

The East York Garden



Photo Credit: Veronica Callinan—witch hazel

All you Need is a Nail

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Here's a common spring scenario: You walk into your backyard, and there are your carefully-planted seedlings, laying on the ground, having been bitten off by a squirrel. This happened to me the first two years that I tried growing sunflowers.

But then one day, my next-door neighbour, Jenny Ogner, told me that I could solve my problem with some large nails. Looking at the tiny chopped-off remains, my thoughts wandered to something that the Humane Society probably wouldn't approve of. However, Jenny's solution was a little less radical, and amazingly easy. She suggested that I take long nails (at least three inches in length) and drive them about an inch into the soil, beside (almost touching) each seedling. It would keep the squirrels from biting, and allow the plant to grow to a size that would be just too big for their mouths. I've done it for three years now, and have never lost a nail-protected seedling. Last year, I had five plants and only four nails. You can guess what happened to the one without the nail.



The **East York Garden Club** is
a member of:
The Ontario Horticultural
Association, District 5.

Meetings are held on the third
Monday of each month (except
July, August and December) in
the Stan Wadlow Clubhouse, 373
Cedarvale Avenue, at 7:30 pm.

The Clubhouse is wheelchair
accessible. Visitors are always
welcome.

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and Maureen Ballentine



Speaker Schedule for 2023

Date	Speaker	Subject
Mon. March 20	Veronica Callinan	Low Maintenance Gardening
Mon. April 17	Diana Fleming	Queensdale Flowers: a homegrown experiment

People's Choice Photo Contest

Deadline—March 28, 2023

"SHADES OF GREEN"

Submit to photocontest@eygc.ca

Watch your email for voting

Newsletter Cover Photo

Have you got a photo that says to you:

*"This is May/June in
East York?"*

Send it in to the newsletter for a chance to be on the
cover of the next Newsletter!
(Landscape format please)
newsletter@eygc.ca

March/April 2023 EYGC Newsletter Photo

Credits Various Photos:

*Maureen Ballentine, Alan Barber, Beth Binnington, Veronica
Callinan, Diane Dyson, Ursula Eley, Anna Leggatt, Wendy
Plume, Jennifer Smith, Anne Stanley, Vera Toyanoff,
Rosemary Vandierendonck*

Message from EYGC's President



Prez Patch
by Diane Dyson

Meteorological spring started on March 1st, and astronomical or vernal spring begins March 20th (my Mum's birthday – Hi Mom!). Whichever way it's counted, gardeners around the province are getting ready for the new season. A good place to start is **Seedy Saturday**, doubled up on March 25th this year at both the Toronto Botanical Garden and with the Scarborough Garden Club.

EYGC is a member of District 5 of the Ontario Horticultural Association, which covers Toronto East all the way up to the shores of Lake Simcoe. Garden club executives gathered at the end of February to compare notes. (District 5 needs more people to join their Board. Consider it. That's 4 meetings/year, usually virtual.)

Many District 5 garden clubs report that they are continuing to meet remotely, especially during the cold months of the year. And, similar to EYGC, Leaside's Garden Club has had difficulty finding affordable community space where they can meet, so their members' meetings remain online for now.

A few District 5 clubs are planning flower shows (and EYGC is making preparations to do the same!). For those clubs planning bus trips, they report prices have hiked. Plant sales are being done, but carefully because of jumping worms. Sadly, Canada Blooms has been postponed for another year.

Do watch for Riverdale's annual Through the Garden Gate tour of 15 residential gardens, June 10th and 11th.

East York Garden Club members are carrying on! Even with a blizzard blowing up the evening of our February meeting, a hardy group showed up at Stan Wadlow. Another larger group joined online, as the snow meant switching gears, our speaker from north of the city joined us all by Zoom. (We are getting better at hybrid meetings!) March's meeting will also be hybrid.

Later this month, we are going to ask you a few things:

- How is the Monday night schedule working for you? We need to plan speakers for the coming months and cannot do it without setting which day we will meet!
- Remember to send in your membership renewal. (We'll send a reminder email soon to those who haven't had the chance to do so yet.) Renewing members will get a list of the meeting recordings we have made over the past few years.



Thank you all, grow on!

Diane, gardenclub@eygc.ca 416 786-6765

Announcing—The Michael Woods Award

By Jaqueline Tanner

Michael Woods and his partner Alan Barber joined EYGC in the summer of 2016 and by November of that year Michael was on the Executive Board. Very sadly, Michael died in June of 2020. Recently the Board has decided to create an award in his honour, to recognise his accomplishments and contributions to EYGC while he was a Board member and volunteer.



Michael Woods and Alan Barber

Michael's contributions to EYGC include:

- newsletter editor from January 2017 to June 2020. He redesigned the look of the newsletter and contributed many articles and photos.
- Michael's newsletters won many awards at the District 5 AGMs and the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) AGM.
- Michael was on the 50in150 Canadian Wildlife Foundation "Certify your Garden as Wildlife Friendly" committee.
- He was on the new floral logo committee in 2018 and conducted surveys for the final selection of EYGC's logo.
- Served on the graphics and branding committee in 2018 and sourced and organized new EYGC logo items.
- Michael and Alan volunteered their driveway for plant sales.
- Michael was an active member from when he first joined, entering photo contests and popping up his and Alan's gorgeous garden several times.
- Michael received a President's Award in 2017.

Michael was a very friendly and jovial member of EYGC and the Executive Board. He is really missed.

The Michael Woods Award will be presented to a member who shows Michael's enthusiasm for contributing to EYGC. It will not necessarily be an annual award, but will be presented at our AGM when the right recipient is found. The award will consist of a plaque that will be displayed in our display case at Stan Wadlow clubhouse and a gift card to a garden centre. We hope that this award will keep Michael's legacy alive in our club for years to come.

Our January talk by Jabeen Coady: Garden Giants: Trees' Roles in Backyard Diversity and Conservation...

Summary by Jennifer Smith

On January 23, about 40 members (10 on Zoom, 30 in person) enjoyed an informative presentation by Jabeen Coady, Arborist and owner of Raven Tree Care and Wildlife Preservation Services, an all-queer-all-female company. Jabeen combines the skills gained from her previous career in Animal Control and Wildlife Education with her skills as an arborist to educate the public about the importance of preserving trees and protecting the various species of animals that live in them.

Jabeen outlined some of the ways in which healthy trees benefit us:

- provide oxygen
- suck up pollution
- provide shade and cooling spots
- shelter wildlife
- create wind breaks
- divert storm water by sucking up water
- prevent soil erosion
- provide jobs

She mentioned the need to protect trees when a property is undergoing construction. <https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/building-construction/tree-ravine-protection-permits/>

Jabeen is frustrated by some property owners' "Us vs Them" mentality concerning wildlife. Some view all wildlife as "pests" that need eradicating. Jabeen points out that we have usurped animals' homes. If there are no shelters for the animals, they may enter our homes to find safety and areas in which to raise offspring. She cautions us: "Do not feed any wildlife unless you can accept all wildlife!" If you erect a bird feeder, squirrels will also enjoy the seeds. Hawks and other raptors may swoop in to grab smaller birds and squirrels. If you grow vegetables, rabbits may share the bounty. She adds that every creature is part of the food chain. Do NOT use poison or glue traps. (Editor's note: Please do not use products with capsaicin in them. All mammals, except humans, are repelled by the blistering heat of capsaicin, the ingredient in cayenne peppers that makes them hot. If an animal gets this product on its body and then rubs its eyes, the heat will cause it great agony and may result in it gouging out its eyes.)

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She showed us a slide of a tree trunk in which an opening had been created as a future home for an animal. Dead but still standing trunks are very beneficial to a variety of animals. "Snags are standing dead trees. They are also known as den or cavity trees and, increasingly, as wildlife trees. The latter term is especially appropriate; their value to wildlife is immeasurable, as they provide food, safe nesting sites in the form of cavities and platforms, roosting and denning sites, hunting perches, display stations, and foraging sites for a wide variety of species" (Guy 1994).

In addition to tree planting and pruning, Jabeen builds and installs nest boxes for a variety of birds. She often provides volunteer tree service for non-profit organizations. She described helping the Toronto Wildlife Centre to return a young hawk to its nest. She had to climb an incredibly tall tree to replace the baby while its parents flew around her anxiously. A website at Cornell Lab of Ornithology, <https://nestwatch.org/>, provides directions about how to construct nest boxes for a variety of birds, in addition to other information about our avian friends.

Jabeen outlined many of the factors that one needs to consider when choosing the right tree to plant. One interesting aspect is, "what do you want to attract and what do you want to receive from your tree". Some trees attract pollinators; some provide shade and wind relief. Consider your soil composition; size of your property; the sun & wind exposure; the specific needs of the species you are considering; native vs non-native. The City of Toronto offers this website if you are considering having a city tree planted.

www.toronto.ca/services-payments/water-environment/trees/tree-planting

Note: the City often sub-contracts its tree planting; sometimes this results in trees not being planted properly. When mulching a tree, it's important to create a "donut" of mulch, not a "volcano", so that the tree trunk is not saturated in moisture. Also, the dye in red and black mulches is harmful to trees and should be avoided.

The "ArborRain" bags that are sometimes wrapped around new trees are not helpful and may actually attract caterpillars and other critters that may be harmful. Just water your tree gently with a hose!

Burlap is biodegradable but should be removed from a new tree so that the roots can spread and grow unhindered.

Jabeen added that she loves raccoons because they are very resourceful. Her enthusiasm for trees and wildlife are a joy to see.

Member Photos—After the Storm



Photo Credit: Maureen Ballentine



Photo Credit: Jennifer Smith



Photo Credit: Maureen Ballentine



Photo Credit: Beth Binington



Photo Credit: Anne Stanley

Tree Flare

By Anna Leggatt

At last we could attend our January meeting together.

Jabeen Coady gave us an excellent presentation on her work as an arborist. She emphasized the correct planting of trees and mulching the base. I would like to share some local observations.

Volcanos and Donuts - Protecting a newly planted tree

A freshly planted tree will have its roots still in a clump just below the tree trunk. A mulch will help to prevent water loss.

The black mulch shown here should be removed. The tree's covered bark will be wet and will be susceptible to damage. The black mulch will heat up in the sun. The dye may have toxins and the colour may disguise chopped scrap wood. The 35 cm of mulch will prevent gaseous exchange!

Here the mulch is untreated wood chips, applied in a donut shape with the trunk flare (more or less) exposed. It is about 15 cm deep. This will help the tree.



What do you plant in the shade of a tree?

Not this.

The flare is completely covered. The bark is susceptible to disease under the soil. Gaseous exchange is hindered.



Liriodendron planted in a lawn

I planted this Tulip Tree over 30 years ago.

The flare is well established and healthy. The grasses are somewhat shade tolerant. I planted several varieties of bulbs in the lawn which grew well.

The bulb lawn flourishes as the plants grow before the tree leafs out, then the bulbs go dormant as the summer heats up. Many other plants have self seeded into the area from nearby beds.

The lawn is cut the 2nd week of July.



January Photo Contest Winners – “Hygge”



1st place—Anna Leggatt



3rd place—Vera Stoyanoff



2nd place—Wendy Plume

Meet a Member

Jacqueline Tanner —September 10, 2022. By Jennifer Smith



Jacqueline joined our garden club about twelve years ago on the advice of her mother, Lynda, and a neighbour, who both appreciated the variety of activities that our club offers. Jacqueline has always enjoyed working outside and has held a variety of landscaping positions. Gradually friends and neighbours recruited her services on the weekends and, when it became too frustrating to work for an institution that didn't accept her suggestions, she decided to start her own company. She used to have 2 assistants but now works alone.

Jacqueline has served as our club's Community Outreach Coordinator for six years. Initially she was a team leader when we gardened at the Rockery. When the Legion on Pape created a new garden, they contacted Barb Fairbanks to ask for assistance to maintain it. Jacqueline invites members to help with this for one hour about every 2 or 3 weeks during the gardening months. It's very pleasant to work with other garden club members on this important activity.

Jacqueline loves the smell of tomato leaves! She also loves to care for roses and is pleased that she successfully grows roses despite the intense shade in her front woodland garden. She also loves trees and is very disturbed when they are improperly cared for. Trees do not belong in baskets or with burlap around their roots! She mentioned the heartbreak of seeing a magnolia that had strangled and died due to the activities of an ill-informed home-owner. She likes growing hostas in part because they are easy.

Jacqueline enjoys reading, dancing, playing pool—"badly", she confesses—and cuddling with her three cats.

She encourages novice gardeners to not be hard on themselves. Use a variety of resources—print, video, people—to seek out knowledge and assistance.

Jacqueline's Garden and Yard Care
647 214-3337.



February Photo Contest Winners – “INSIDE/OUT”



1st place—Wendy Plume



2nd place—Ursula Eley



3rd place—Anna Leggatt

Our February Talk by Cathy Nesbitt

“Vermicomposting: Organic Magic”

Summary by Beth Binnington

Best laid plans... we were fully prepared for a hybrid meeting when an afternoon snow storm threw a wrench into the works. Our speaker had to cancel her drive in from Bradford. Prez Diane Dyson quickly shuffled the deck and from Stan Wadlow Clubhouse connected Cathy remotely via Zoom.

Six members braved the weather and attended virtually at the club, while many joined from home.

Cathy Nesbitt gave a lively and engaging talk about vermicomposting- that is, composting food scraps and paper by the action of worms into a valuable garden soil supplement known as ‘Black Gold.’ Cathy described how she overcame her first negative vermicomposting experience and became a worm entrepreneur, starting her business ‘Cathy’s Crawly Composters,’ www.cathyscomposters.com.

A stimulus to this transformation was learning of the 1998 arrangement the City of Toronto made to truck its garbage to Michigan. This predates the introduction of the City’s green bin programs. By 2003, over 140 trucks a day were making the trip daily, hauling 10,000 tons of garbage. Cathy felt an obligation to do something to reduce this mountain of garbage, and settled on spreading the benefits of vermicomposting.

We learned the average Canadian produces about a tonne (1000 kg/2000 lbs) of garbage per year, and up to 1/2 of household waste is organic matter. A pound (0.45 kg) of red wiggler worms, about the amount you could fit in two cupped hands, can convert a tonne of organic matter per year into useful worm castings. Cathy sells the worms, and the composters and bedding though she explained how you can make these things yourself at home. The tower-style, made in Canada Essential Living composters are also available from local big box stores. Advice was given on introducing the worms to fresh bedding (they like to crawl up into it from below), how to maintain proper moisture and temperature, what food scraps to avoid (meat, dairy, citrus which has antibacterial properties), and how to eliminate fruit fly outbreaks. The system is well-aerated, which supports aerobic bacteria that are both good for soil and are also associated with a fresh, ‘forest floor’ smelling compost product.

Another passion of Cathy’s was presented: sprouting legumes such as mung beans or chick peas to produce a simple, inexpensive, and nutritious food. Sprouted beans were demonstrated and some instructions given.

More information can be found here, www.cathyssprouters.com

Cathy’s inspirational talk was the perfect cure for the February blahs since she is also a certified Laughter Yoga instructor, and has a truly infectious laugh. Those of us at the club shared a LOT of laughs during the talk. All were invited to register for Cathy’s free weekly Zoom laughter sessions, found here:

www.cathysclub.com.

Cathy Nesbitt



Alan Barber,
Heather Whetstone,
Sue Wells,
Stacey Shannon,
Beth Binnington

Photo Credit:
Diane Dyson



Spring Cleaning

By Alan Barber

After being asked several times during pop-ups about my fertilizing regime, it was suggested that I share my techniques in this newsletter. Here, then, are the steps I take in my annual 'spring cleaning'.

It really begins the previous autumn when almost all old perennial foliage, blooms, and fallen tree leaves are left in place to help protect the plants during winter and to provide homes for dormant insects. I merely cut back any hard, woody stems from lilies, phlox, and roses, to about 18", to try to 'catch' any snow we get as insulation and to prevent winter winds from rocking the stems and loosening the crown and roots of the plants.

Because of the very sandy nature of the soil in my part of East York, nutrients are easily washed away, so I try to add as much organic matter as I can. Because I also have many small bulbs that bloom quite early in spring, as soon as the weather warms I cut all remaining woody stems to the ground, collect them with those I removed in the fall, and stockpile them in the back corner of the garden. This allows any insects that overwinter in the hollow stems to emerge later as the temperatures rise.



Photo Credit—Alan Barber—Witch hazel

I then gently remove all of the accumulated debris from the garden beds and mulch it finely so that it degrades more quickly, and then re-spread it around the emerging bulbs and perennials. I used to use the lawn mower on the grass to do this, but a few years ago purchased a tub grinder—essentially a string trimmer mounted in a tube—that is much more efficient. When spreading the ground-up leaves, I also distribute an application of organic hen manure. This fertilizer comes in pellet form and provides a formulation of 5-3-2 and feeds the soil gradually over the coming weeks as it decomposes. The slight smell dissipates after a day or two.

Finally, as a top dressing and to prevent the mulched leaves from blowing about in the wind, I apply a few inches of mushroom compost, which I buy in a cubic yard 'bag' from one of the several online suppliers. This compost holds everything in place, looks quite attractive, and with the other supplements, provides several sources of organic nutrition for the growing season.

I do no other feeding apart from giving newly planted items some liquid fish emulsion, and most of my garden seems to be happy and well-fed.

Editors' note: Those of us who have visited Alan's garden can attest to the garden's happiness and beauty.

Bird-Friendly Windows...

by Jennifer Smith

Aren't birds amazing! They build intricate nests for their young in a variety of habitats. They find various food sources throughout the seasons. They provide us with pleasant experiences through their songs, calls, and colourful feathers. Soon millions of birds will begin their long migration from South America to their northern breeding grounds. Many will fly over Toronto, which is located in the confluence of the Atlantic and the Mississippi Migratory Flyways. But what they aren't able to do is to successfully deal with two common human-made features of the city: glass and urban light. Approximately one million birds a year die when they hit tall buildings in Toronto.

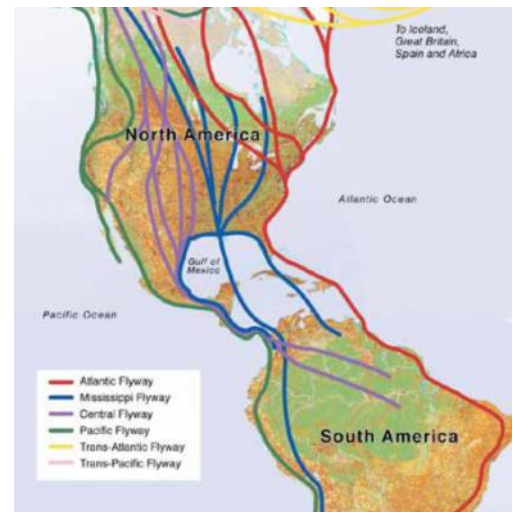
Many birds have evolved to fly at night when there are fewer predators and the cooler temperatures require less energy expenditure. Our city lights obscure natural cues such as the moon and stars which guide birds. It also disorients them such that they may become trapped in dangerous areas.

Birds cannot clearly perceive images reflected in glass and may fly into windows if they think they see trees or sky. They do not see clear glass as a solid object and will fly directly into it. If urban greenery is placed inside a building close to the windows, or outside a building where it is reflected in the building's glass, birds may see the greenery as a place to land and then crash into the glass.

In 2007, the City of Toronto approved "Bird-Friendly Development Guidelines". It was the first City Council to adopt a document of this kind in North America. In 2010 Toronto updated this document to create a Green Standard for new developments. "Toronto demonstrated leadership and innovation by being the first municipality in North America to require new development to incorporate bird-friendly standards." (p.9) This document was revised in 2014.

Most bird mortality occurs at mid- and high-rise buildings. Perhaps houses are not the most lethal structures for birds, but where we place bird baths and feeders can be problematic. These items should be located as close to windows as possible (half a metre away at the most) so that if a bird flies into your window from this distance, it is less likely to have built up enough momentum to sustain injury. Of course, you know your property best and may have already placed your feeders and baths, if you have them, in safe locations.

If you notice that your windows are sustaining bird strikes, there are ways to make them safer for birds. You could close the drapes during particular times of day. You could move plants away from



Bird-Friendly Windows...

the windows. The website of the organization called Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP—what a great acronym!) lists a number of treatments one can apply to the problematic windows. These include Feather Friendly window film.

<https://flap.org/stop-birds-from-hitting-windows>

Apparently, human eyes quickly become accustomed to the dots on this film and are not bothered by the arrays. Please note that in order to be effective, these treatments must be applied to the exterior of the windows, not inside. And decals spaced widely apart, such as the hawk and crow silhouettes that we sometimes see, are ineffective; they leave too much glass still invisible to birds and potentially lethal to them.

We are beginning to see new buildings with a variety of designs on their exteriors to reduce bird strikes. The Toronto Metropolitan University Student Learning Centre has strong visual markers to make its exterior visible. The Pan Am Aquatic Centre has a “frit pattern” on its exterior—in the shape of swimmers—which serves both as a branding item and a deterrent for bird collisions. Some of our new subway stations and condominiums show “polka dot” glass.

Killing birds with glass and light is illegal under Ontario’s Environmental Protection Act. However, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks seldom prosecutes building owners for violating this law.

The Canadian Standards Association has developed a bird-friendly design for new and existing buildings but this is not legally binding and is often ignored. We are fortunate that Toronto, and a few other cities, have had an avian-friendly design code in the building approval process.

Unfortunately, the current provincial government’s recently passed More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (formerly Bill 23), disallows Ontario municipalities from requiring exterior design elements that include coverings on windows to reduce birds from crashing into windows, as these are considered impediments to housing construction.

sources:

Toronto Star, Feb. 21, 2022

Toronto Star, Nov. 18, 2022

flap.org

Bird-Friendly Best Practices Glass, 2016, City of Toronto, City Planning



Our trip to the Orchid Show...

Toronto Botanical Gardens—February 11, 2023



Photo Credit: Maureen Ballentine

Photo Credit: Rosemary Vandierendonck

Our trip to the Orchid Show Toronto Botanical Gardens—February 11, 2023

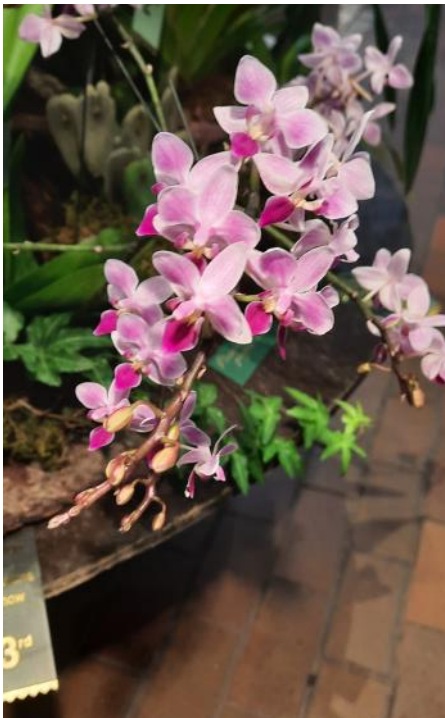


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Upcoming Speakers

"Low Maintenance Gardening"

Presented by Veronica Callinan —Monday March 20, 2023

Although EYGC call gardening a labour of love, managing one can sometimes become more labour than anything else.

As part of her training to become a Master Gardener, Veronica studied the soapwort plant, which is still used by museums to very gently clean old fabrics.

Veronica says that she specializes in plants that tolerate abuse and are easy to grow. "Fussy ones will not get the individual attention they need."

Veronica will share thoughts on how to reduce the labour and bring back the love.

"A life is like a garden. Perfect moments can be had, but not preserved, except in memory." LLAP (Leonard Nimoy's last tweet)

Ubuntu: "I am because we are" An ancient African word still relevant today.



"Queensdale Flowers: a Sustainable, Urban Farming Experiment"

Presented by Diana Fleming —Monday April 17, 2023

Diana Fleming is an urban farmer / florist and head of Queensdale Flowers.

After spending many years in front of a computer as a graphic designer and in the garden in her spare time, Diana decided to make a pandemic-spurred professional pivot from digital to dirt.

She started Queensdale Flowers in 2021 to fill a gap in the hyper local flower market and to address climate change through regenerative agricultural practices.

Queensdale Flowers aims for zero waste, sustainable water usage, soil health development through "no till" practices and natural inputs, and optimal urban yard use through land lending agreements. Diana grows a variety of cut flowers for fresh and everlasting arrangements to serve the East York area. Current favourite flowers include ranunculus, lisianthus, lunaria, any kind of allium, and of course, dahlias.



Notices to Members

PEOPLE'S CHOICE ONLINE PHOTO CONTESTS FOR 2023

March — "Shades of Green"

April — "Water"

Entries accepted from now to the 28th for this month.

photocontest@eygc.ca or

416-469-5593

EYGC Memberships 2023

Memberships:

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

Send cheques payable to
"East York Garden Club" to:
East York Garden Club,
c/o Cristina Brown,
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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 .

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".***

CORRECTION

IN ANNA LEGGATT'S LAST ISSUE ARTICLE ENTITLED "WINTER GARDENS", THE IMAGE OF THE *ARUM ITALICUM* WAS IN ERROR. THE CORRECT IMAGE IS SHOWN BELOW



Missouri Botanical Garden states "In all climates, foliage goes dormant in summer."

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



Cardinal Visit

As he sang in my mother's magnolia for a long time, I smiled that my sisters were calling to her and waiting for her arrival. RIP to my mother Elizabeth Ballentine - Feb 28, 2023.

Here we Grow Again...Welcome New EYGC Members

Please join us in welcoming our most recent members:

Once they come out of hibernation



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:

April 22, 2023

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