

Issue Date: 2020
January February

The East York Garden



Next Meetings:

Photo: Rhododendron with snow Credit: Alan Barber

Thursday January 16th, 2020, 7:30PM

Topic: "Manual Control Strategies for Invasive Phragmites"

Speaker: Lynn Short

Lynn will discuss the problems associated with invasive Phragmites, how to identify it, methods of manual control and benefits of Phragmites removal. She will also present her research results from the past 4 summers in Tiny Township.

Lynn is a part-time professor at Humber College. She is the Environmental Stewardship Coordinator at the Humber Arboretum for the Learning by Leading Program for college students focusing on native plant restoration and invasive plant control. In 2016, Severn Sound Environmental Association presented her with the Bob Whittam Environmental Award.

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

Remember the January Peoples Choice Photo Contest, Topic: "A Garden in Winter"

Thursday Feb. 20th, 2020, 7:30PM

Topic: "Historic Gardens of Spadina House"

Speaker: Wendy Woodsworth

The rehabilitation of the grounds was undertaken in 1983-4. There are historic photos and photos of the progression of the gardens through the years since. Wendy has an Honours BSc. degree from U of T.

She is currently the Heritage Horticulturist for the Museums section of the City Of Toronto's Culture Division. She works at Spadina Historic House and Gardens, and is involved in the historic rehabilitation of the gardens at Spadina Museum and the on-going care and curation of the gardens and grounds. All of the annuals and vegetables that are planted out are raised from seeds or cuttings in the 1913 greenhouse.

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

Remember the February Peoples Choice Photo Contest, Topic: "The Colour RED"



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
July, 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:

Cristina Brown at:
416-755-9077

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Diane Dyson

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Rosalind Regnier

Newsletter Editor/Art Director:
Michael Woods



A Reminder about Advertising

We will accept one advertisement, free of charge each
calendar year

- ♦ The member advertising must be a current member
of EYGC
- ♦ The advertisement must be ***garden-related***
- ♦ The advertisement will appear in only the **March-
April newsletter**
- ♦ The advertisement is subject to executive approval
- ♦ A print-ready advert would be required, business
card sized
- ♦ Submitted as PDF or JPEG or a scanned business
card

**You may send your advertisement to Diane
Dyson at gardenclub@eygc.ca no later than
February 1, 2020.**

All ads to be approved by the EYGC Board.

Cover Photo

Have you got a photo that says to you:
*"This is March & April in my
East York Garden"*

Send it in to the newsletter for a chance to be on the
cover of the next or future Newsletter!
(Landscape format is best)
woods-eygc@bell.net

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*Alan Barber, Mary Lou Burt, Dianne Cavanaugh,
Barbara Fairbanks, Malcolm Geast, Wendy Plume,
Rick Plume, Anne Stanley, Michael Woods*

Message from EYGC's President



Prez Patch
by Diane Dyson

A story in my family says my Irish and Scottish ancestors fell off the boat in Toronto and headed north first by stagecoach to Holland Marsh and then further north again to settle on the land of the Chippewa of Rama. They would have lived alongside the First Peoples of southern Ontario: the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, the Anishinabeg, and most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit.

This is a land with an ancient history. Twelve thousand years ago, most of East York was under water, covered by the greater Lake Iroquois. East York's Bennington Heights marks one point of an old shoreline which still shapes our roadways. The clay sediment left behind makes for some heavy garden digging now. Each shovelful connects us back to those who lived here before.

We who garden are intimately connected to the land and its creatures. We learn the names of its flora and fauna. We watch the seasons carefully. The soil clomps our shoes. We love what surrounds us. (or sometimes not, that danged Dog-Strangling Vine). Indeed, East Yorkers have long protected the ravines, the fauna, and the parks that ring the community. Each time we move into and through our gardens, we become a part of the deep history of a land that has been shared for millennia.

So, beginning at our meeting in January 2020, the executive of the East York Garden Club have agreed we will begin our meetings with a Land Acknowledgement, of the first caretakers of this place, and the charge we have assumed to do the same for the next generations through the treaties which cover this land. It seems a fitting pause at the start of our meeting, to think of the land, its people and living things upon it. It won't be set as a *pro forma* recitation but as a chance to reflect, to be thankful, and to learn. Gardeners, if anything, know the importance of thinking about our roots.

To follow this learning, I want to first thank Barbara Fairbanks, our outgoing president, and also the many other members of the East York Garden Club (EYGC) who have made it one of the most fervent places in our community. EYGC Members enjoy the annual tea, numerous flower shows, a bus tour of gardens around Peterborough, pop-up garden tours and plant sales. Our monthly meetings regularly draw close to 100 people with speakers from our own expert members, like Anna Leggatt and Stephen Smith, to partners from the Botanical Gardens and Field Naturalists. I am already excited about the coming year.

EYGC is part of the Ontario Horticultural Society, District 5, which stretches north to the shores of Lake Simcoe, and the provincial OHA. If you are interested in joining colleagues from around the province, look for the announcements in this and upcoming newsletters.

Our new Board has been busy planning more activities for another great new year. Watch for the flower shows - they are all puns on the theme 20/20 Vision. Do be sure to pick up your yearbook at the January meeting where you can pore through all the fun we will have together.

Grow on!

Diane, gardenclub@eygc.ca



EYGC Board of Directors 2020



The new board for 2020: Roz Regnier, Susan Bartlett, Jacqueline Tanner, Nola McConnan, Cristina Brown, Diane Dyson (President), Joyce Crook, Michael Woods, Paul Sarjeant, Lynda Tanner, Barb Foster, Kim Hewitt, Anita Millar, Rosemary Vandierendonck, Barb Fairbanks

Speaker Schedule for 2020

Date	Speaker	Subject
16-Jan-20	Lynn Short	Manual Control Strategies for Invasive Phragmites
20-Feb-20	Wendy Woodsworth	Historic Gardens of Spadina House
19-Mar-20	Paul Zammit	Conserving Water in the Garden
16-Apr-20	Wolfe Bonham	Landscape Lighting: Night Gardening
21-May-20	Terry Whittam & Betty McColloch	Monarch Butterflies
18-Jun-20	Joan Bostock, Toronto Master Gardener	Growing the Romantics: Roses, Peonies and Irises
<i>July 2020</i>	<i>No Meeting</i>	
15-Aug-20	Annual Flower Show and Tea	
17-Sep-20	Susan Walmer	The Oak Ridges Moraine, Flora & Fauna
15-Oct-20	Emma Biggs	Gardening with Emma
20-Nov-20	<i>AGM and Potluck Dinner</i>	

Toronto Garden Awards - Tenant Gardens

In the last newsletter we highlighted some of the winners of the City of Toronto Garden Awards. There was another winner that we wanted to highlight in this newsletter. This was a special award for a garden at an apartment building in Scarborough at Guildwood Village. The apartment management provides the area for the garden, and within the garden there are individual plots available to interested tenants to look after. EYGC's own Helen Koski lives there, and we asked her to tell us a little more about it.



Tenant Gardens

By Helen Koski

I live on the tenth floor of an apartment in Guildwood Village. After caring for an East York bungalow and garden for 34 years, I now look over Lake Ontario and the Guild Woods. I have the privilege of seeing my own garden plot, one of twelve, tucked away on the edge of Scarborough Bluffs.

Management provides the plot, the water and a small shed for shared tools. The elbow grease and creativity is provided by the gardeners. The results can be astounding, and all the tenants are welcome to enjoy the colours, the textures and the myriads of Birds, Bees Butterflies, and if lucky my resident Chipmunk, "Freddie the Freeloader", or a deer.

This past summer, we were on the first Guildwood Pollinator tour, as the David Suzuki Foundation gifted us with over 60 Pollinator plants, which we shared. One of mine, a *Liatris*, attracted a plethora of Bees. About 6 Swamp Milkweeds now thrive in the gardens.

To top off a wonderful growing season, our Manager, Arlene Hoehn, accepted the City of Toronto Award for having a Tenant garden, a worthy endeavour for any City apartment.

As ever,

Helen Koski



Miscellaneous Notices



Did you get one of the Christmas Cactuses that were the centrepieces at our AGM and Pot Luck Dinner this year? Not sure how to take care of your new plant? Here are some tips to help keep your plant healthy and growing:

- Bright light without too much direct sunlight
- Keep moist but not wet
- Temperatures between 15C and 21C (60-70F)
- Likes high humidity (sit on a tray filled with pebbles and water)
- Doesn't like drafts
- Enjoy!

Spring Plant Sale Change



As outlined in the Flower Show Changes for 2020, the Board decided to move our April Flower Show to May.

This means that the Spring Plant Sale that used to be at our May Meeting will now be held on **Saturday June 6th, 2020.**

Having the Plant Sales on a separate date from our meetings greatly improves the logistics of organizing the sales, as we found out with our Fall Plant Sale. Plants can be dropped off ahead of time, and the sale can easily overflow into the Sunday if necessary without having to re-locate any unsold plants.

We thank Diane & Peter Ronan, and also Michael Woods & Alan Barber, for volunteering their driveways for our future Sales.

We hope that our first Flower Show of the Year now being at our May meeting, will result in a lot more entries, regardless of when Spring decides to arrive.



A Secret Santa left us 6 gift cards from **Sheridan Nurseries and Lee Valley Tools**. These gift cards were some of the items in the door prize packages at this year's AGM.

We would like to say:

"Thank you Santa"

2019 Flower Show Round Up

Thank you to the 35 members for bringing a total of 583 horticultural specimens, plants, fruit and vegetables, preserves and designs to the four flower shows of 2019. 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 2019. Congratulations also to Rosemary Vandierendonck for winning the Anna Leggatt Novice Award. Our second place winner by points is Daisy Auer and third place winner is Anne Stanley.

Thank you to all the volunteers and board members who helped at flower shows from start to finish, and to the 2019 Flower Show Committee for planning a great season of designs. Thank you also to our Flower Show Chairs: Linda Boyko, Cristina Brown and Claudette Levesque and to our Judge Coordinator, Linda Heath. Well done everyone!

Barb Fairbanks

Flower Show Co-Coordinator



A Selection of Members Winning Photos



Wendy Plume

Here is a selection of some of the winners in the Fall Photo Contest. More photos would be shown if more had been sent to the newsletter. If you won any award, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or HM, please send a digital copy to the newsletter so we can publish them in the next issue. *Thank you.*



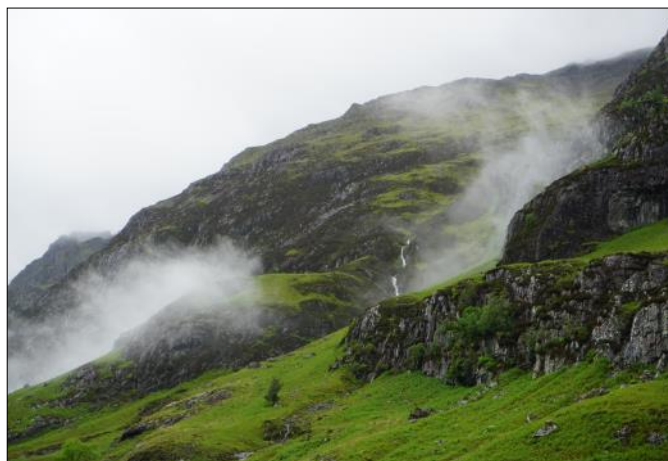
Anne Stanley



Anne Stanley



Wendy Plume



Alan Barber

A Selection of Members Winning Photos



John Karpenko



Wendy Plume



Michael Woods



Michael Woods



Wendy Plume

Pop-Up Gardens - Year in Review

Pop-Up Gardens in 2019

We had a terrific year of Pop-Up garden events this year.

In May, our Pop-Up garden tours started and continued with 26 events through October. We had some new gardens to see this year and some hosts popped up in the different seasons to allow us to see and appreciate all the changes in a garden.

Pop-Up gardens give us lots to see and great social time with members. New this year we had plant sales by the host gardener. All proceeds went to the Club and accounted for \$388 in sales. Thank you to our hosts and purchasers.

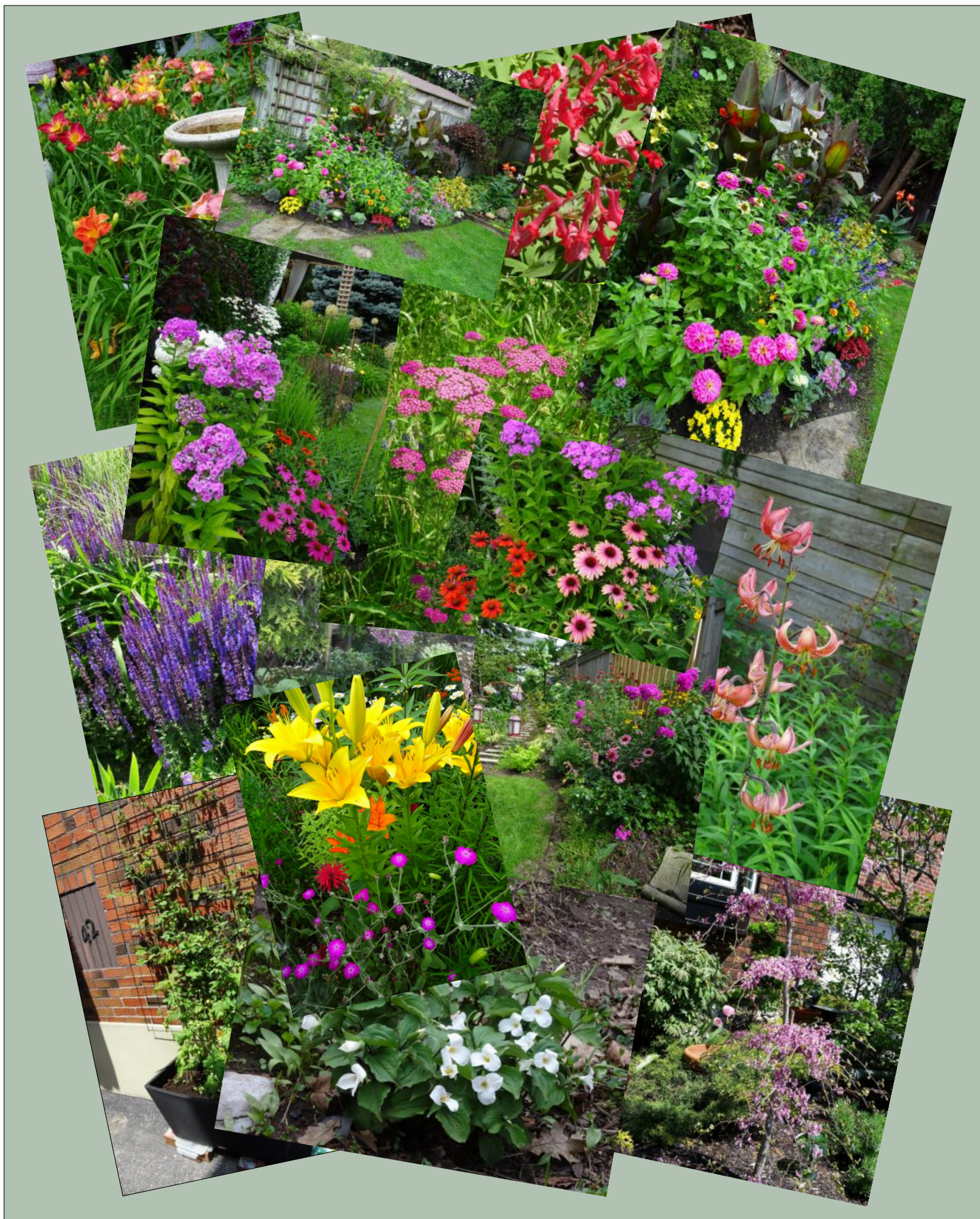
Those who popped up this year: Rob Norquay & Chris Johnson, Alan Barber & Michael Woods, Nola McConnan, Dianne Cavanaugh, Bonnie & John Howes, Mary Lou Burt, Diane & Peter Ronan, Rosalind Regnier, Sue Munro, Anita Millar, Anna & Sandy Leggatt, Anne Stanley, Helen Koski & Nancy Stelfox, Austra Gulens, Jennifer Smith, Janet Zablocki, Veronica Callinan and Daisy & Karl Auer.

I will continue to coordinate the Pop-Ups in 2020 and I look forward to asking some never-before-seen gardeners to show off their lovely work. Don't be intimidated—we gardeners don't expect perfection and we love to see garden work in progress and we enjoy getting and giving suggestions!

Barb Fairbanks



Pop-Up Gardens - Year in Review



EYGC AGM 2019 Wrap Up



Checking Out the Photos Entered in the Fall Photo Contest



Novice Award Winner Rosemary Vandierendonck presented to by Anna Leggatt



Incoming President Diane Dyson, Roz Regnier, Dan Heath and Hugh Piercey presenting outgoing President Barb Fairbanks with her thank you gift for all of her exemplary work over the past 4 years

EYGC AGM 2019 Wrap Up



Anita Millar, Malcolm Geast, Photo Trophy Winner Anna Leggatt, and Linda Boyko



Cristina & Linda Presenting the Flower Show Trophy to Vera Stoyanoff

EYGC AGM 2019 Wrap Up

The President's Awards

Outgoing President Barbara Fairbanks presents the President's Awards to several EYGC members whose continued involvement with the garden club have helped us succeed.



Rebecca Hirst



Jennifer Smith



Barb Foster



Mary Lou Burt



Rick Plume



Dennis Jones



Newsletter Articles ✓ Publicity ✓ Flower Shows

Greeters ✓ Audio Visual

Pop-Up Gardens ✓ Photo Contests ✓ Canada Day

Plant Sales ✓ Bus Tours ✓ Refreshments

Membership Renewals ✓ Community Projects

Seed Exchange ✓ Speakers ✓ Workshops

Annual General Meeting

Communications ✓ Administration



YOUR HELP FOR 2020!



We really want our members to be involved in organizing and participating in our activities and events by wanting to be on committees.

Your participation can be part of the planning team, or 'on the day' set up or overseer or both. We need to know now where you would like to help out.

Depending on the committee and the number of events within that activity, your involvement may be small or big. For example: one single meeting or many meetings as part of a group or team or with just the committee coordinator (may be phone or email in addition or instead of a physical meeting).

For more information to see how you can lend a hand in 2020, contact:

DIANE DYSON:

416-469-5593

gardenclub@eygc.ca

Flower Show Information

Flower Show Changes for 2020

The Flower Show Committee has made a few changes to the 2020 Flower Show schedule and a few reminders:

- There will be no flower show in April! We have moved it to May!
- Entries for the monthly shows (April, June and September) will continue to be **restricted to only one entry per competitor per class**
- For each of the monthly shows (April, June and September) we continue to have a **class in the “Cut Specimens” section that is just for first-timers**. These first-timers have NEVER competed in a show prior to 2020. 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 2020 shows.
- **There are a few tweaks to the cut specimen sections.** Please fully read through the Flower Show Schedule in the yearbook to see any changes.

Green Onions

Do you regularly buy green onions? Well you don't need to anymore. My friend Lily Shigetomi told me about this but I'm too lazy to walk out into my garden so I decided to place the onions in a pot on my sunny kitchen window. Just place the bulbs in potting soil & water regularly. When needed remove the tops but leave the white bulbs. My pot has been going since July.

Happy cooking.

Rosalind Regnier



Welcome to all New Members in 2019

All of these people joined the East York Garden Club in 2019:

Stein Hansen, Trude Hansen, Doris Thom, Edward Thom, Christine Oddy, Karen Farnocchi, Linda Puder, Michelle Puder, Cassandra Colbere, Paula Fletcher, Rose Healy, Veronica Sliva, Hollis Bent, Sandi Cook, Brenda Percy, Michelle Percy, Joan Williams, Eric Arm, Marian Cassells, Isabelle Kuczynski, Jim Howe, Patricia Howe, Peter Lagosky, Glenn Jacobsen, Karen Jacobsen, Anna Waldvogel, Nancy Makepeace and Jaro Kratina

Please join us in welcoming all of them to the garden club.



Notices to Members



Photographs will be taken at many East York Garden Club (EYGC) meetings and events.

It is assumed that by attending an EYGC meeting or event you are giving tacit approval for your image to be used in EYGC publications (e.g. yearbook and newsletter) that will subsequently appear on our website, or to be used for publicity for future events.

If you have any questions about this please approach a member of the Executive Board or contact us at:

**gardenclub@eygc.ca or
416-469-5593**

EYGC Code of Conduct

In keeping with the City of Toronto's Anti-harassment policy when using any City of Toronto properties, East York Garden Club, with the kind assistance of the Leaside Garden Club, has designed an **EYGC Code of Conduct** to adhere to the City's regulations.

In short it says: ***A guiding principle of the East York Garden Club is that everyone is entitled to be treated with courtesy and respect at all times. Although EYGC promotes freedom of expression and open communication, we expect all members to adhere to this principle as outlined in the full "Code of Conduct".*** The full document will be published in an up-coming newsletter.

EYGC MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:

"CANNABIS, IN ANY FORM, IS NOT TO BE AT ANY EAST YORK GARDEN CLUB MEETING, ACTIVITY OR EVENT, SUCH AS, BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO, OUR REFRESHMENTS, FLOWER SHOWS, PLANT SALES, SEED EXCHANGE."



"I LOVE TO HEAR REAL GARDENERS TALKING, THE LATIN NAMES ROLLING OFF THEIR TONGUES, SONOROUS AND BEAUTIFUL. I FEEL ABASHED WHEN I TAKE A SLEEVE AND SAY 'DO COME AND SEE THAT PINK THING OVER THERE.'

'AH, *CENTAUREA HYPOLEUCA*. VERY NICE,' THEY SAY!

NEVER MIND. IT SMILES THE SAME FOR BOTH OF US."

PAM BROWN, B. 1928.

Save the Dates



Annual General Meeting

District 5, Ontario Horticultural Society (OHA)

Theme: Who Speaks for the Trees?

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020

Place: Georgina Ice Palace, Keswick, ON

Cost: \$35

Door prizes, Flower Show and Speakers.

Registration deadline is April 1, 2020

The Early Bird Deadline is February 29, 2020.

Registration available at our regular monthly meetings.

Car pooling will be available.

114th OHA Annual General Meeting & Convention

Jul 17th to 19th, 2020

London Ontario

Theme: Inspired by Nature

Enjoy Competitions, Displays, Seminars, Socials and Bus Trips

For more info, watch this newsletter or see <https://gardenontario.org/convention/>

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Orchid Lady Statue by Eric Peterson



Get The Jump On Spring & Seedy Saturday

Two FREE garden events you won't want to miss on Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 At the Toronto Botanical Gardens



Eco-Garden Community Workshop Series

Join the Etobicoke Master Gardeners at the Humber Arboretum for free gardening workshops!

Saturdays, 10 am - Noon

Garden Pests, Pathogens & Problems (June 1, 2019)
 Tame the Untamed Garden (Sept 14, 2019)
 Dream, Design, Dig! (Nov 16, 2019)
 We Want to Garden, but! (Jan 18, 2020)
 Leap into Pruning (Feb 29, 2020)
 Edible Gardens: Growing your Own Food (Apr 25, 2020)

At the Centre for Urban Ecology
 Humber Arboretum
 205 Humber College Blvd
 Toronto
 416-675-5009
 arboretum@humber.ca

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 Sun Mar 15: 10 am - 6 pm, Sun Mar 22: 10 am - 5 pm

Plant of the Year
 Sincerely Dahlias



Horticultural & Seasonal Happenings

Mark's Choice Through the Garden Gate: Wychwood

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, June 6 & Sunday, June 7, 2020
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Toronto's largest tour of private gardens. This self guided garden tour, now in its 33rd year, moves to a different neighbourhood each year. The 2020 garden tour will visit **20 private gardens** in the mid-Toronto neighbourhood of **Wychwood**.

Tickets will go on sale in January/February.

TBG Lectures



The Gardens of Northern Italy
Thursday February 13, 2020
7:30 to 8:30 pm



Steppe Plants for the Rock Garden
Thursday March 5th, 2020
7:30 to 8:30 pm

Dates:	Title:	For More Info Contact:
06Jan2020 to 27Jan2020	Designing with Branches, Wood, Foliage, Fruits and Vegetables. (Series) Mondays January 6th to Jan. 30th 6:30 to 9:30pm. Cost: TBG Members \$160.00, Public \$200.00	https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/
08Jan2020	Guildwood Gardens: History, Monuments, & More. Scarborough Village Recreation Centre	vicnet@rogers.com
07Feb2020	4th Annual Plant Symposium, London, Ontario, Show & Plant Sale. 8:30am to 4:00pm, \$30.00 per person	wharry@landscapeontario.com
13Mar2020 to 22Mar2020	Canada Blooms at the Enercare Centre, Mon-Wed 10:00 to 8:00, Thurs-Sat 10:00 to 9:00, Sunday 10:00 to 5:00	canadablooms.com

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!

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, a cozy corner, or any "vignette" that you love & want to share with EYGC members.

Be selective and send only one or two photos, preferably in jpeg format - fairly high resolution is best for clarity. Send to the newsletter at:

woods-eygc@bell.net

Shown to the right is a bright rainbow of blooms in Anne Stanley's garden.



Here we Grow Again...Welcome New EYGC Members

Please join us in welcoming our most recent members:

*Glenn Jacobsen, Karen Jacobsen, Anna Waldvogel,
Nancy Makepeace, Jaro Kratina*

Please see page 17 for the names of everyone who joined the garden club in 2019



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:

January 24th, 2020

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

Michael Woods at:

woods-eygc@bell.net

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www.eygc.ca



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