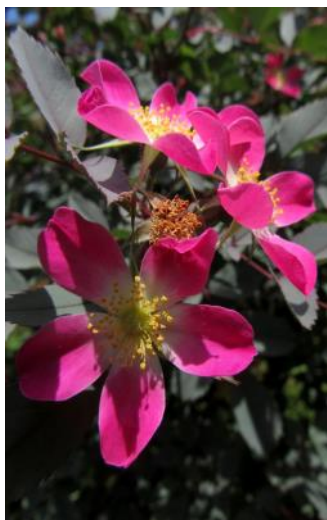




# My 50 Year Old Garden

By Sonia Van Heerden

We moved into our house in 1966, but I did not consider gardening for 2 years. Fifty years ago I found a red climber growing against the garage; we took apart our television aerial which had been against the house and placed it beside the garage for the climber to rest against. We thought we had lost the climber in the 1980s after a particularly bad winter, but a year later it popped up again and has been going strong since. I usually receive a ribbon for this climber in summer flower shows.



growing so well this year, even my wisteria, which has been growing runners all over the garage and even under the siding for about 10 years, but this year decided to show its flowers. So I guess this stays also. Perhaps some pruning will be done to its long stems. I have been waiting for the rose climber and the wisteria to complete blooming for the year before I dismantle an arch holding them up, which is itself falling down, and replace it with a new arch.

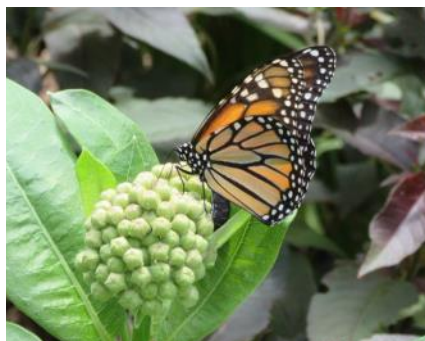


Then there is the old purple lilac, which we transplanted from the wild fields around present day Jane and Finch, which covers the back fence. I also acquired a double white lilac which came to visit from a side neighbour's yard and has stayed. I thought of cutting down the old purple lilac until this year I read that the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly, which is

The milkweed is prolific this year also and flowers are starting to change from green to pink. Even before the flowers appeared in May, I saw a monarch butterfly on a plant, and now there are loads of bees (and wasps) on them also.



Toronto's (un) Official Butterfly, likes lilacs and dame's rocket, (hesperis) a spring flowering phlox wild flower, so both of these will stay. I photographed the butterfly on the dame's rocket this spring.



Everyone had complained of this year's terrible winter and the ice storm, but I find that everything is

The native plants I purchased last year should bloom this summer. A white penstemon at first looked like a weed, but now there are more blooms on the stems, and the bees can just squeeze into a floret and back



out again. The bee balm should be blooming soon, though the butterfly weed asclepias is still not making any appearance. I may not be destined to grow this plant.

A bee expert said recently that cultivated roses are not conducive to bee life, but my wild rose with single petals was liked by my bees. Then the many Rose of Sharon, which have self seeded in the past years because I have not picked off their seed pods at the end of the season, are considered good for bees, so another plant stays. Coreopsis which I had seeded from seeds from the rockery we were looking after at Stan Wadlow Park, are liked by the bees also.

I was surprised the bees and butterflies took to the white goose neck lysimachia. Of course the white Virginia Bower (clematis virginiana), which is invasive, and blooms in late summer, collects numerous bees of many species.



The weeding of this yard is time consuming, so years ago I let the vinca ground cover grow and now it has taken over. Mulching with bark does help but I have been advised not to mulch too deep as the largest proportion of native bees nest in the ground over the winter. I found a bee coming out of the ground in my back lawn where there was a brown patch. Perhaps I will not reseed that area.

The area behind the garage was used for vegetable growing in the 1970s, but has transitioned and now raspberry canes have taken over the area, and I do not mind as I still make jam yearly for my family with the raspberries and rhubarb. Now we have been told to leave the old raspberry canes where they have died as they are wintering places for bees. No more cleaning up of the yard. Even the garlic, which seems to have taken over also, should be left where it grows to help protect roses. Maybe I won't have the lawn cut either, though I suspect the neighbours would complain.

Gardening now has become more a place to interact with the wild life, the bees, wasps, grasshoppers and other insects, the butterflies and the birds, rather than a place to plant expensive colourful flowers.

## EYGC's July Potluck

This year for the first time we had our Summer Potluck at the Stan Wadlow Clubhouse.

This seemed to be the best solution to finding a spot large enough to handle the crowd that has outgrown even the largest backyards of any of our members.

On the plus side was access to a kitchen and washrooms, tables and chairs for everyone, and no worrying about the weather! The food as usual was delicious!

Please send any feedback for the Board of Directors to Barb Fairbanks at:

[barb.fairbanks-eygc@bell.net](mailto:barb.fairbanks-eygc@bell.net)





# OHA District 5 AGM - Kingston - Wrap-Up



The OHA annual convention this year was in Kingston Ontario. The theme this year was “Shore to Shield”, and reflected the diversity of landscapes in the District 5 host’s region.

The photograph shown to the left was submitted by EYGC member Michael Woods, and won first place in the “Along the Shore” category, and also “Best in Show” for Photography.

The photo was taken on Starr Island in Go Home Bay, part of Georgian Bay, adjacent to “Wind Ward” Island, which was originally owned by Dr. MacCallum, patron to the Group of Seven, who were his frequent guests, for relaxing and painting.

## OHA Convention Competitions

At the recent Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) convention in Kingston, many **East York Garden Club** members came away winners in the competitions portion of the event!

**Art:** **Joe Amodeo** – a 1<sup>st</sup> place for his carved piece “Rocks & Roots”  
**Gail Gregory** – a 1<sup>st</sup> place for her drawing a song bird in the garden; a 1<sup>st</sup> place for her watercolour “Wayside Wonders” and another 1<sup>st</sup> place for painting “Dawn”  
**Carole Aida** – a 3<sup>rd</sup> place for her “Gardening Rocks” jewelry incorporating gems like those found in the Bancroft area  
**Michael Woods** – a 1<sup>st</sup> place and Judge’s Choice for his fabric art “Along the Shore” inspired by the St. Lawrence river

**Creative Writing:** **Linda Boyko** – a 1<sup>st</sup> for her “Create a Song to a Familiar Tune” with a title of “Gardening Rocks”—see her work and sing along in this newsletter!  
**Michael Woods** – an Honourable Mention for his “Gardening Rocks” song

**Photography:** **Wendy Plume** – a 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Daisy Auer** – a 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
**Michael Woods** – a 1<sup>st</sup> place and “Best in Show”

**Publications:** Our yearbook cover placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, our special event poster for the 2017 Annual Flower Show & Tea placed with an Honourable Mention, our brochure placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, and our newsletters placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to Suzanne Isaacs for the yearbook cover photo with Malcolm Geast designing, Peter Ronan for his work on both the poster and our brochure, and Michael Woods for his work on the newsletter.

Thank you to all who entered, and congratulations to all our ribbon winners. Well done. Most of these entries will be on display at our September meeting.

**The schedule for the 2019 OHA Photography competition is already available. See [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org) for the full listing to plan your entries for next year.**



# OHA District 5 AGM - Kingston

Linda Boyko entered the song lyric writing contest, where you take an existing song and write new lyrics to a particular theme. This year's theme was "Gardening Rocks".

*Linda won First Prize!*



Carole Aida's award winning Jewelry showing stones one might find in the Bancroft area.



Awards for EYGC's publications - Newsletter, Yearbook, Brochure and Poster

## Gardening Rocks

*(Sung to the tune of Elvis Presley's Jailhouse Rock)*

The local nursery had a humungous sale  
All the neighbours went, invited by e-mail  
Every shelf was stocked with plants ready to go  
Everyone was ready to sow sow sow

### Chorus

Let's sow, everybody let's sow  
Get outta the house and hoe  
Gonna watch our gardens grow

Widow Jones came for a Canadian Shield Rose  
While Mrs. Wong bought a purple soaker hose  
The DiMiltas sought flats of Roma tomatoes  
And Rabbi Weinstein wanted sedum 'Buttons and Bows'

### Chorus

The garden'n newbies needed a ton of advice  
The school teacher thought some seeds would be nice  
Fountains were asplashin' making lots of sound  
Everywhere you looked native plants could be found

### Chorus

One section devoted to plants liking shade  
Astilbe, impatiens and Hosta 'Michael Wade'  
Pots of sun lovers like coreopsis 'Jade'  
Insured that sales would continue to be made

### Chorus

Lots of happy people left at end of day  
Home they all went, to their gardens to play  
Winter lasts a long time so let's stay outside  
Soon we'll be indoors for long months to hide.

### Chorus

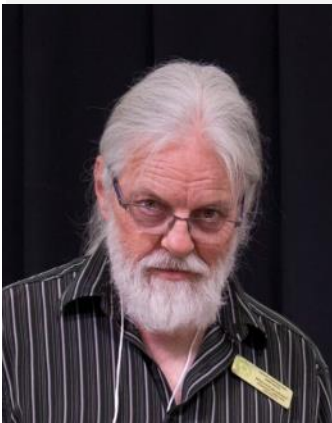
Time to have some parties, open our gardens to all  
Summer's almost over, soon it will be fall  
Dancing and singing with lots of food to eat  
A garden's a work of art and that's no easy feat

### Chorus

Gonna watch our gardens grow (line repeated 4 times)



# OHA District 5 AGM - Kingston



## Malcolm Geast awarded the Silver Fir Award at OHA Convention

Congratulations to Malcolm Geast who was awarded the Silver Fir Award at the OHA Convention in Kingston in July. I had the privilege of accepting the Silver Fir Award on his behalf on the Saturday evening.

The Silver Fir award is given for outstanding service to Horticultural Societies and/or the Ontario Horticultural Association for an extended period.

Malcolm does a lot for EYGC, and he also does so much for other societies and the OHA. These are the words that were given at the awards ceremony presentation:

*"Our second Silver Fir Award winner has been a very active member of the East York Garden Club for over 20 years and is an active member of 6 other societies. As a board member he took on many roles and used his expertise in all things technical to allow us to embrace new technology to promote the society and*

*their activities.*

*He was District Director in 2007 and 2008, and an Assistant District Director from 2009 – present. He is also a judge for District society photography contests, was awarded the District Service Award in 2014, became an East York Garden Club Board member in 1999, and the President from 2003 to 2007.*

*He is the unofficial photographer of OHA Conventions, has been intensively involved in the OHA website for many years, the OHA Historian researching the history of societies throughout the province, the custodian of all OHA Annual Reports and the OHA archives and has been the Trillium Editor since 2016. He is a speaker on various topics such as photography, bugs and the history of OHA.*

*He helped to create, coordinate, plan and execute Get the Jump on Spring at the Toronto Botanical Gardens for the last 12 years, and has been actively involved in the set up for the OHA display panels for the CNE, the booth at Canada Blooms, and helps the Districts collect information and print their brochures.*

*Please join me in recognizing **Malcolm Geast** for the Silver Fir Award."*

Congratulations Malcolm. There will be a special presentation to Malcolm at our September meeting with many District 5 Board members and the Leaside Garden Society President in attendance.

*Barb Fairbanks*



**Gail Gregory's painting "Dawn", not only won first prize, but was sold at the convention!**



**Michael Woods's tapestry "Winter Sunrise Over the St. Lawrence" won first place in Fabric Art, and the "Judges Choice Award".**



# EYGC's Second Annual Fall Plant Sale

Our first effort at having a plant sale in the autumn last year was quite successful. We raised some money for the Club and gave our members a chance to divide their plants and purchase new ones. We held it in a member's driveway and as it happened, it was open to the passing public. So, we are going to try it again.

**We will still keep it simple with everything being priced at \$3.**

## *Here is the information you need:*

**Date:** *Saturday September 29th*

**Hours:** *10:00am to 2:00pm*

**Location:** *Diane & Peter Ronan's driveway at 7 Norlong Blvd*

**Drop-off Details:** *Friday Sept 28th evening 6:00 to 7:00pm or Saturday morning 8:00am to 9:30am*

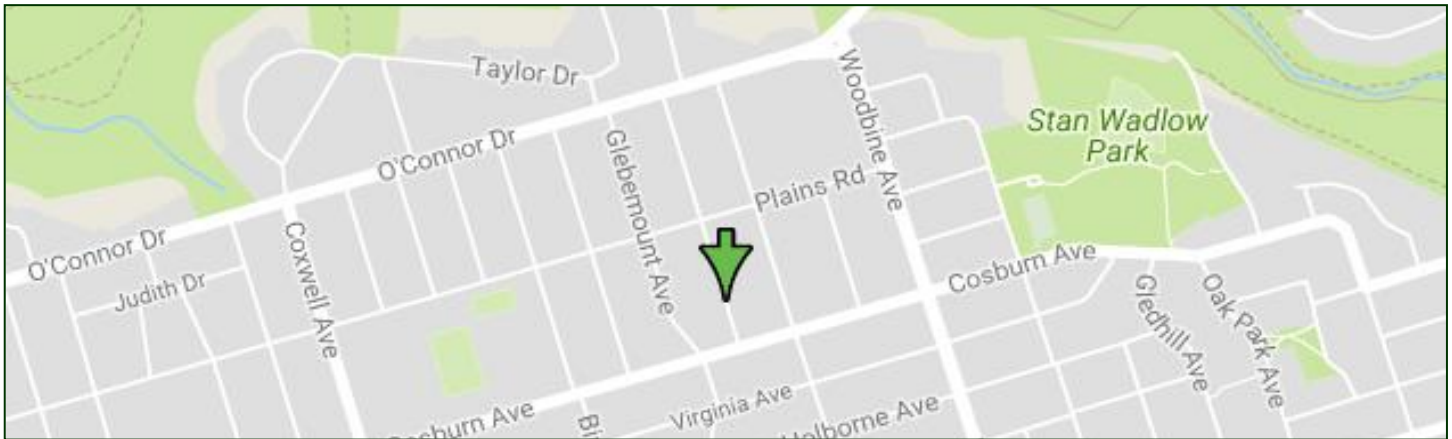
How to label: Same as our regular plant sale—name, colour, height/width, sun/shade and any other information that would be helpful (on a label, or stick)

Types of Plants: In a clean pot, or bagged, any perennial you might be dividing. Check out this website for the how-to and some ideas of what to divide

<http://www.finegardening.com/10-tips-dividing-perennial-plants>

**WE DO NOT WANT:** Big bushes, trees, whole huge plants, unhealthy plants, invasive plants such as Vinca and Goutweed! We do not want any seeds, empty pots, magazines, garden tools.

**WE DO WANT:** VOLUNTEERS to help keep plants organized, work as cashiers, be advice givers and site suggesters, help take plants in and out of cars, tidy up at the end.



**Last Year's First Fall Plant Sale on Alan & Michael's Driveway with volunteers Mary Lou Burt and Lynda Tanner**



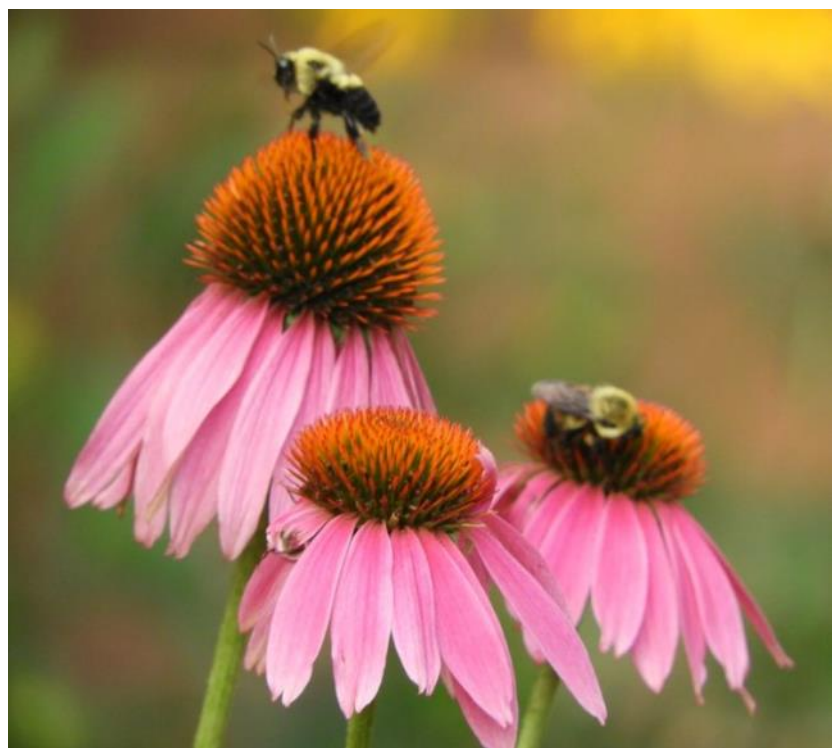
# Benefits of a Wildlife Friendly Garden

Last year as part of our Canada 150 celebrations, we followed up on the suggestion by EYGC member Diane Ronan, that we encourage our members to consider having their gardens certified by the Canadian Wildlife Federation, as a Wildlife Friendly Habitat. As many of you know, we had over 50 members successfully certify their gardens.

Hopefully there are more EYGC members out there that are considering getting their gardens certified, as the program developed and initiated by the CWF is an excellent one, and we all benefit when our gardens are wildlife friendly.

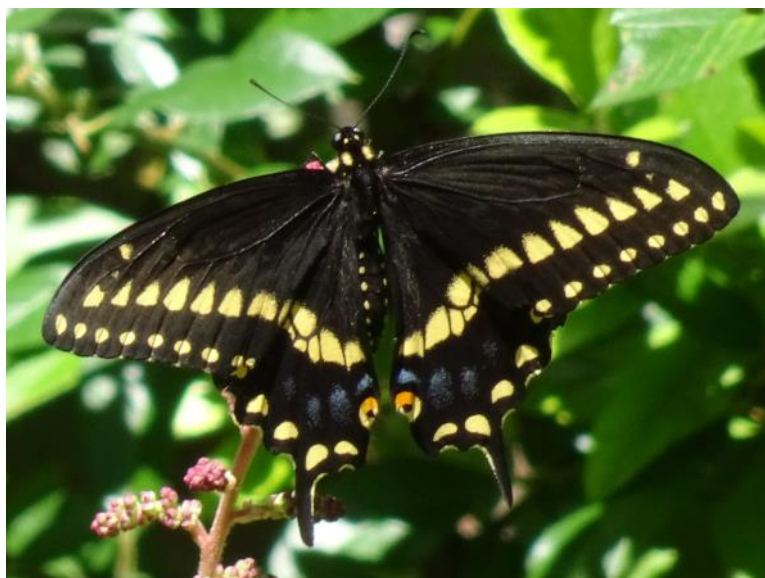
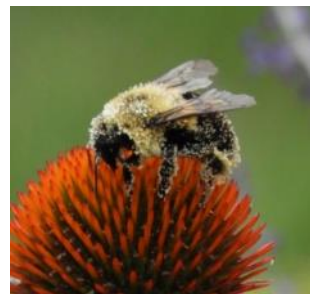
As enticement to any members who may be sitting on the fence about certification, we offer these delightful photos of the kinds of wildlife that you could see in a wildlife friendly garden...

*Photographs in this special wildlife montage are courtesy of the following members: Jennifer Smith, Austra Gulens, Peter Ronan, and Michael Woods.*





# Benefits of a Wildlife Friendly Garden





# EYGC Logowear 2018



The new logowear with our new EYGC logo is now available to order!

We have made a selection of five items to offer to you this year, and the price list with photos is shown on the next page.

We will be taking orders for all of these items at the September meeting. The T-shirts come in sizes from small to 5XL and we will have a chart for the larger sizes and actual shirts for sizes S-XL. We will have actual samples of the aprons and tote bags for you to see, and the embroidered patch will be approximately 3 1/2 " by 2".

We bought some of the aprons for volunteers to wear when they are working at flower shows, teas and sales, but decided to offer the aprons to members too for their own purchase.

We encourage everyone to buy a mug, so that we can reduce if not eliminate the use of Styrofoam cups at our meetings. The stainless steel mugs are good travelers!






Apron models are, Back row L-R: Linda Boyko, Cristina Brown, Barb Fairbanks, Lynda Tanner, & Rosemary Vandierendonck. Front row L-R: Lesley Grimshaw, Anita Millar, & Jacqueline Tanner.



# EYGC Logowear - Price List

2018

Item	Description	Price (each)
<b>T-Shirt</b> 	100% Cotton preshrunk jersey, 10 oz. Ultra Cotton® Classic Fit Adult T-Shirt Seamless double needle 7/8" collar Double needle topstitched neckline Double stitched sleeve and waist hems Seamless collar - taped neck/shoulders Quarter turned body—no center crease Comes in 8 sizes Printed logo, large, centre chest	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Embroidered Patch</b> 	Full colour embroidered patch Add to your favourite existing shirt, hat, bag, backpack, etc.	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Apron</b> 	Short bib apron 27" Wide x 24" Long Three 9" Wide x 9" Long Pockets Adjustable neck strap 65/35 Poly/Cotton-7.25 oz. Fabric	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Tote Bag</b> 	Metro look & modern functional design Spacious main compartment with 14" laptop compartment & padded tablet pocket Side and front slash pockets give you immediate access to your phone, water bottle, etc. Wide cotton shoulder strap 16-oz cotton canvas with vinyl accents. Size: (14-1/2" x 13" x 3-1/4") Embroidered logo on front pocket	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>Mug</b> 	Double-walled construction insulates your drink, keeping it the desired temperature longer, while also making it comfortable to hold. Perfect for coffee, tea, water, etc. Chip-proof, crack-proof, great to bring to meetings, and eliminate plastic cups Size: 266 mL (9-oz). (Won't empty the coffee urn with one fill...) One-colour logo imprint opposite the handle.	<b>\$10.00</b>



# EYGC Logowear 2018 - Ordering

We had a table at our August meeting where you could place your orders for logowear items, and we will also have a table at our September meeting where you can place your orders. Payment is required at the time of order placement. See the previous page for the selection and pricelist.

If getting to meetings isn't your thing, you can order items using the form below. Simply fill out the information requested, and place the form in an envelope along with your payment, and deliver to the East York Garden Club, c/o Michael Woods, 72 Binswood Avenue, East York, Ontario, M4C 3N7. You can drop your order off through the mail slot in the side door. Please make any cheques payable to "East York Garden Club".

If you want to hand your order to a real person, you can call me at 416-424-4539, and we can arrange a time for you to drop off your order and payment to me. We will be ordering the items for delivery in October.

*Thanks,  
Michael Woods, Branding Committee Chair*



*To use this form, print off this page, and fill it out with the items that you want to order. Total up your order and enclose payment. Drop off at the address listed above, or call the number listed to arrange a time to hand in your order. Thank you for your order!*

## EYGC Logowear Order Form

Name

Phone No.

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Item	Quantity	Size	Unit Cost	Ext. Cost
Mug			\$10.00	
Apron			\$30.00	
Embroidered Patch			\$5.00	
Tote Bag			\$45.00	
T-Shirt (You must show size)			\$10.00	
<b>Total Order</b> (Payment Enclosed) (Taxes are already included)				

T-Shirt Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL.



## September Flower Show Reminder

On Thursday September 20th we will have our final flower show for 2018. We have had great success with all our shows so far with new members competing and outstanding displays. Our September show will be beautiful.

New this year is our "First-Timer" class and this month it is A-15 a rose, any kind. If you haven't competed prior to 2018, this is for you as you will only be competing with fellow novices.

The design theme this month is "Country Living" with a variety of design classes such as "Spool of Thread" a small design and "Harvest" a design using a Mason jar.

If you have not competed before, or if you are a seasoned competitor, check out the yellow section of your yearbook (or our website [www.eygc.ca](http://www.eygc.ca)) to see what you can possibly enter.

We have great volunteers who can help you once you bring your entries to the clubhouse between 6:30pm and 7:20pm.



## *EYGC Seed Exchange* *Thursday, October 18th, 2018*

Our annual seed exchange will take place at the October meeting. You don't have to bring seeds to take seeds, but if you are contributing seeds please try to provide as much information as possible:

*Plant name, annual/perennial, colour, height/spread, sun/shade, bloom time, etc. All this information is very helpful to the lucky recipients of your seeds, and should appear on the envelopes that you prepare. Please note that all seeds are to be in envelopes or packages. No loose seeds, and no "Bulk Barn" style seeds in a bucket...*

*All seeds are welcome!*

In past years, we have had a large number of contributions which made for a very successful Seed Exchange. So, please remember to check your gardens this Fall and bring some seeds to the **October** meeting!



July 27



July 28



Thank you to Lynda Tanner who sent in these photos of her 'Campfire' rose.

The 'Campfire' rose was named after a painting by the Canadian painter Tom Thomson. The rose has some of the same smouldering colours as the painting, and changes colour over the course of the bloom.

Even Lynda was surprised at the changes in colour to these blooms after only 24 hours! They start out yellow, and gradually become more pink. I guess with our late starting season this year, this rose didn't want to waste any time!





## Carved Pumpkin Competition at the October Meeting

For the 6<sup>th</sup> year, we are running the Carved Pumpkin Contest again, and, with many new members we hope to have an exciting competition!

Use your creativity to carve a masterpiece and bring your pumpkin work of art to the October 18th meeting. Our members will vote with pennies for their favourite and ribbons will be awarded.

**Only one pumpkin entry per member. Accessories allowed. Pumpkin must have a name or title. Entry tags available at the meeting. Pumpkins to be in place by 7:15pm. Voting starts at 7:15 and closes at 7:45pm.**

**Please put a reminder on your fridge or in your technology of choice, choose your pumpkin—large or small it is up to you, get out your carving knife and test your skills!**

## Books, Books, Books



## Book Sale at our October meeting!

This year we are planning a gardening-related book sale at the October meeting. Yes, the seed exchange and the carved pumpkin contest will still be on—this is an added bonus.

Everything will be “Priced to Sell”!

We would like your gardening-related books that are in relatively good condition and not smelly (musty, catty). No magazines please. You may bring them to the September meeting or email/call me to arrange a place where you can drop them off before the October meeting for us to price in advance.

*Barb Fairbanks*



### Wanted for EYGC:

**Two (2) members to join the Executive Board of an exciting, creative, friendly, growing garden club.**

To keep the Club as active as it is, with the momentum that we have, takes some work and a wonderful organizing team, AKA “The Board”. You may have some skills that we can use and you would like to expand upon. You may be newly retired, or retired for a while or someone with a full-time job who wants to do more. We have a variety of committees and events that can use your leadership and/or enthusiastic and effective participation starting in November 2018.

**Contact Barb Fairbanks as soon as possible to chat about what is involved.**





**Volunteers Shauna Brown & Linda Heath at the EYGC table at the East York Farmers' Market.**



## Winner of July's Draw...

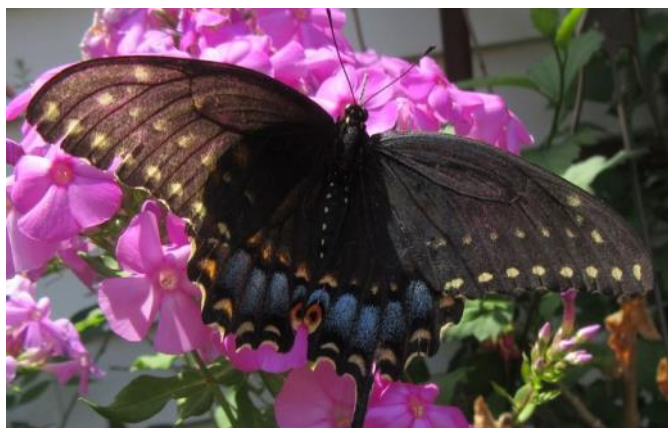
Ken Sugamori's granddaughter was the lucky winner of the "Li'l Green Sprouts Kit". Mariko is almost 3 and is enjoying her new garden kit.



## Two Visitors in One Day at My Garden

By Sonia Van Heerden

On July 20 I first had a Black Swallowtail Butterfly appear on my pink phlox. Though the main host plant for its caterpillar is Queen Anne's Lace, I do not have any. It also loves milkweed, but all mine have finished blooming and have gone to seed pods. It instead picked the phlox and spent a lot of time on this plant, hovering in a windy day. This butterfly has a large black body and was a female with its two lines of pale yellow dots and also the bright blue areas on its hindwings (which the male does not have) and the 2 bright orange spots on the hindwings. I noticed that this butterfly did not have one swallowtail on its hindwing. Its wings are so thin you can almost see the pink flowers below it. This butterfly would be from the second brood in mid-July, and would winter in the area as a chrysalis.



Then on a hosta nearby I saw an infrequent migrant, a Checkered White Butterfly female with the male hovering over her wanting to mate. This butterfly is usually seen closer to Lake Ontario.



The Monarch has been around daily along with the Red Admiral which the Monarch has chased away.



# The 2018 Annual Flower Show & Tea

*We had a lovely weather day for our Annual Flower Show and Tea on Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>. The flower show impressed the judges as usual and they were more than happy to use their skills in all the sections in the show schedule.*

We had a total of 303 entries in 82 different classes from horticultural specimens, potted plants, hanging plants, dish gardens, herbs, fruit and vegetables and designs. We had 23 members competing, including 2 first-timers!

## ***The Awards:***

***Best in Show:*** Vera Stoyanoff for her mixed herb planter

***Best cut Specimen:*** Alan Barber for his huge hibiscus flower

***Best Rose:*** Vera Stoyanoff for her rose floating in a bowl

***Best Hanging Planter:*** Vera Stoyanoff for her pink begonia

***Best Collection of Flowers:*** Vera Stoyanoff

***Best Potted Plant:*** Daisy Auer for her Malaysian Bougainvillea

***Best Vegetable:*** Daisy Auer for her bitter melon

***Best Design:*** Vera Stoyanoff for her "Taste of the Danforth" parallel design

Thank you to our competitors, our volunteers and our judges (and to Mary Lou Burt for providing a wonderful lunch for the judges). The show would be nothing without you.

Considering that the Woodbine-O'Connor intersection was closed and there was a baseball tournament using a lot of the parking, we still sold almost 100 teas! Once again we had the tea room with some outdoor space. The tea room was as popular as usual--full of members, members of other garden clubs and members of the public. We had a plentiful supply of baking and sandwiches to put on the buffet table. Cold drinks were dispensed along with the tea and coffee.

Roz's raffle sold a good number of tickets with three lucky winners: Valerie Saunders, Sylvia McHugh and a member from the Riverdale Hort Society. The photo contest was colourful and votes for favourites were cast by many. We took orders for our new logo t-shirts, tote bags, badges, mugs and aprons. Many of our volunteers wore the aprons the Club purchased for events—they looked spiffy! Our speaker, Peter Keeping, spoke on "Growing Clematis". He was very encouraging and did not have nearly enough time! We ended the day auctioning off the big bouquets that Mary's team put together from all the entries in the flower show.

*Thank you to each and every one of you who brought in delicacies for the tea, sold tickets, greeted guests, poured, plated, served, wiped & washed, packed, wrapped, photographed, clerked, set up, cleaned up, displayed, gathered, purchased tickets and participated in any way. Thank you to all our guests for coming to our Annual Flower Show and Tea and supporting EYGC once again.*







**Judges Examining the Entries**



**The People's Choice Photo Awards, & the Auction in Full Swing**



**Relaxing with Tea & Cookies**



**Lovely Bouquets of show flowers Lining Up for the Floral Auction**



**A Wide Variety of Impressive Award Winning Fruits & Vegetables and some Bright Sunny Sunflowers**



**Tomatoes are a Popular Vegetable, Including Several Heirloom Varieties, with Many Colourful Winners**





**Alan Barber's Best Cut Specimen (Hibiscus)**



**Daisy Auer's Best Potted Plant**



**Daisy Auer's Best Vegetable (Bitter Melon)**



**First Prizes from L-R: Kimberley Hewitt, Jean Quinn, Daisy Auer, and also Vera Stoyanoff's Best Rose**





**Kimberley Hewitt's "Nuit Blanche" Design**



**Vera Stoyanoff's Dish Garden and Peppers**



**A Couple of First Prize Winning Floral Designs**



**Vera Stoyanoff's Winning Arrangements, including Best Design, and Best Collection of Flowers**



# Canada Day Celebrations with EYGC



It was a glorious event which was blessed with sunshine and *steamy* hot weather all day.

We had a good group of marchers this year, including some who “popped up” on route. This added to the excitement, as did seeing fellow members, family and friends greeting our gang from the crowds of spectators. We were proudly led by our beautiful East York Garden Club banner.

Meanwhile, over at Stan Wadlow Park our numerous volunteers were busy selling plants that were donated by our generous members. Generous isn't the word! A big thanks goes out to all our team who made the day very successful.

**Make sure you don't miss it next year!**



## It's still "Pop-Up" Time! *Share your Garden with EYGC members...*

We encourage everyone to think about doing a "Pop-Up". Your garden can be large, small or a work in progress. It's an opportunity to socialize with fellow members and to share knowledge.

You can arrange it in advance or give us at least 2 days notice to send out an email blast and make phone calls. If you are able to open your garden more than once during the year – Great! - Because then we see it through the changing seasons. If you can arrange two viewing times on one day, it allows members more flexibility to plan their visit. But it's really whatever works best for you. You are the one sharing!

Access to the gardens is exclusive to EYGC members.

If you want to pop-up your garden, please contact: **Diane Ronan Tel: 416-421-9604** or  
**Email: [barb.fairbanks-eygc@bell.net](mailto:barb.fairbanks-eygc@bell.net)**



*Here is a selection of photos from some of the gardens that were popped-up earlier this year...*

## Tickets Still Available: EYGC 2018 Bus Tour

*On Sunday September 9th we'll visit:*  
**Whistling Gardens...** a must see garden.

We'll have a tour & then time to purchase plants.



Next we'll go  
to a buffet  
lunch...



Then we visit the **Bell Homestead** in Brantford

*Local produce & baked goods will be  
available at our last stop.*

Cost \$85 for EYGC, OHA members  
\$20 extra for non-members  
(for membership fee)

All taxes & gratuities are included

**For Remaining Tickets Call:  
Rosalind Regnier: 416-759-6247**



# Hey, What's Going On?

Dates:	Title:	For More Info Contact:
May-September January-March	Guided Tours of Allan Gardens Conservatory Greenhouses - Conducted By the TBG	<a href="https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/explore/tours/allan-gardens-tours-city-escape/">https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/explore/tours/allan-gardens-tours-city-escape/</a>
08-Sep-2018	Master Gardeners of Niagara Plant Sale, at the Vineland Research Centre in Vineland, ON, 9:00am to 12:00pm	<a href="#">Master Gardeners of Niagara</a>
12-Sep-2018	Smartphone Nature Photography for Beginners, at the Toronto Botanical Gardens	<a href="https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/">https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/</a>
13-Sep-2018	Planting Containers for Fall, 7:30 at the Leaside Library 165 McCrae Drive, by the Leaside Garden Society	<a href="http://www.leasidegardensociety.org/">http://www.leasidegardensociety.org/</a>
21-Sep-2018	North American Plant Society - Walking Tour of a Carolinian Forest	<a href="http://nanps.org/excursions/">nanps.org/excursions/</a>
27-Sep-2018	"Edible Wild Berries - Iconic Canadian Food", Lecture by Nancy Turner, at the TBG	<a href="https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/">https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/</a>
Every Thursday	Organic Farmers' Market at the Toronto Botanical Gardens, 2:00 to 7:00	<a href="https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/">https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/</a>
On-Going	Certify Your Garden Through The Canadian Wildlife Federation	<a href="http://cwf-fcf.org/en/explore-our-work/connecting-with-nature/in-the-garden/get-certified/?src=ws">http://cwf-fcf.org/en/explore-our-work/connecting-with-nature/in-the-garden/get-certified/?src=ws</a>

*This list is to alert you to some of what's going on horticulturally in Toronto and the surrounding areas. Comprehensive information about each event is not listed here. We don't have the space for that, but if you see something that interests you, then please explore it further on your own.*

*If you go to any of these events, please let us know all about your experience. Thanks!*

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# THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS BUSINESSES

EYGC member, **Dan Heath**, has been very busy continuing to help Roz Regnier gather prizes for our club to give out throughout the year, up to and including our big AGM in November. These gifts enhance an already great program for you, our 220+ members. At this time, we would like to acknowledge their support of our club and encourage you to visit their stores:

Car Spa Toronto - St. Clair & O'Connor

Chapters Indigo - Kennedy Commons

Cineplex - Eglinton Town Centre

Costco - Warden & Ellesmere

Dairy Queen - Broadview

Freshco - Victoria Park and Gerrard

Loblaws - Victoria Park & Gerrard

Metro - Victoria Park & Danforth

Pizza Nova - Head Office

Shoppers Drug Mart - Danforth at Coxwell

Sobeys - Broadview

And from *Nelson Education Ltd* on Birchmount

visit their website: [www.nelson.com](http://www.nelson.com)

*Thanks Dan!*





# The Back Page Garden...

Show us your backyard! (or front yard, or balcony...)

Send a photo of your garden at its best, or at your favourite time of year. Show your whole yard, or a cozy corner, or a particular "vignette" that you love and would like to share with EYGC members.

Be selective and send only one or two photos, preferably in jpeg format, and fairly high resolution is best for clarity. No flower close-ups here, those are for the front page...

Send to the newsletter at:  
[woods-eygc@bell.net](mailto:woods-eygc@bell.net)

*Shown to the right is Jennifer Smith's Garden and window boxes*



## *Here we Grow Again...Welcome New EYGC Members*

Please join us in welcoming our most recent members:

*Elizabeth Binnington, Lisa Bunn, Caitlin Porter, Mike Santoro,  
Kathleen Waters, Heather Whetstone*



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:

**October 22nd, 2018**

Please email your comments regarding our newsletter, or your submissions for the next issue, to

**Michael Woods** at:

[woods-eygc@bell.net](mailto:woods-eygc@bell.net)

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