

The East York Garden

Newsletter of the East York Garden Club

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Saturday, August 26, 2006

Annual Flower Show & Tea, 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m

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

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month (except August and December) in the Stan Wadlow Clubhouse, 373 Cedarvale Avenue at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments are available at 7:00 p.m. The Clubhouse is wheelchair-accessible. Visitors are always welcome.

Yearly membership fees are \$20 for a single, and \$30 for a family. To inquire about membership, contact Denise Alexander at 416-759-5736.

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It's hard to believe, but the summer's almost over. All the signs are there: the days are getting shorter, the CNE is open, and you can't escape the back-to-school commercials on radio and TV. And of course, there's one other sign: our Annual Flower Show & Tea.

With sections for Cut Flowers, Plants, Vegetables, Design, and Preserves, there are more than 100 categories in which you can enter this year. As you know by now, this is our 80th anniversary. In our May & June shows, the design categories featured the Roaring Twenties (our founding decade) and the Swinging Sixties (our middle age). We've reached the "Here and Now" at this show, with categories such as The Rockery, Taylor Creek, and Smart Car. You'll find all the details on pages 19 to 23 of your yearbook, and on the Flower Show pages of the Club's website. (You may notice that we were a little over-enthusiastic when it came to the Plants section, and included two categories fives. The second one "House plant, any other foliage" should be deleted. And don't worry, we haven't completely dropped it; you can enter that house plant in category 12.)

This year, for those who come to view the show, we'll have a few extras. To help mark our 80th, we'll have an exhibit of memorabilia, and a couple of slide shows showing something of the old and the new. There will also be two demonstrations to let you know some interesting facts about weeds and to give you some ideas about ways to use lavender. And naturally, we'll be serving tea, sandwiches, and sweets.

If you'd like to help out on Saturday or with the setup on Friday evening, please give Veronica Callinan a call (416-750-9758). For the afternoon tea, we would appreciate any donations of desserts, cookies, or other goodies.

Your entries for the show will be accepted between 7 o'clock and 8 o'clock on Friday evening, and between 9 o'clock and 11:15 on Saturday morning. Judging begins at 11:20 a.m. sharp, with viewing between 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.



This is a special abbreviated version of The East York Garden. A full-sized version will return in early September, with details about our September and October speakers, the photography contest, and a report on the recent OHA convention in Ottawa.

Veseys Bulbs

Included with this issue is an order form for the Fall Bulb Fundraiser. Those of us who bought Veseys bulbs last year will attest to the magnificence of the blooms that appeared this spring. In this year's order form, you'll find 12 different varieties of bulbs as well as the Summer Savoury Cookbook. Take a look through the available packages, and you're sure to find bulbs that will brighten up your garden next spring.

Orders should be brought to the September 21 meeting. This is a fund-raising effort that brings you quality bulbs at good prices, and at the same time helps out the Club.

For more information, or if you'd like to order, but can't make it to the meeting in September, please call Veronica Callinan at 416-750-9758.

EYGC at Canada Day

Many thanks to all who contributed their time, plants, or "gentle-used" items on Canada Day. Nearly \$800 was raised from the sale of plants and Attic Treasures. This would not have been possible without the efforts of those who manned the booth or donated items.

And for the first time in many years, we had an entry in the Canada Day parade. Eight members of the Club marched, waved, handed out lavender, and had a good time as the parade made its way through East York.



EYGC members marching along Sammon Avenue (thanks to Paul Hirst for the picture).

Bus Trip on September 9

There are still some more spaces available for the bus trip on Saturday, September 9. We'll be leaving from Stan Wadlow Community Centre at 8:00 a.m., returning about 6:00 p.m. In the morning we'll be visiting the garden of Norm & Lynne Limpert in Acton, and spending some time at Lost Horizon Garden and Nursery, also in Acton. Lunch will be at the Holiday Inn in Guelph. Although our original plans for the afternoon hit a bit of snag, we've come up with an itinerary that we're sure you'll enjoy. We'll be visiting the Halton County Radial Railway near Rockwood. There you'll have the opportunity to enjoy a ride on one of a variety of 1890s to 1990s restored streetcars, interurban, radial and work cars, through five kilometres of scenic woodlands. And of course, we haven't forgotten the horticultural element. There's a rock garden inside the "East Loop" that has been described as "a wonderful attraction any time of the year".

There are a still a few more spots available for the trip. Please contact Roz Regnier at 416-759-6247 to reserve a seat, or for more information.

East York Blooming Contest

The revival of The East York Blooming Contest (sometimes known as "the front yard contest") is nearly complete. We've finished the first phase of the judging, which involved viewing all of the 80 nominated gardens. From a shorter list of about a dozen gardens, a final judging will take place during the week of August 21. Final results will be announced at the awards ceremony, which will take place at the East York Civic Centre on the evening of Tuesday, September 12.

EYGC Shirts

The new EYGC t-shirts and golf shirts have arrived, and most have been delivered. A few of you have ordered a shirt may not have received it yet. We'll be trying to get it to you in the next week or so. And if you didn't order one, we still have a few "in stock" (give Malcolm Geast a call at 416-429-4719). As well, if there is enough demand, we will have some more produced in the fall or spring.