



'The East York Garden' is the Newsletter of the East York Garden Club

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The East York Garden



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Please Note: All of our Garden Club meetings will continue to be held online through Zoom until the situation is resolved with the Corona Virus, COVID-19.

We hope you've been enjoying our Facebook page. Thank you so much to all those individuals who are contributing items for us all to enjoy.

We will continue to publish the EYGC newsletter. It's an opportune time to write that article for the newsletter that you never seemed to have enough time for before. We also want to hear from our members letting us know what sort of things they have been doing to help get them through this very difficult time. Are you growing vegetables? Are you raising Hens and collecting fresh eggs? Send your stories and photos to the newsletter team for our next issue. Please rename your photo files with the plant name if relevant. What are your summer gardening activities?

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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
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.

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Speaker Schedule for 2021

Date	Speaker	Subject
September 16	Susan Walmer	Oak Ridges Moraine
October 21	Emma Biggs	Fun and Unusual Crops
Nov TBA		AGM

Newsletter Cover Photo

Have you got a photo that says to you:
"This is September October in
East York"?

Send it in to the newsletter for a chance to be on the
cover of the next Newsletter!

(Landscape format is best)

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July August 2021 EYGC Newsletter Photo

Credits Various Photos:

*Maureen Ballentine, Michelle Barraclough, Karen Bell, Kathi
Davies, Malcolm Guest, Suzanne Isaacs, Wendy Plume,
Jennifer Smith, Joan Spears*

Message from EYGC's President



Prez Patch
by Diane Dyson

My small giant of a son, the one whose shoes once fit in the palm of my hand, but who now cast off a plaid jacket I have inherited, nurses a Monstera, a potha, two tiny cacti, and a variegated fern. "It needs more sun" he says, or he warns me not to overwater another one.

I am in awe of how these small, green things seem to gentle him. And I learn things from him! (My mother grew geraniums and begonias, not these spreading, shedding plants.) He didn't learn what he knows from me, but from YouTube and other places he connects.

The social media platform Instagram is full of plant lovers, with accounts named such things as Men with Plants and Black botanists! Folks trade tips on Reddit threads. And Facebook pages are full of posts about eternal battles with weeds that sneak into green spaces. Online petitions pop up regularly to save trees and ravines. And, in the same way there are Little Free Libraries sprinkled around our streets, I have also spotted a few Seed Libraries.

Horticulture cool? Whether it's COVID or social media, a new generation of people is being drawn out into the garden. Vegetable seedlings have been snapped up everywhere. You couldn't buy a yard of soil this year at the East End Garden Centre. Bags were all they had.

We have had a long year apart, and I look forward with hope to a time perhaps this fall, when our Club can gather together once again, name tags hung from our necks, EYGC coffee cups in one hand and a cookie in the other. We will have our annual teas, our bus trips and plant sales. But I also know we will keep some of these ways we have assumed over the past year, our Facebook page, most certainly. And perhaps we will live stream meetings for those who cannot make it out to our regular meetings.

Who knows? We will see. Gardeners know there is always something new popping up. It's part of the fun of it all.

Keep well all, and grow on!

Diane, gardenclub@eygc.ca

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The best garden designers take risks.

James van Sweden (1935 - 2013)

Member Photos

Send us some photos of what helped you cope and get through this situation and we'll put them in the next newsletter.

Please send photos to: newsletter@eygc.ca

Monarch on Milkweed by Michelle Barraclough



'Raspberry Cream' Hollyhock by Jennifer Smith



Buddleia and bird bath by Jennifer Smith



Blue Bird lacecap hydrangea by Jennifer Smith



May Photo Contest Winners “REBIRTH”



Wendy Plume —1st place



Kathi Davies—2nd place



Michelle Barraclough —3rd place

There is a continuity about the garden and an order of succession in the garden year which is deeply pleasing, and in one sense there are no breaks or divisions—seed time flows on to flowering time and harvest time; no sooner is one thing dying than another is coming to life.

Susan Hill & Rory Stuart

Our May talk by Betty McCulloch

Monarch Butterflies - May 20, 2021

Summary by Jennifer Smith

On May 20, about 45 members enjoyed learning about the Rosetta McClain Gardens Monarch butterflies story. Citizen Scientist Betty McCullough, a retired nursing professor and long-time volunteer, has helped to tag over 8,300 Monarch butterflies.

Betty reminded us that it was Scarborough's Fred Urquhart, an entomologist at the University of Toronto Scarborough, who started tagging monarchs in the 1950s, and his research eventually led to the discovery of their Mexican wintering grounds.

Amazingly, it is the fourth generation of butterfly—those born here—that will migrate for their first time to their winter home in Mexico. Males leave Canada first. Butterflies average about 50 km/day. As they fly south, they touch down to feed on nectar and then they fly on. It takes them about 60 days to reach Mexico.

The problem of illegal logging in butterfly sanctuaries in Mexico continues. This illegally-gained lumber actually provides very little income to the residents and of course negatively impacts the butterflies' habitats. Fortunately, residents are being hired to guard the forests. This action has improved the residents' lives and the integrity of the insects' habitat. Mexicans earn \$5 U.S. to find tags and turn them in. Betty's photographs of her trip to see the monarchs *in situ* illustrated the challenge of traveling to the habitats on horseback and on foot.

As the butterflies head north in spring, each female lays about 400 eggs! (Apparently only about 2% of monarch eggs reach adulthood due to extensive predation.) She must lay these eggs on milkweed, as this is the only plant that the caterpillars will eat. Unfortunately, milkweed can be difficult to locate when flying over huge swaths of monoculture farmland. To help with this, Monarch Watch (<https://www.monarchwatch.org>) sends milkweed to schools and other institutions to encourage widespread planting of this important food source. Of course, we also need to ensure that there is a variety of nectar-providing plants for the hungry adults. <https://journeynorth.org/monarchs/featured/05142020-annual-life-cycle-wheel>

The Rosetta McClain tagging group starts to tag butterflies in about mid-August. The tag weighs about as much as one Cheerio. The taggers average about 200 butterflies/day. They have seen as many as 44 species of butterflies at this lovely, peaceful garden. (This garden is located at 5 Glen Everest Rd, Scarborough, ON M1N 1J2, near Kingston & Birchmount.) We learned that monarchs have barbs on their feet so the fabric of the nets used to catch them needs to be very fine so the insects don't get caught. It takes practice to use a butterfly net effectively! Betty told us that a new pollinator garden was planted in Rosetta McClain Garden. This is a lovely, peaceful garden to visit, devoid of bicycles, skateboards, dogs, and other pleasant but noisy activities. It was lovely to learn more about this beautiful and strong insect.

<https://butterfliesandtheirpeople.org> — an organization that helps Mexican people to help the butterflies

<https://davidsuzuki.org/take-action/act-locally/butterflyway>

June Photo Contest Winners

“ The Colours of June”



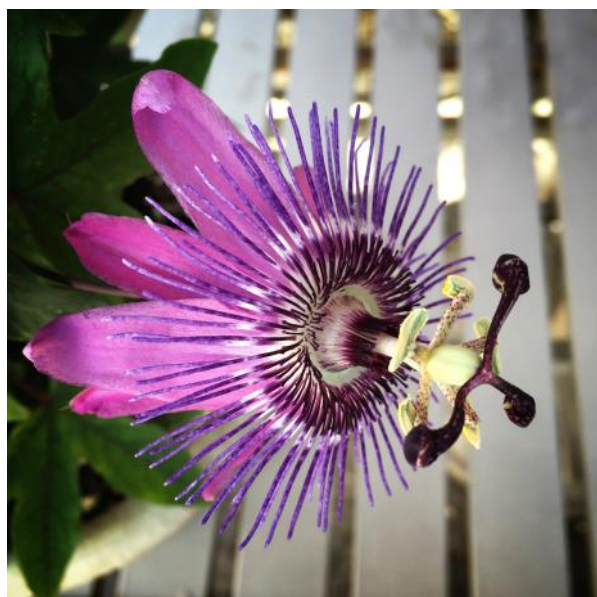
Karen Bell —Tied for 1st place



Wendy Plume —Tied for 1st place



Joan Spears—2nd place



Suzanne Isaacs—3rd place

Facebook News!

Our **East York Garden Club** Facebook group has grown to **96** members. If you haven't had a chance yet, come and check us out. We are a private group open to anyone who wants to join, EYGC member or non-member. Everyone must answer the three questions and agree to our rules before joining. Invite your fellow gardener friends to join. We look forward to seeing you on Facebook!

Cheers, Kim
Kim Hewitt



Alan Barber
July 6 at 11:08 AM · 🌐

I planted fennel for the first time this year with the aim of attracting swallowtail butterfly caterpillars and it seems to have worked. They like the parsley too.



Diane Dyson shared a post.
Admin · +1 · June 28 at 9:44 AM · 🌐

Local historian Joanne Doucette has shared some scraps of east end botany in this geographic recollection from a hundred years ago.



Joanne Doucette asked a question · June 27 at 3:06 PM · 🌐

Do we want an official Coxwell Gerrard flower? Here is a candidate that is critically endangered in Ontario, chiefly through loss of habitat and would likely have bloomed here when the area was known as the Gerrard Prairie.

Gerrard Prairie you might ask? Oh yes, this area was open fields of native wildflowers with scattered oak trees and ravines with maples and more wet-loving plants. Then came settlement, or if you prefer, colonization by Europeans. But back to the flower candidate, *Agalinis purpurea* in Latin or Purple Gerardia.

Group Rules from the Admins

1 Be Kind and Courteous

We're all in this together to create a welcoming environment. Let's treat everyone with respect. Healthy debates are natural, but kindness is required.

2 No Hate Speech or Bullying

Make sure everyone feels safe. Bullying of any kind isn't allowed, and degrading comments about things like race, religion, culture, sexual orientation, gender or identity will not be tolerated.

3 No Promotions or Spam

Give more than you take to this group. Self-promotion, spam and irrelevant links aren't allowed.

4 Respect Everyone's Privacy

Being part of this group requires mutual trust. Authentic, expressive discussions make groups great, but may also be sensitive and private. What's shared in the group should stay in the group.

Our June talk by Jeff McMann

Trees of Mount Pleasant Cemetery - June 16, 2021

Summary by Jennifer Smith

On Wed., June 16, we enjoyed a dynamic talk from Jeff McMann who has been an arborist for over 40 years. (See last issue for more of his biography.) He provided a history of the creation of this remarkable cemetery. (Google Mount Pleasant Cemetery + Englehart for an interesting history.) The cemetery comprises 205 acres in total and has about 600 species of trees and shrubs. It took twelve weeks to inventory over 17,000 items! It boasts a 59% canopy coverage over 122 acres. Jeff has begun to create a future data base that will be accessible on an app for people as they walk around the cemetery. The identification tag will include a number that will link to the app.



***Ulmus minor 'Atinia Variegata'* also
*Ulmus procera 'Argenteo-Variegata'***

The arborists of Mount Pleasant work closely with arboretums far and wide to correctly identify trees. Sometimes clients plant an unfamiliar tree on a grave, which can present identification challenges to the arborists. We appreciated Jeff's note about how to distinguish a fir from a spruce: "Spruce needles are spiny and sharp (think SSS). The needles roll easily between your finger tips. Cones hang down from the branches. Fir tree needles are soft and flat (think FFF). They don't roll easily between your finger tips. Cones stand on top of the branches."

Jeff notes that he continues to learn about trees and adds that part of the purpose of an arboretum is to trial new species to see what will grow on that particular property. With climate change, some species will grow in Toronto that used to find our climate too harsh. This

cemetery is part of a "bio-corridor", so various wildlife including deer and coyote enjoy its peaceful surroundings and the creeks that run through it.

Jeff encourages us to photograph a tree and its various components—leaves/needles, flowers, cones/fruit—from all angles and in good light in order to achieve clear and attractive photographs leading to accurate identification.

An integral part of tree care is monitoring the tree regularly for defects, cracks, cavities or decay. It was interesting to learn that a machine providing sonic tomography (ultrasound) is used to view the inside of a tree to help assess its health. Every tree is kept, even if in poor condition, to provide a habitat for wildlife. Some trees, like the Paw Paw, have no labels in order to protect them from people taking too much of their fruit.



Tulip tree, Liriodendron tulipifera

Most years a tour of the cemetery is held in September. Jeff is impressed that often several hundred people attend this tour. Its date is posted on a large banner hung from the Yonge St. entrance to the cemetery. You may also check the website for further information.

Upcoming September Talk



Oak Ridges Moraine

Presented by Susan Walmer

Susan Walmer is the Executive Director for the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust. A Certified Accountant, Sue combines her long-held enthusiasm for community engagement, deep appreciation for Canadian historical context and concern for a healthy environmental future in this challenging position. Her childhood camping trips across Canada strengthened her love of nature and inner peace. This awareness of purpose channeled her actions to lead as a ratepayer association chair during the many public walks and advocacy meetings to establish the long-term protection of the Oak Ridges Moraine. When asked what she does she replies, “I help people’s dreams come true by protecting land, forever.” The main programs of the Land Trust protect and steward environmentally sensitive lands for future generations.



Susan will share with us the native flora and fauna of the Oak Ridges Moraine and why we need to protect it.

Mark your calendars for Susan’s talk—September 16, 2021 @ 7:30pm

Upcoming OctoberTalk



Fun and Unusual Crops

Presented by Emma Biggs

Emma Biggs is a 16-year-old Gen-Z gardener, author, speaker, and blogger. Her passion is growing tomatoes, trying new, unusual crops, and saving seeds. She has raised more than 150 tomato varieties in her Toronto garden. Emma gives talks at libraries, seed exchanges, garden clubs, and garden shows. She is the co-host of *The Food Garden Life Show*. Her latest book, *Gardening with Emma*, helps kids find the fun in gardening (and helps adults remember how much fun gardening is!).

Find Emma at emmabiggs.ca or on Instagram @emmabigs_grows

Mark your calendars for Emma's talk

October 21, 2021 @ 7:30pm

"I've grown a lot of plants and killed many too. To me, that's most of what gardening is—experimenting, and seeing what works. Gardening is taking what you learn when you don't succeed, and using that knowledge to help your plants grow better."

Emma Biggs

Life Member Interviews

Life Memberships are awarded to individuals who have belonged to the club for at least 15 years and have contributed to our success in a variety of significant areas. These may include assisting with garden tours and maintenance, the plant sale, Canada Day events, the Annual Show & Tea, the AGM, and other activities. Their many volunteer hours are much appreciated as they allow our club to continue to thrive.

Cristina Brown

By Jennifer Smith, March 23, 2021

This photograph shows Cristina Brown warmly welcoming members and guests to a meeting of the EYGC. She joined this club in 1991 to learn how to garden in her new home. She quickly became involved in the club. In 1995 she joined the Executive; in '96 she joined the Flower Show committee and headed this committee until 2008. During the challenging years of the Mike Harris government, she took more computer courses to increase her employment opportunities.



In fact, for a school project in 1998, she created our first website!. She received a President's Award for her contributions to the success of the 2005 District 5 AGM Flower Show.

In 2010 she became the Coordinator for the Membership Committee and uses her extensive computer skills to organize this important part of the club. She continues to work at helping to coordinate the flower shows. She has volunteered at our plant sales, our Canada Day events, and at many other activities. In 2017 she was honoured with a Life Member award in recognition of her many contributions to this busy garden club. She is quite fond of hostas and grows a variety of this lovely perennial, from miniatures to large species.



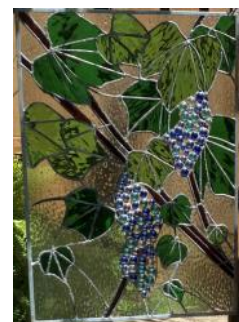
Roz Regnier

By Jennifer Smith, June 12, 2021

Roz comes from a farming family, so growing things was a family habit. I found it interesting to learn that she chose dental hygiene as a career. Over many years she has amended the Scarborough clay of her property so that she is able to cultivate a wide variety of perennials. She also grows many plants from seeds and has cultivated MANY tomato plants over time. Each autumn, Roz collects numerous bags of leaves from neighbours and stores them in plastic garbage bags. She leaves the bag open so that it collects rain; this helps the leaves to decompose. She then adds these decomposed leaves to planters, both below and atop the soil, to add nutrients to the plant. (She returns the paper leaf bags to her neighbours, which I think is an excellent way to "repay" them for having raked up the leaves in the first place!) Roz remains curious about various aspects of plants. How, for example, does a tiny seed form a large allium bulb with all the nutrients necessary to grow a new allium next season? Mother Nature is a wondrous alchemist!

In addition to growing a gorgeous garden, Roz is a visual artist. She has enjoyed painting with acrylics and oil. Now she creates beautiful stained glass art. She has already prepared two framed artworks to be auctioned off at our next August tea. She also has a beautiful stained glass piece showing a grapevine with grapes; this hangs from her pergola which is covered with grapevine.

The accompanying photograph shows Roz standing in front of her allium, which she spray paints once they have passed their prime.



How To and Who Knew

Build a classy, easy birdbath with vintage finds — by Natalie Wallington

If you're looking to bring some feathered friends to your yard, a homemade birdbath is the perfect weekend project to produce a unique, functional gift. Rather than just buying a concrete bowl from the store, consider building a birdbath from scratch with repurposed materials. A few household items are all you need to attract wild birds year-round.

No matter what inspiration you find online or where your imagination takes you, almost all birdbath designs boil down to some type of water basin atop some type of vertical base. By getting creative with these two main components, there's no limit to what you can create.

For a step by step guide visit, www.popsoci.com/diy/diy-bird-bath

With thanks to Karen Bell for contributing this article.



Photo Credit: Google Images



Invasive Jumping Worms

by Grace Hunter for Cottage Life

As they churn and eat their way through the leaf litter, jumping worms transform the nutrient-rich soil into pellets that Price-Christenson likens to coffee grounds. This transformation has “profound effects on soil structure,” he adds.

When Price-Christenson and his team examined soil samples from soils invaded by jumping worms, they found that plots that been occupied by the worms for more than year had higher nitrogen and different communities of soil bacteria and fungi.

The full article is available here:

<https://cottageclife.com/outdoors/invasive-jumping-earthworms-coming-to-a-forest-near-you/>

With thanks to Karen Bell for contributing this article.

Made from my backyard harvest

We're starting a new column! Nothing tastes better than freshly picked from the garden!

Send us your recipes that include seasonal ingredients, ideally from your own garden but not required.

Include a photo if you have one. Pictures get the tastebuds going!

Penne with Brie Cheese, Tomatoes and Basil

Submitted by Jennifer Smith



4 oz penne or farfalle pasta

4 oz Brie cheese

3/4 lb tomatoes

2/3 cup fresh basil, torn into pieces

(1/6 cup sliced black olives)

(1 tsp. crushed garlic)

3 Tbsp. olive oil

Freeze Brie for about one hour. Cut off the rind.
Then tear or cut it into pieces.

Combine all ingredients except pasta. ***Prepare tomato dressing early in day and let it marinate.**

Cook pasta; drain; place in serving bowl.

Add tomato mixture and mix well.

Yield: 4 servings

Lemon Thyme Cookies

from: Killing Thyme by Leslie Budewitz

Submitted by Maureen Ballentine



1/2 cup butter, softened

1/4 cup granulated sugar

1 Tbsp. fresh thyme or lemon thyme leaves

2 tsp. finely grated lemon zest

1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

1/4 tsp. ground cardamom

1.25 cups all-purpose flour

Coarse or regular granulated sugar, for topping

Beat butter with electric mixer on medium for 30 seconds.

Add 1/4 cup white sugar and mix till combined.

Add thyme & lemon mixture till combined. Gradually stir in flour and mix.

Form dough into a ball. To make it easier to work, divide dough into 3 equal portions. Roll each out on a floured surface into a 6 x 4.5 inch rectangle, about 1/4 inch thick. Cut into 1.5 inch squares with a knife or a serrated pastry wheel. Sprinkle with coarse or granulated sugar.

Place squares on ungreased cookie sheets.

Bake 12 - 15 mins. till edges and bottom are golden.

Cool on a wire rack. Yield: 36 small cookies

Life Member—Lucie Simons...

Goodbye Lucie



Lucie joined EYGC in 1992, and was President in 1997 & 1998. She's been a life member since 2010. You can find Lucie's obituary here: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theglobeandmail/obituary.aspx?n=lucie-simons&pid=199156039>

LUCIE SIMONS "The love of gardening is a seed that once sown never dies." (Gertrude Jekyll).

I was saddened to read in The Globe and Mail today that Lucie Simons, aged 100, died on Tuesday. Lucy was a longtime member of the East York Garden Club who served as President in 1997/98. Several members will look back fondly on her. Not only was Lucie an expert gardener and accomplished artist, she was a charming raconteur who always had an interesting story to tell, often about her beloved husband George and her children and grandchildren, all of whom she adored. Lucie's ravine garden was the envy of EYGC. When she was president Lucie nabbed me in her gentle way to be the next president, saying that the club needed new blood. Who could resist such an offer? Lucie was a wonderful mentor and friend to me and to so many others in our club. During her time as president of EYGC, the highlight of the year was the annual garden tour. Her garden was second to none. I, like so many others in our club, will miss her as a mentor, friend, and excellent cookie maker. RIP dear Lucie. *By Barbara Foster*



*Lucie @ District 5 AGM
April 21, 2007*

Getting to Know EYGC Members ~ Lucie Simons

Barb Fairbanks' article on Lucie from the March/April 2013 Newsletter

You have probably seen Lucie. She attends almost every meeting—every meeting since 1988 when she moved into her current home just off O'Connor Drive. What was her main reason for joining the East York Garden Club? Her first shady garden.

I met with Lucie on a sunny, wintry morning at her home. While looking out the back window at her garden, I could understand why she wasn't sure how to deal with the "shady" garden alone. What I saw before me was an amazing steep ravine property with a huge mature canopy of trees. That is a shady garden. So, shade it was that brought Lucie to us.

She was born in London, England almost 93 years ago. Her earliest memory of gardening was in the teeny tiny garden of her childhood home which had previously been a brickyard. A few odd plants around the edge, but what she remembers is her father planting an alberic barbier rose—a rambling and climbing white rose—it was so very special in that London garden.

After the war, Lucie and George got married and emigrated to Canada. One of their houses in Montreal was a lovely old house and with a large garden made up of lawn and shrubs that were there already. She loved working in that garden and it flourished as did her career as an accomplished artist. She specializes in serigraphy (original silk screen printing) and oil paintings.

George's work brought the family to Toronto in the late 1970's. Their first home was in Cabbagetown with a small garden that she was able to extend by 6 feet by removing the concrete parking pad to create a pretty courtyard garden. When she and George purchased their current home in East York, there was no garden at all—just a strip of grass which she immediately turned over to start a garden. With each piece of art that Lucie sold, another path or flight of steps or landing got built in order to fully explore her ravine property. About 4 or 5 years ago the paths and steps were finally completed. Looking back towards the house from the bottom of the steps, you can appreciate just how much work was done.

She has been an EYGC member for over 25 years and had been a board member for a number of those years and our President also. When she joined there were about 75 members and she quite quickly joined the board and that helped her to get to know the members better. She helped organize the annual tea and show, the flower shows, and opened her garden for many

tours. She became a life member in 2010. She likes how the club has grown and developed over the years: offering wonderful bus trips and the year- end potluck AGM. Lucie has tried many plants, but found that the Japanese maple grew well in her well- canopied garden. She now has about 25 Japanese maples.

She planted every one of them and loves their colours and shapes and buys and plants a new one every year. Lucie works almost everyday on one piece of art or another working towards a show at The Arts & Letters Club this year. She volunteers at Fudger House (senior's home) on Sherborne Street as she has done for the past 35 years and has received a City honour for her contribution.

She still gardens with a bit of help from her daughter cleaning the stream every spring so that it runs freely and a helper who deals with any big, heavy stuff, but other than that, she does manage to do the work her-self. Lucie's advice for someone just beginning to garden? "One never finishes. There is always something to do. Join the EYGC as there are some members with lots of knowledge and as for gardening, just have a go at it and see what happens. Try to use perennials and shrubs as they do become part of the landscape." Garden Imports produces a lovely catalogue that she reads cover to cover for inspiration and then orders a few new plants for the coming season—still searching for something for the shady garden.



*Lucie cutting our cake
October 19, 2006*

Photo Credit: Malcolm Geast

East York Garden Club celebrates Lucie Simons' 100th birthday!

By Anna Leggatt

East York Garden Club *Life Member* **Lucie Simons** was born in England on October 23, 1920, one hundred years ago .

She attended Chelsea Art School, and studied Pedagogy at London University. She loved teaching. She spent 4 or 5 years at one of the oldest girls' schools.

She exhibited at The Royal Academy before marrying and moving to Montreal (1946), where she painted and taught some adult evening classes. Then to Toronto.

Over the years, she has had many exhibitions (one, two person and group) and has won several painting awards and an Ontario Award for Volunteerism.

Till recently, the Arts and Letters Club of Toronto has been a home away from home. She sketched and drew there on two days each week. She was one of the first women to join this prestigious club. One of her works is exhibited in the Board Room.

Her medium has three distinct art forms: small editions of hand printed serigraphs, original oil paintings and original watercolour painting with a distinct style. Perhaps you could call them nature inspired semi abstracts. I was passing Windsor Art Gallery a few years ago and glanced in - "That is one of Lucie's pictures!"



Woodland Stream, by Lucie Simons

Sandy and I introduced Lucie and her late husband to the (now defunct) Mozart Society where they enjoyed concerts, with George objecting to "Modern stuff". Lucie was still attending the COC before the virus closed everything down.

Family is very important to Lucie. In turn, she took each grandchild to London (UK) for a week to celebrate their 12th birthdays.

Lucie was a terrific gardener. Their property sloped down to Taylor Creek, with north light for her art. There were several springs and mature trees. A series of wood paths and bridges took you down through the garden. "I put in more paths when I sell another picture." Japanese maples are her favourites. Sadly she had to move to a retirement home where she can see some flowers from her window.

East York Garden Club is privileged to have Lucie as a life member. Her garden was open for fund raising events and always attracted many enthusiastic visitors. She was President for two years over 20 years ago, joining in, running various activities and donating time (and art) to help make our club the success it is today.

Happy 100th Birthday Lucie!

Tell us what you'd like to see in upcoming newsletters

Aside from the beautiful photos our members take and share, what other content would you like to see and read about. More about pest control, how to forage safely, plant identification?

Send the newsletter team your ideas. Email us at newsletter@eygc.ca

EYGC Memberships 2021

Memberships: Individual—\$20/year, Family - \$30/year.

Send cheques payable to “East York Garden Club” to:

East York Garden Club,

c/o Cristina Brown,

7 Knightsbridge Rd,

Scarborough, M1L 2A8

Our membership form can be found online at <http://www.eygc.ca/ClubInfo/HowToJoin.html>

NOTE: If paying by e-transfer NO PASSWORD is required. Please add your full name and address in Notes section of the e-transfer .

The lesson I have thoroughly learned, and wish to pass on to others, is to know the enduring happiness that the love of a garden gives.

Gertrude Jekyll (1843 - 1932)

Notices to Members

PEOPLE'S CHOICE ONLINE PHOTO CONTESTS FOR 2021

July	<i>My Canada</i>
August	<i>Summer Garden</i>
September	<i>September Skies</i>
October	<i>Harvest</i>
November	<i>Yearbook Cover for 2022</i>

*Please note, if we are able to resume regular in-person club activities, we will return to our regular format for photo contests including a judged show in November 2021.

photocontest@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".***

"Scents bring memories, and many memories bring nostalgic pleasure. We would be wise to plan for this when we plant a garden."

*Thalassa Cruso,
To Everything There is a Season, 1973*

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."

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:

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Shown to the right—My Annabelle hydrangea, butterfly weed and gaillardia by Jennifer Smith



Here we Grow Again... Welcome New EYGC Members

Please join us in welcoming our most recent members:

Cathy Briant, Barbara Dymond, Laurie D'Souza,
Cynthia Levine-Rasky, Jody Prentice



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