



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

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**Photo Credit: Jennifer Smith—East York Canada Day Parade**

*Garden Club meetings will continue to be held online through Zoom until the situation is resolved with the Corona Virus, COVID-19.*

**After careful consideration, the Annual EYGC Flower Show and Tea is being postponed (yet again).**

**We are sorry for this, but some good news! Gardeners en Garde!**

**A smaller judged Flower Show is being organized for the next Members' Meeting on September 15th.**



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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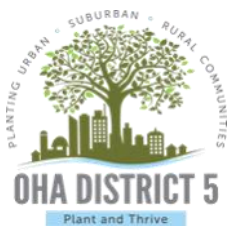
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## Speaker Schedule for 2022

Date	Speaker	Subject
Sept 15	Joanna Blanchard	Lesser-Known English Gardens
Oct 20	Pat DeValence	Easy Gardening: Low Maintenance, High Style

## People's Choice Photo Contest

**Theme—*The Summer Garden***

**Deadline—*July 15***

**Submit to [photocontest@eygc.ca](mailto:photocontest@eygc.ca)**

**Watch your email for voting**

## 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 2022 EYGC Newsletter Photo

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# Message from EYGC's President



**Prez Patch**  
by Diane Dyson



Besides “What is this new plant?” the most common question EYGC members are asking each other these days is “When are we returning to in-person meetings?” Soon we will gather again! Given the smiles at recent EYGC events, we’re all looking forward to it.

We’ve had a few practice sessions gathering outside: Many of us had a chance for a chat or a visit as the **2022 Yearbooks and Membership cards** were delivered to members’ homes. For the first time in two years, Club members joined the **East York Canada Day Parade**. On that sunny day, EYGC members enthusiastically ensured we found our position in the parade, the Club sign at the front, and flags waving. Earlier, in June, our Club members hosted a **plant sale** and four **pop-up garden tours** (we hope for more so let us know if you can host).

Recently members were invited to an organizing meeting for the Annual Flower Show and Tea. EYGC had hoped to host one in August again. After a long review and discussion with those in attendance, members reluctantly decided not to host the popular annual event in August. Many members are either still cautious about COVID or, with the lifting of COVID restriction, are actually quite busy (travelling). So, instead we will organize a Flower Show for the September members’ meeting. Watch for more details and tend to your gardens!

For the fall, we are planning hybrid **in-person and on-line meetings**.

But we will go gingerly in each of these steps, partly because we are all out of practice and partly because nothing is what it was before. For instance, the seemingly simple question of where we will meet as a club is complicated and so is tentative.

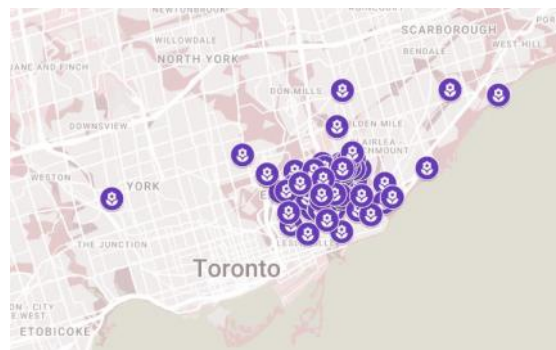
As you know, parking at Stan Wadlow has been greatly reduced. Over the past few months, we have reached out to a some other possible meeting locations, We are looking for a place of sufficient size, with a kitchen, projection screen, and perhaps room for storage and display. So we debate questions such as whether members would be willing go to a meeting in Thorncliffe Park or over at Victoria Park and St. Clair. There are a lot of unknowns. But, before lifting stakes and moving elsewhere, the Board thought we would try the Clubhouse again. Perhaps, with a mix of patience, car-pooling, and members who join virtually, we might still make it work.

You will have to let us know as we go. Each of the Club’s activities relies on the willingness of individual club members to speak up, join in, and to help out. As volunteers ourselves, we are glad to have your involvement. Thank you to all who have stepped up

Keep well, and grow on.

*Diane, [gardenclub@eygc.ca](mailto:gardenclub@eygc.ca)*

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Where EYGC Members live

# Member Photos

Send us some photos of your garden or your neighbourhood gardens and we'll put them in the next newsletter.

Please send photos to: [newsletter@eygc.ca](mailto:newsletter@eygc.ca)

## My back garden

Photo credit: Alan Barber



# Meet Some EYGC Executives



## **Paul Sarjeant and Karen MacDougall—June 18. *By Jennifer Smith***

Paul and Karen joined our club about ten years ago and have served on the board in various capacities for about 5 or 6 years. Their parents were all keen gardeners. Paul's father lives in Picton and still gardens. He is especially devoted to maintaining his lawn and creating rockeries. Unfortunately, Karen was unable to join us for this interview.

When Paul and Karen purchased their home about 15 years ago, the backyard consisted of one tree, a couple of shrubs, and lawn. And a concrete parking pad off the laneway large enough to accommodate four cars. Paul dislikes maintaining a lawn, so he studied books, magazines, and the Internet to plan how best to expand the garden after he reduced the size of the parking pad. He has created a horizontal break in the pathway from the back door through the garden so the two sheds at the back are not immediately apparent. He created a vertical break by digging down about half a metre to make a small sitting area. He has filled the backyard with a variety of plants and let it go wild; he doesn't like to coddle plants. If they don't survive, let them go!

Unfortunately, the goutweed that was planted twenty years ago has a different plan; it even had the nerve to lose its variegation (perhaps its sole positive attribute) and revert to solid green in one area. Paul has attempted to eradicate this plant by using a paint brush to paint on Round-up. The treated plants died after about a week but, as we know, unless one persists with this tedious task, the goutweed will survive. He has several clematis that bloom at different times of the year. He really likes the perennial geranium *Macrorrhizum*, commonly called bigroot geranium. It is not invasive and is easy to rip out if need be, but it is also very tough and remains green throughout the winter. Its beautiful, fragrant pink flowers will appear in July. Paul likes to grow Japanese maples and is especially pleased when he acquires them from an inexpensive source. He has lost a few over the years but persists with this lovely, small tree. The wisteria, which some of us saw at Paul and Karen's pop-up in May, is about 12 years old.

Paul gives this advice to novice gardeners: "Try stuff! Don't be afraid. Use the internet to find lots of information. Jam plants in together to reduce open spaces. This results in less moisture loss and fewer weeds. Use manure to feed new plants."

About five years ago, Paul bought granite stones that had been used by the TTC as cobbles or pavers around streetcar lines. These weigh about 20 lbs each! He created walls four pavers tall for a few sections of the garden. They are very handsome and unusual walls.

Paul collected stamps as a child and renewed this hobby during CoVid. He specializes in British stamps from 1840 - 1880. Karen likes to draw, paint in various media, and take photographs.



# Meet a former EYGC Executive

## **Barb Foster—June 1. *By Jennifer Smith***

Barb Foster has been a member of our garden club for about 28 years. When asked how she became interested in gardening, she replied, "I'm British." She went on to explain that she often played in her grandparents' garden where their gardener, known by his last name Miles, gave her a small patch of land to cultivate. She planted radish and lettuce but always pulled up the seedlings to see what was happening, so nothing grew to an edible stage. As a teenager, she helped her grandparents with tasks such as deadheading.



She trained as a nurse and was kept very busy and unable to garden for some years. When she married, she began to garden again. When she and her husband moved into their current home she was frustrated by the amount of grass. She joined our garden club and learned from members and garden books how to grow a variety of plants. She occasionally volunteers at the Toronto Botanical Garden.

She loves colour and appreciates the variety of colourful bulbs that bloom each spring. She loves the longevity and bright colours of phlox. She is frustrated by the reduction in sun in her backyard due to the increased size of her maple as well as of a neighbour's tree.

She served on the board in a variety of capacities including President for the years 1999 and 2000. Eileen Craig and Lucie Simons were very helpful mentors as she learned the tasks of the presidency. While she was president, about 8 members opened their gardens for formal tours. Tickets sold out for this public event. Club membership rose from about 70 members in 2000 to 100 under Barb's leadership. The plant sales at Canada Day events were often challenged by wind and rain. They used to sell baked goods at this event until the Health Dept. stopped this practice. Barb loves to cook and bake. She organized our refreshments for our in-person meetings before CoVid necessitated Zoom meetings. She is famous for her delicious trifle. She used to coordinate the August Tea, which was part of the flower show, and the judges' luncheon which was held before the tea. As a CoVid project, she prepared every recipe in the 2021 Milk Calendar. She enjoys cooking with her rhubarb and the cherries on trees that once were part of an orchard.



Barb is an environmentalist with a special interest in native trees. She and her husband planted a tree for their grandson in an area on Bermondsey Road. It has a small plaque that reads, "As the tree grows, he grows."

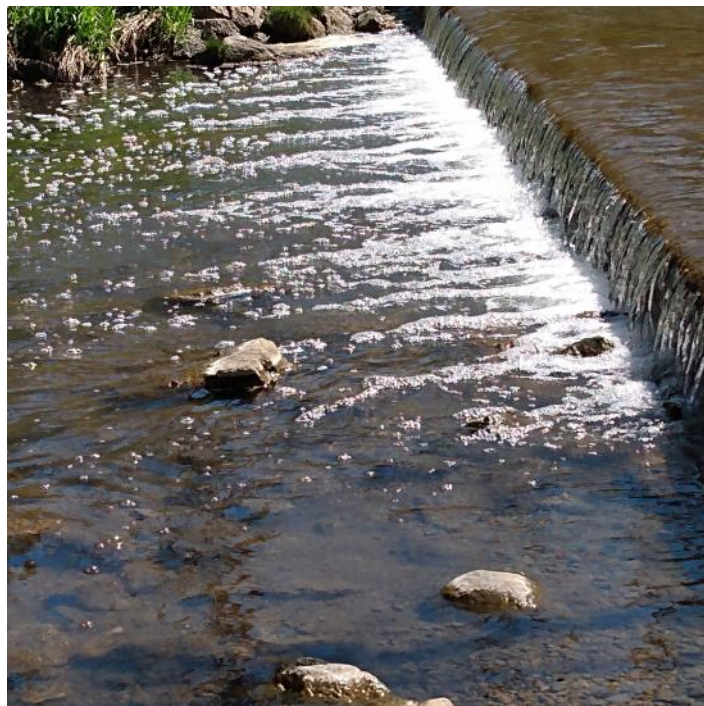
She gives this advice to new gardeners: "Don't try to do it all at once unless you have lots of time. Move on from failures."

# May Photo Contest Winners

## “Water”



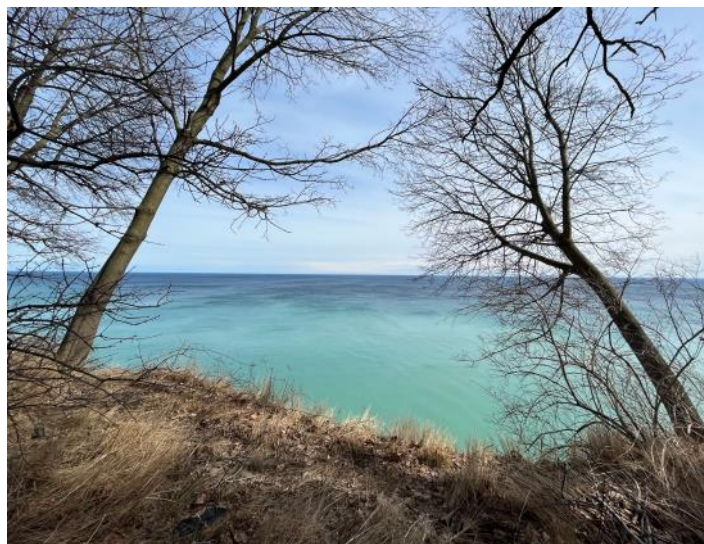
1st Place — Wendy Plume



2nd Place — Nola McConnan



3rd Place Tie — Vera Stoyanoff



3rd Place Tie — Malcolm Geast

# The Tulip Tree—*Liriodendrop tulipifera*

*By Anna Leggatt*

This is one of my favourite trees. It has many good points for a shade tree in a large back yard.

It is a native species in Southern Ontario, part of the Carolinian forest.

A fast grower, its dome shape towers over other forest trees, making it easy to identify as you drive south.

The large, notched leaves provide good shade and also help to cool the surroundings. The leaves transpire and as the water evaporates, it takes heat from the air.

The large attractive flowers look like tulips, greenish yellow with orange at the base of the petals. They produce copious nectar, up to 4 kg from a large tree as well as pollen. This is great for pollinators.

However, our tree is about 35 years old and is about 16 m across and 25 m high.

Sepals litter the lawn as the flowers open. Then the petals drop at the end of June. The seed heads are pointed “cones” with multiple seeds which cover the ground in late fall through the winter. Luckily only a few germinate and seedlings do not survive a winter with changeable weather like this past one.

Small dead branches often fall as they are shaded from above.

WHY DOES THE CITY PLANT TULIP POPLARS IN SMALL FRONT YARDS, OFTEN UNDER HYDO WIRES?

If you are planting a new tree check the size in 10 years time. Also consider how long you will live in that house.

There are many wonderful native trees that are easier to maintain. Try an *Amelanchier* (*Serviceberry*).



# June Photo Contest Winners

## “Bugs”



1st Place— Beth Binnington



2nd Place – Malcolm Geast



3rd Place tie — Vernoica Callinan

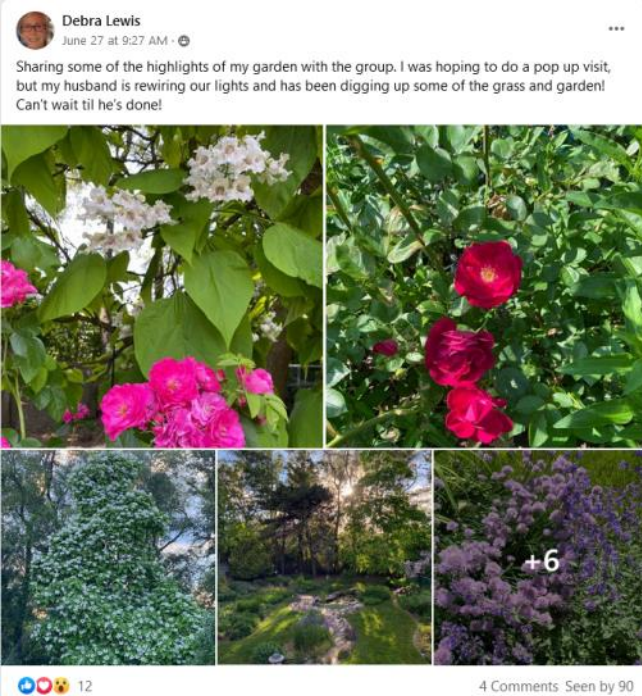


3rd Place tie — Wendy Plume

# Facebook News!

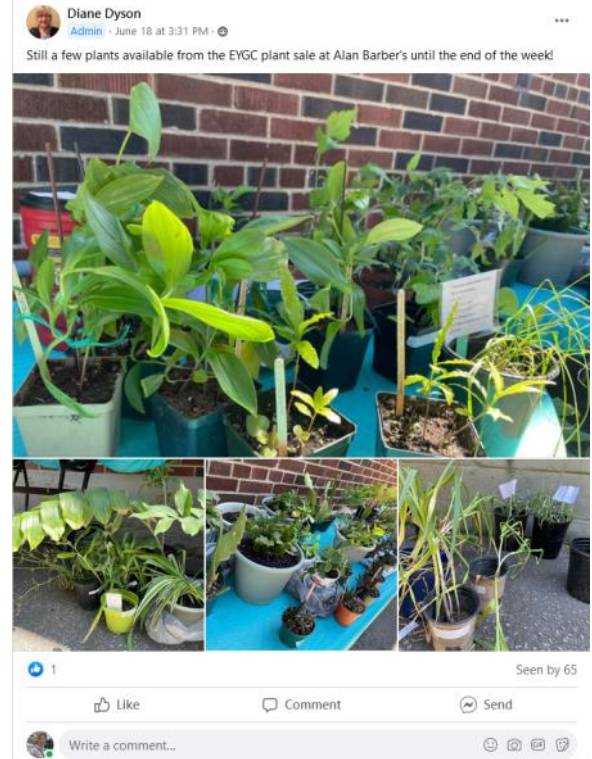
Our **East York Garden Club** Facebook group has grown to **130** members. If you haven't had a chance yet, come and check us out. We are a private group open to anyone who wants to join, EYGC member or non-member. Everyone must answer the three questions and agree to our rules before joining. Invite your fellow gardener friends to join. We look forward to seeing you on Facebook!

*Cheers, Kim*  
Kim Hewitt



**Diane Dyson**  
Admin · May 29 · 🌐

Pop-up garden tours: Another benefit of being a paying member of the East York Garden Club! Thanks to Paul and Karen, giving us a peek into their sunken garden, redwood trees, and blooming wisteria.



## 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 May Talk by Dr. Michael McTavish

## “Jumping Worms”

*Summary by Jennifer Smith*

A record number of gardeners—78 at one point—gathered over Zoom on May 19 to hear Dr. Michael J. McTavish speak about the newest wave of invasive worms. Diane kindly invited some other garden clubs to join us for this informative and important talk.

Dr. McTavish explained that the earthworms native to the northern part of North America did not survive the last ice age and therefore a niche was opened. The first invasion of foreign worms came with European settlers in the 15-1600s. This current, problematic second wave started in the mid-20th century and hails from Asia.

European earthworms can live for many years. They occur in a much lower density, usually about 3 or 4 worms per 1 metre plot. They bury themselves deep into the soil. Their castings (excrement) create rich soil throughout various levels in the garden. This species has been in North America for a long time and may be naturalizing such that they have natural predators, parasites and pests which keep their numbers in check.

Jumping worms live in the top 5 - 10 cm of soil. Their tendency to exhibit a thrashing behaviour when disturbed has given them a number of names like “jumping”, “snake”, “crazy”. They have an annual life cycle and are parthenogenetic (they can reproduce without a partner). They occur at a much higher density and act as “ecosystem engineers”. That is, they physically alter their habitat. They break down the leaf litter so quickly that the topsoil and seedlings are destroyed. They create “middens” or garbage piles of plant litter; these castings are concentrated in the top 5 cm of the ground and look like coffee grounds. Invasive plants find it easy to become established in soil that has been depleted by jumping worm activity.

Although jumping worm adults live for only one year, their cocoons can over-winter. These tiny balls can easily travel in shoe and tire treads; fall down hills from gardens into our precious ravines; and move around in the horticultural trade.

Jumping worms were first reported in Ontario in August 2021. More research is needed to determine their distribution; impact; interaction with European earthworms; pathways of spread. If we are able to slow their spread, it is possible that other animals will adapt to their presence and use them as a food source.



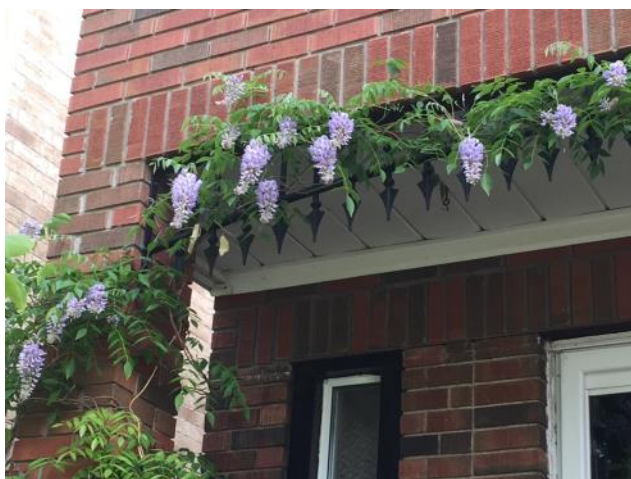
**You are encouraged to report sightings of jumping worms to [eddmaps.org](https://eddmaps.org) .**

# Plant Sale and Pop-Ups

Once again, Alan Barber kindly offered his driveway for a spring plant sale on June 11. Approximately \$330.00 was raised. Some memberships were renewed and some new ones started.



*Dianne Cavanaugh's Pop-Up—June 27*



# Pop-Up Garden Tours June 24th

*Brenda MacKinnon's backyard garden*



Wolf Eyes dogwood

*Sandi Cook's backyard garden*



Shady corner



Little shed



Solar panels to power 25 garden lights

# Our June Talk by Helen Battersby

## "Garden of Regrets"...

*Summary by Jennifer Smith*

On June 16, about 40 members of our club nodded in agreement as Helen Battersby, Master Gardener and writer, described plants that may become a bit too exuberant in our gardens. She kindly created a two-page handout which is shared here.

Understandably, she was unable to discuss all the plants that we might come to regret, but she offers advice about how to research plants before purchasing them.



### THE GARDEN OF REGRETS – HANDOUT

*Presentation by Helen Battersby, [www.torontogardens.com](http://www.torontogardens.com)*

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#### WHAT MAKES US REGRET A PLANT?

*The garden of regrets is filled with plants you wish you'd never planted, the invasive plants, runaways, thugs, and giants. Here are some ways to recognize them:*

##### **Weedy, seedy habits**

- produce abundant, viable seed, easily dispersed

##### **Roots of all evil**

- quickly spreading or deep; hard to eradicate.

*Shown: Obedient plant (*Physostegia*)*

##### **Too tough to quit**

- resilient to challenges such as drought – which can make them helpful in tough situations, but aggressive in more welcoming conditions.

*Shown: Variegated loosestrife (*Lysimachia punctata* 'Alexander') in dry shade*

##### **Sudden changes in your garden**

- sudden or recent changes in site conditions that once slowed them down, but now encourages spread.

*Shown: Shade tree removed, providing sun. (Or if you increase fertilizer or moisture.)*

##### **Climate change**

- allowing introduction or proliferation of plants from warmer zones.

*Shown: Butterfly bush (*Buddleia davidii*)*

##### **Alien species**

- space invaders are often (not always) non-native plants that out-compete in our environment.

*Shown: Soapwort (*Saponaria officinalis*), introduced to North America by European settlers and now widespread across the continent.*

#### AND HOW DO YOU SPELL 'NO REGRETS'?

*Some strategies to help you avoid problems:*

##### **To know them (before), is to love them (after)...**

- learn all you can about a plant before you plant it
- read the plant labels to check for size before you buy!

*Shown: Goldenrod (*Solidago*)*

#### PLANTS TO USE WITH CAUTION:

##### GROUNDCOVERS

- Variegated goutweed (*Aegopodium podagraria* 'Variegatum') & Periwinkle (*Vinca minor*), *V. minor* 'Atropurpurea' [invasive, and hard to remove]
- Sweet woodruff (*Galium odoratum*) [can become aggressive in fertile soil]

##### PERENNIALS

- Goldenrod (*Solidago* spp.) [spreads by roots and seed; important for fall nectaring pollinators, so choose newer, better-behaved cultivars]
- Scarlet beebalm (*Monarda didyma*) [less aggressive] & Gooseneck loosestrife (*Lysimachia clethroides*) [Note: latter is unrelated to purple loosestrife (*Lythrum*); spread by roots]

##### Buckwheat family:

- *Polygonum affine*; *Persicaria virginiana* 'Painter's Palette'; *Persicaria amplexicaulis* 'Firetail' [use restraint if space is limited]
- Japanese knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica* syn. *Polygonum japonica*) [never, ever, ever plant this!]

##### Euphorbia or spurge family:

- Donkey-tail spurge (*Euphorbia myrsinites*) [somewhat less aggressive]
- Cypress spurge or graveyard spurge (*Euphorbia cyparissias*) [aggressive]
- Cushion spurge (*Euphorbia polychroma*) [in between]

##### HERBS

- Borage (*Borago officinalis*) & Garlic chive (*Allium tuberosum*) [self-seed]
- Mint (*Mentha* spp.) [restrain in pot]

# Our June Talk by Helen Battersby

## "Garden of Regrets"

### THE GARDEN OF REGRETS – HANDOUT

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Presentation by Helen Battersby, [www.torontogardens.com](http://www.torontogardens.com)

#### A switch in time saves nine...

- achieve garden effects in new ways; rather than a vining groundcover like periwinkle (*Vinca minor*) that can be a pest, use closely planted clumping plants

Shown: *Heuchera* as groundcover

#### Rethink colour without flowers (and seeds)...

- paint your garden with colourful foliage rather than only flowers

Shown: Black Garden, Van Dusen Botanical Garden, B.C.

#### Use what you grow...

- eat rampant herbs like garlic chive before they go to seed

Shown: African blue basil (*Ocimum kilimandscharicum* x *basilicum*) (semi-sterile and less likely to self-seed)

#### Go native...

- some native plants can be thugs, but many are better choices and if seeds escape they are part of the ecosystem

Shown: Black chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*)

#### Get skinny...

- select narrow or columnar trees and shrubs that don't make you constantly fight Mother Nature by pruning

Shown: Columnar red oak (*Quercus rubra*)

#### Small is beautiful...

- for herbaceous plants, search for compact varieties and cultivars that will easily stay within their limits

Shown: *Clematis texensis* (possibly 'Princess Diana')

#### Let the good ones in...

- look for well-behaved plants known for low maintenance
- Shown: Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*) with feather reed grass (possibly *Calamagrostis* x *acutiflora* 'Karl Foerster')

#### Put timing on your side...

- deadhead before seeds become a problem

Shown: Seed head of *Allium cristophii*

#### Be a seed saver, not a seed weeder...

- collect your own seed to take control over where it grows

Shown: Red zinnia (*Zinnia*)

#### Umbelliferous herbs:

- Lovage (*Levisticum officinale*) & Dill (*Anethum graveolens*) [self-seeders]

#### TREES & SHRUBS – Self-seeders

- Dwarf burning bush (*Euonymus alatus* 'Compactus'), Rose-of-Sharon (*Hibiscus syriacus*), & White mulberry (*Morus alba*) [all introduced aliens and vigorous self-seeders. Avoid!]

Note: Shrubs can grow larger than you think; measure first, plant once!

- eg. Dappled willow (*Salix integra* 'Hakuro-Nishiki') [can grow v. large]

#### VINES

- Porcelain vine (*Ampelopsis glandulosa*) [invasive alien]
- Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*) & Wild grapevine (*Vitis* spp.) [very vigorous natives]
- English ivy (*Hedera helix*) [aggressive]
- *Clematis tangutica* syn. *C. tibetana* subsp. *tangutica* [self-seeds, and in right conditions does so abundantly]

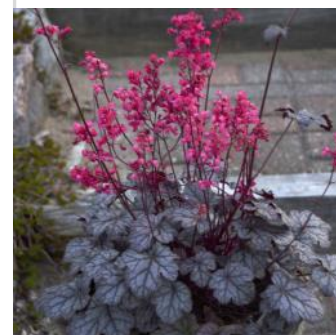
#### GRASSES (or grass-like plants)

- Gardener's garters (*Phalaris arundinacea* var. *picta*) & Japanese blood grass (*Imperata cylindrica* var. 'Rubra') [spread by aggressive roots]

- Maidengrass or eulalia grass (*Miscanthus sinensis*) [self-seeds]

#### GEOPHYTES OR BULBS

- Siberian squill (*Scilla siberica*) [quickly seeds; be sure you want it]
- Lily-of-the-valley (*Convallaria majalis*) [spreads by roots/pips]
- Star-of-Persia (*Allium cristophii*) [all alliums can self-seed if allowed]



# More Member Photos



Red Tailed Hawk with baby



Main Street Niagara-on -the-Lake



Beetle on milkweed



Niobe red clematis



Butterfly weed

Photos by: Sonia van Heerden

# Upcoming Speakers

## *"Lesser-Known English Gardens"*

Presented by Joanna Blanchard —Thursday September 15, 2022



Joanna Blanchard loves looking at gardens, big and small. Her trips back home to England frequently include visits to gardens, often ones that are a bit off the beaten track, recommended by friends and relatives or perhaps discovered serendipitously. Her talk will feature a few of these, and if we have time, we'll pop in on one that's rather better known!

Joanna was introduced to horticulture and gardening almost from birth, being the daughter of a botany professor and a plant pathologist, both avid gardeners. She remembers as a small child anxiously watching the growth of radishes and annual flowers in her own little plot in the backyard.

Time moved on - Joanna married and moved to Canada where an early purchase was a window box for the apartment balcony, several houseplants, and some books about how to care for them. Then came a move to a house, with more gardening possibilities!

Joanna is past Coordinator of the Toronto Master Gardeners and currently co-President of the Leaside Garden Society.

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## *"Easy Gardening"*

Presented by Pat DeValance —Thursday October 20, 2022



Pat de Valance has been gardening in the Greater Toronto area for more than 30 years, and she's been a Master Gardener for more than 15. She came to gardening as an adult, starting with a small townhouse garden, then moving to a larger plot of clay in Don Mills.

She's now building her 3rd garden on a ½-acre plot in Stouffville, on sand. Pat is keenly interested in low maintenance gardening, constantly researching and applying science-based, organic gardening techniques. On her ½-acre she is experimenting with low-input garden designs that pack a visual punch.

In her talk, Pat will present ideas on leveraging these natural processes and low-maintenance plants.

# The sheep are back to shear Montreal's grass

By Sabrina Jonas—CBC News, June 8, 2022

Submitted by Karen Bell



Flocks of sheep have returned for another season of landscaping duties in the Rivière-des-Prairies–Pointe-aux-Trembles and Rosemont–La Petite-Patrie boroughs, where they'll be chomping on grass, weeds and invasive plants.

"They do the job of a lawn mower, essentially," said Amber Forrester, an urban shepherd with Biquette à Montréal, the organization behind the annual initiative in the city.

Forrester, a volunteer with the group since 2020, said the benefits of the practice include a reduction in air and sound pollution, as well as increased biodiversity thanks to the animals' droppings.

Forrester said people can approach the animals and ask the volunteers questions. She said dogs are always welcome in the parks so long as they're leashed and kept a safe distance from the sheep.

Full story <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/sheep-are-back-montreal-parks-1.6478475>



# Notices to Members

## PEOPLE'S CHOICE ONLINE PHOTO CONTESTS FOR 2022

July            *The Summer Garden*  
August        *Pathways*

**Entries accepted from 1st to 14th of the month.**

\*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 2022.

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**416-469-5593**

## EYGC Memberships 2022

### Memberships:

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

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"East York Garden Club" to:  
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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 .

## 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".***

### 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."

# PollinateTO Grants

Submitted by Karen Bell

## The next round of grants will open in the fall of 2022

Are you interested in gardening and protecting pollinators? Would you like to:

- Create a new pollinator garden or rain garden?
- Expand or enhance an existing garden with native pollinator-friendly plants?
- Convert a lawn area or hard surface to a pollinator garden?

If you answered yes to any of the above, please apply to PollinateTO for funding to support your idea! Up to \$5,000 per project is available.

**PollinateTO** supports projects that:

- directly result in the creation of pollinator habitat in Toronto
- are visible to the community
- include an educational component to inform others about pollinator stewardship
- involve the community in some way

**PollinateTO** provides funding for pollinator gardens located in all Toronto neighbourhoods. Priority will be given to projects located in Toronto's [Neighbourhood Improvement Areas](https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/water-environment/environmental-grants-incentives/pollinateto-community-grants/) (NIAs). <https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/water-environment/environmental-grants-incentives/pollinateto-community-grants/>

## PollinateTO



Toronto's Official Bee is a green metallic sweat bee known as *Agapostemon virescens*.



# Club News

**Do you have a beautiful corner of your garden, special plant in bloom, or just want to give an informal garden tour to other EYGC members?**

## **Consider hosting a garden pop-up!**

*How to do this:*

- 1. Choose a day or days and a time window. Bloom times can be unpredictable but try to give a few days notice.*
- 2. Contact pop-up coordinator Beth Binnington with general questions, or the date, time, address and any special instructions (eg come in side gate, please wear a mask, etc). Beth's contact: verotoxin2@hotmail.com, text/call 647-518-9378. An email announcing your pop-up will be sent to EYGC members only.*
- 3. Some pop-ups have plants potted up for sale with proceeds going to the East York Garden Club. Let us know if you might so we can include it in the announcement.*
- 4. Club members are asked to sign in once they arrive, and directional signs help so that the hosts don't have to spend hours guiding people through the garden.*
- 5. One useful idea If you would like to limit the number of people in your garden: place a bucket with a number of flags or labelled sticks, coat hangers, etc. at the entrance. Those touring your garden take one and return it after. If the bucket is empty, people wait outside.*



*Karen and Paul's Wisteria— May 29*

# 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:

[newsletter@eygc.ca](mailto:newsletter@eygc.ca)

**Shirley Poppies**

*Submitted by Jennifer Smith*



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

Please join us in welcoming our most recent members

Alex Frame, Dyanne Frame, Alan Koutsaris, Deborah Wheeler



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:

**August 25, 2022**

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

**[newsletter@eygc.ca](mailto:newsletter@eygc.ca)**

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