

July ~ August 2015



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, please contact Cristina at 416-423-5857.

Visit us on the web at www.eygc.ca

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Thursday, July 16th, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

Topic: Annual Member Pot Luck Dinner

This year's dinner will be at the garden of Anna Leggatt. Her address is 2593 St. Clair Ave. (2 blocks west of O'Connor Dr.) Please bring a dish of food, with at least six portions*. We also request that you bring your own plate and cutlery, and a folding chair if possible. Beverages will be provided.



*(The law requires us to give notice that the food has not been inspected i.e., eat at your own risk. In keeping with food safety, please follow general food safety practices – wash your hands when cooking, keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot.)

Saturday, August 29th, 2015, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Annual Flower Show & Tea

Entries for the Flower Show will be accepted between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening, and between 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. on Saturday morning. Judging begins at 11:20 a.m. sharp. Viewing time is between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. There will be some nice raffle prizes: tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. (Tickets will be for sale not only the day of the show but at the Potluck dinner.) For the afternoon tea, we would appreciate donations of desserts, cookies, or other goodies. plants, and fruits and vegetables. The design theme for this years flower show is "Pan-Am Games". At the end of the day, the flowers, preserves and remaining baked goods will be auctioned off.

Regular Meetings resume Thursday, September 17th, 2015!

Hostas, Peonies and Roses Showed Off in June!

By Barb Fairbanks

Thank you to all our participants and volunteers in the June flower show. We didn't have as many entries this June mainly because two of our top competitors, Anna Leggatt and Betty Meyers, weren't available. However, lots of hosta entries as usual and the double peonies and various roses shone through. We had 21 designs including 8 in the miniature category. Thanks to everyone who took the time and energy to compete. Thank you to the volunteers for setting up, cleaning up and helping out.



Congratulations to: Vera Stoyanoff for her tall Foxglove that received the Best



Cut Specimen award, Barb Foster for her lovely yellow climbing rose that received Best Rose Award, Carol Bouley for wonderful "Blowing in the Wind" Best Design award and Gail Gregory for her rose-coloured weigela branch that received the Judge's Choice award.

Barbara Fairbanks
Flower Show Coordinator
416-755-0278



Pop-Up Gardens ~ A Thank You By Susan

A big thanks to our members who opened their gardens in May and June:

Diane & Peter Ronan - Saturday May 9. While the sudden heat finished off many of the natives, the Ronans still have lots of interesting things going on in their garden, including photographs.

Anita Millar – Monday, May 25. A lovely evening with Anita's irises in full bloom.

Barbara Fairbanks and Gord Piercey – Friday June 26.

The Annual Flower Show & Tea Saturday August 29th By Barb Fairbanks

This is our big and fabulous show with great competition for the judge's award money prizes and enough time to set up your entries the night before and the morning of the show. There are many cut specimen categories, potted and hanging plants, and fruits and vegetables. The design theme is "The Pan-Am Games" with 7 categories including: 'Argentina: Two to Tango'—a design using two containers, Jamaica: The Lightning Bolt'—an interpretive design and 'Mexico: Flight of the Monarchs'—a design suggesting movement.

A reminder to entrants: Friday entry time: 6:30 to 7:30pm and Saturday entry time 9-11:15am. Judging starts at 11:20am sharp!

Looking forward to seeing everyone's entries and if there are any questions regarding the show, please call us: Cristina Brown 416-755-9077 or Barbara Fairbanks 416-755-0278

The Flower Show and Tea opens for viewing and sipping at 2pm. Again this year we have available for purchase some lovely teacups from the collections of Minnie Price and Marie Sharp. We welcome you to come and drink your tea in a lovely floral china teacup and then take it home with you!

The fabulous flower bouquets and scrumptious goodies auction to start after the guest speaker.



August Photo Contest

By Malcolm

As in past years, we'll have three categories for the summer version of the People's Choice Photography Contest, held on Saturday, August 29, at the Annual Flower Show and Tea. Creativity and imagination are always encouraged, but this year you'll be able to let them run wild. We have three categories that invite you to be especially inventive and unorthodox:

- Straight
- Circle
- Bark

Entries will be accepted from 7 to 8 o'clock on Friday evening and from 9 o'clock to 11:15 on Saturday morning. Voting will take place when the show opens at 2 o'clock, and continue until 3:45. Winners will be announced between 3:50 and 4:00. All who attend the show will be eligible to vote. The long days of summer are also the time to think about entries in the Fall Photo Contest. Listed below are the 13 categories in the contest, five of them horticultural, seven that are "general", and one for children & youth members.



One category that you may want to pay particular attention to is "Faces in Things". What we're thinking of here are those times that we can see a face in the objects around us. Perhaps it's the arrangement of doors and windows on a building, the back or front of a car, or a potato that you're about to peel. When you take a good look around, you're sure to see faces everywhere.

It's been a few years since we've had an entry in "Anything Grows", the children's and youth category, but we're hoping that those of you with children or grandchildren between the ages of 6 and 17 will encourage them to enter this year.

Rules and full information about the categories can be found on pages 26 to 28 of your yearbook, or on the Garden Club website (eygc.ca). And if you have any questions, you can contact me at malcolm@eastyork.net or by phone at 416-429-4719.

2015 Annual Photo Contest Categories

Horticultural

1. Inside a Flower
2. You Say Tomato...
3. Hosta Magic - Be it a photo of the blooms, unusual leaf patterns or the total full luxuriant plant
4. The Recycled Garden - a repurposed item incorporated in the garden
5. Have a Seat - a sitting area in a garden

Non-Horticultural

6. Year of the Cat
7. Faces in Things
8. Stormy Weather
9. You Are What You Eat - Your Favourite Meal
10. Reflections on Water
11. Black & White (any subject, using only black, white, and shades of grey)
12. On the shore (photo of, or incorporating a shoreline)



Children & Youth Section

13. Anything Grows (any horticultural subject)

Nice Surprise

By: Gord Piercey

Barb and I were driving across Cosburn near Stan Wadlow Park when we noticed a man standing at the top of the steps at the Rockery, hands on hips, looking around.

We were headed to the Rockery to check something for the watering and when I got to the top, the fellow we had noticed was now sitting there with his bike under a tree.

He asked me if this was mine (I wish!) and I said that I am a member of the East York Garden Club who is responsible for maintaining the garden. Well, he had just come upon it for the first time and was so surprised at this amazing garden—wonderful variety of plants, trees and shrubs, the different levels and the view from the top and the bottom. He remarked that it was the nicest garden in this whole area. I said I would pass his comments along to the club with thanks. He said “No. Thank you!”

This is just one of who I am sure are many admirers of the great work Club members do at this site. I think it is about time that we installed a permanent sign on the site to recognize the Club's contribution as well as to promote us. Who knows how many potential members we are missing out on! And to those who contribute to the Rockery's upkeep, congratulations! Your contributions are being recognized more often than you may think!

Lights, Camera, Action!

In 2016 our garden club will be celebrating its 90th anniversary. That is really something! We want all of our members to be part of the celebration in a special way. Our meeting in March 2016 will be our ‘show & tell’ evening. Malcolm Geast will have a presentation of our club's history and then it will be your turn.

We would like you to think about preparing a one to two minute talk, slide show or video about you and your garden (now or in transition) or your travels involving plants, gardens and wildlife or just your favourite flowers in different seasons.

You can put it to music, have subtitles, or narrate—it is up to you. This is the time to put on your thinking caps and look through your piles of photos and albums or take new photos or videos to capture your gardening moments.

To assist you, we are looking for members with the technical A/V know-how to help contributors create their show. If you think you will need help to prepare your show, we will match you up with an A/V volunteer.

Thank you to Gail Gregory and Wendy Plume for inspiring this idea.

More details will follow in upcoming newsletters and meetings.

Contact: Barb Fairbanks at 416-755-0278

Planning Ahead:

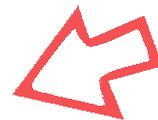


Hosting District 5 AGM in April 2016

The District 5 AGM committee is looking ahead to our club's hosting of the Annual General Meeting. Which will be at the Latvian Centre near Eglinton and Bermondsey. It is a big deal and we will need your help beforehand and on the day of the event.

There are many ways you can help:

- ~ baking for morning refreshments,
- ~ registration and greeting members,
- ~ selling raffle tickets,
- ~ fundraising,
- ~ A/V technician,
- ~ set up displays,
- ~ sign making,
- ~ traffic/parking and wayfinding assistants,
- ~ directing the parking,
- ~ flower show set up and recording,
- ~ photographer,
- ~ distribute prizes etc!!



It is a big project, but the committee is strong and the theme of the AGM is terrific: **GARDEN SENSES**—it gives us lots of opportunity to create a wonderful event.

If you have never been to a District 5 AGM, think about attending. It is a full day of learning with 2 guest speakers and the business of the district as well as a lovely lunch, draw and raffle prizes and great fellowship.

We would like to acknowledge and thank members that have already come forward to help. Sign up sheets or a volunteer chart will be available at the September meeting, or, if you know right now an area you are interested in, contact our President, Susan Bartlett and let her know. We appreciate any time, skills or energy you are willing to give.

"Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate Canada's 148th birthday and enjoyed the East York parade and festivities. As usual, the East York Garden Club did it in style, sporting our colourful green 'T's and waving our banner high in the parade. The community was out in full force to see and honour our War Vets, Legion Members, marching bands, sports clubs, and of course, those crazy clowns from the Shriners Club.

Afterwards everyone gathered at Stan Wadlow Park to admire the Rockery and the EYGC donated attic treasures, books, and beautiful plants for sale. We met a lot of people, shared our knowledge of gardening, and welcomed many to come join our Club.

This year there was a new midway set up, lots of food vendors were selling hot and cold goodies, and we had some talented local acts performing live entertainment on stage. It felt like a country fair. Eventually the sun went down and a fantastic fireworks display began. What a delight for kids, parents, and all lovers of the world, young and old.

A special word of appreciation and thanks goes out to the many volunteers who helped at our East York Garden Club booth. Finally, thank you East York, formerly known as Canada's only Borough, for keeping the Parade and Party alive. What a great way to celebrate being Canadian with our neighbours and friends."



Great Rockery Kick-Off

Thanks to all the volunteers who kick-started our Rockery maintenance season on May 30th. It was a great morning with lots to do. Thanks to Jacqueline

Tanner and Paula Davies for giving us a quick look at our invasive plants. We hope you enjoyed yourselves even though you were working at a seemingly never-ending job--you are all superheroes of the rockery!



Our team leads this year are: Carol Bouley, Jacqueline Tanner and Roz Regnier with our City Liason Lead, Diane Ronan. They are constant and wonderful leaders for our community project. If you have never seen the Rockery, or haven't been there in a while, why not walk by sometime and see the results of the club's hard work.

We meet almost every Saturday morning, and we don't usually have 17+ members out each week. If you would like to be added to the roster of volunteers to get prodded to join us, we would be pleased to have you come out.

Barb Fairbanks
Rockery Volunteer
Coordinator
416-755-0278



See you at the Rockery



Kids At Play Lawn Signs

If you would like to make a submission in be included in the next issue of The East York Garden newsletter the next **deadline is August 25th!**

Please e-mail your comments regarding our Newsletter or submissions for the next issue to jenn@majam.net

We're on the Web!

<http://www.eygc.ca>



EAST YORK GARDEN CLUB

Summer is upon us and school children will be more visible playing outdoors. Do you want to remind drivers in your neighbourhood to drive carefully and to Slow Down? Why not order a "Kids at Play" sign through me ~ Diane Brockman?

Kids at Play, a non-profit organization, was founded in July 214 by some residents of Leaside after a 7-year old girl was struck and killed by a vehicle while crossing a street. Their goal is to promote awareness of safe driving in neighbourhoods in the city.

The founders came up with lawn signs that are all over front lawns in Leaside. These signs have spread to many other communities throughout the GTA, and have made the news as far away as Edmonton. Check out their Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/leasidekidsatplay/app_137541772984354

Ordering a sign is easy. They cost \$8.15 (this includes the delivery and HST), and will be delivered to a central location where you (or an East York Garden Club member) will pick them up. Please let Diane Brockman know if you wish to order a sign by emailing dianeelainebrockman@gmail.com or by leaving a message at 416-423-2408. Let's take action. Together, we can make a difference! (p.s. The minimum order is 25.)

Diane Brockman
East York Garden Club Member
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Mark your Calendars ~

Some Great Summer Events

- ◆ **July 1st** ~ East York Canada Day Parade & Plant & Attic Treasure Sale @ Stan Wadlow Clubhouse.
- ◆ July 10th ~ Pan Am Games Begin
- ◆ July 12th ~ Aurora Garden Tour—12 to 4:30 pm (www.gardenaaurora.com)
- ◆ July 26th ~ GT Water Garden Annual Tour - 10 am to 3 pm (www.onwatergarden.com)
- ◆ August 3rd ~ Civic Holiday
- ◆ August 7th ~ Parapan games Begin
- ◆ August 29th ~ EYGC Annual Flower Show and Tea