



# The East York Garden

"The East York Garden" is the Newsletter of the *East York Garden Club*



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## Next Meetings:

**Thursday May 17, 2018, 7:30PM**

**Topic:**

### **The EYGC Annual Plant Sale**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 17th, when we'll be holding our annual plant sale, from the donated plants from your own gardens. Also, bring along any extra seedlings and house plants you wish to donate to the sale.

Members are asked to bring their plants between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. so they can be prepared for sale. Please label the plant with name, colour, annual or perennial, height/width, blooming season, light requirements, and anything special the new gardener needs to know. The sale will begin after the speakers are done.

**Members with Surnames beginning with "P" through "R" are asked to bring some cookies or squares for the refreshment table. Thank You!**

**Plant Buyers: Remember to total up your plant purchases before going to the checkout table!**

**Thursday June 21, 2018, 7:30PM**

**Topic: "Carefree Roses"**

**Speaker: Gloria Broks**

Growing roses has been described as difficult, time consuming and hard work. Especially now with banning of insecticides & fungicides. Many have given up on hybrid tea roses that do require special care. However there are "carefree roses" that do not get black spot or mildew and are winter hardy on their own roots. Come and see these roses first hand and learn where you can get them.

Gloria Broks was an educator for 35 years, now retired, has travelled to over 75 countries, especially to gardens. She is the Past President of the North York Garden Club, and Director of Flower Shows and she is a member of Greater Toronto Rose Society. She is a Rose Judge with the Canadian Rose Society and a District 5 Assistant Director of The Ontario Horticultural Association.

**Members with Surnames beginning with "S" are asked to bring some cookies or squares for the refreshment table. Thank You!**

**The June Flower Show is here! Good luck to all those who enter flowers, vegetables, and designs!**



**EAST YORK GARDEN CLUB**

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 pm.

Refreshments are available at 7:00 pm. The Clubhouse is wheelchair accessible. Visitors are always welcome.

Yearly membership fees are \$20.00 for a single, \$30.00 for a family. To inquire about membership, please contact:

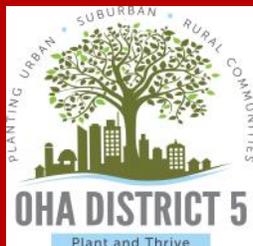
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*Michael Woods*



## *EYCG May Plant Sale Tips:*

*The May Members' Plant Sale is always a busy event. Please try to have your plants at the meeting between 6:30 and 7:00 pm so they can be priced and displayed. Please provide as much information as possible about what growing conditions your plants like.*



*Native plants are especially welcome!*

### **Some pointers:**

- Decide early what plants will go in the sale.
- A healthy attractive plant will sell faster than a plant that is potted up the day before or the morning of the sale. A plant that was potted up and kept watered in a shady spot for more than a few weeks should put up some new growth.
- Clearly label your plant with its proper name. Don't guess. Identify it.
- If you have the nursery label it originally came with mark it on your tag using the botanical name and cultivar. It will give the buyer more information about the plant.
- Does it need sun or shade? That is important information.
- Does it need lots of water or is it a drought tolerant plant that can survive on the dry side?
- Make sure there are no weeds or add-ons. A buyer may not appreciate getting a sprig of goutweed or lily of the valley in with the sale plant. They can be aggressive plants once established.
- If applicable to your plant (e.g. shrubs or some perennials), bare-rooting is allowed.
- When buying plants at the sale, please total up your purchases **before** going to the checkout.

### May-June 2018 EYGC Newsletter Photo Credits

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# Message from EYGC's President



## Prez Patch

by Barbara Fairbanks

*Spring has sprung and many of the gardeners have already been out tidying—but don't tidy too much—you don't want to disturb the sleepy ladybugs and other helpful insects.*

*Hopefully, you planted some early bulbs. The snowdrops and crocus have mostly come and gone, but now it is time for those early tulips and other delights.*

*I heard from many members that last year's project of having our gardens certified as "Wildlife Friendly" by the Canadian Wildlife Federation has had some interesting effects: in general, a greater appreciation of the wildlife that passes through their space, that new winter bird feeder that attracted so many birds (and subsequently became a live TV with hours 'wasted' watching the birdies!) and the planning of another native plant to join the ever-increasing garden beds.*

*Please continue to be inspired by our speakers and your fellow members, and, please continue to inspire your neighbours, your friends, your children and grandchildren. Like my grandson, Hugh, hearing and looking for his first cricket last summer. You never know what will inspire people to take notice.*

*Barb*



*I look forward to seeing you at our meetings this year and, as always, you can contact me at: [barb.fairbanks-eygc@bell.net](mailto:barb.fairbanks-eygc@bell.net) or 416-755-0278*

## Editor's Letter

Last year in the November-December issue of the EYGC newsletter, we featured an excellent article written by Anna Leggatt about pruning. While working with Anna to make sure all the photos were placed near the appropriate text, Anna suggested in one of her emails that I might want to consider joining the Garden Writers Association. She was a member and would be happy to refer me to them.

I didn't really think much more about it at the time, but after the new year had settled in, I started to realize that it might be something that I would be interested in doing. So, I logged on to their website, filled out the application mentioning Anna's name, and submitted the annual fee. (Yes, it's one of those honours that you pay for...)

It wasn't long before I heard back from them telling me that I was now a member of the GWA. They have recently re-branded themselves to include more than just writers, and their new official name is *GWA: The Association of Garden Communicators*.



They have a regional meeting every year in conjunction with Canada Blooms, so I attended the Region VII (Canada + International) meeting this year, that took place on the first Saturday of Canada Blooms. The meeting was organized by Ken Brown, and there were two seminars, one put on by Rob Howard and Ken Brown, and the other by Nikki Jabbour and Tara Nolan, and both were very enlightening.

One of the perks of the meeting was a tour of the Canada Blooms show in the morning, an hour before it was open to the public. It was a real treat to walk around the show floor without having to battle any crowds and allowed one to get some good photos of the exhibits.

This is not something that I thought joining the EYGC a couple of years ago might lead to, but if you volunteer and get involved, you may be surprised what you learn, and where it can take you.

*Michael Woods*, Editor

## Upcoming EYGC June 21<sup>st</sup> Flower Show

The June show has not only cut flowers, but also fruits and vegetables and herbs and house plants. It is usually a pretty nice show with beautiful roses and lovely hosta leaves.

The design theme this June is "Stargazing" with some classes such as 'North Star', 'Big Dipper' and 'Little Dipper'.

For those who have never entered a show, please take a look at the June Flower Show section on pages 15-16 in your yearbook. There are a lot of different types of flowers that you may be growing (a rose, a peony, a pansy?), and with a snip here and there you could have fun competing. Believe it or not, it can be quite exciting and addictive!

Bring something in and complete an entry tag—volunteers will be there to help you. Just remember to get your entry in anytime between 6:30 to 7:20pm (the earlier the better so you aren't rushing).

If you have any questions about how to compete or prepare your entry, please call:

**Linda Boyko at 416-699-4308 or Claudette Levesque 416-424-4767.**





## The Gardens of Windfields Estate

**Saturday, June 9 & Sunday, June 10,  
2018, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

### Toronto Botanical Garden's 31st Annual Tour of Private Gardens:

#### The Gardens of Windfields Estate

Through the Garden Gate, one of Canada's largest private garden tours, showcases Toronto's most beautiful gardens. This self-guided tour enables participants to discover the gardens at their own pace following a map and garden guide containing descriptions of the featured gardens. A complimentary shuttle bus service is available for participants along the garden route. Knowledgeable Toronto Master Gardeners will be at each garden to answer any questions about the plant materials and design features. There will be opportunities to buy snacks and refreshments along the route. All proceeds from this event support the Toronto Botanical Garden.

#### TICKETS

One-Day Pass: Public \$45 / TBG Members \$40  
Two-Day Pass: Public \$65 / TBG Members \$60  
Students \$25 (With ID, One-Day Pass Only)  
Tax included.

Tickets are limited, advance purchase recommended.

#### Special Discount for EYGC Members

Just use the following code when purchasing tickets, and you will receive a special discount for the Through the Garden Gate Tour.  
Access your discount pricing:

**Use this link to buy your tickets:**  
<https://mcttgg.eventbrite.ca/>

**At checkout, please enter our code in  
the coupon box.**  
**Our Discount Code:**  
**eastyork**

## Windfields Estate History

*For those of you that would like some more information and a little history of the Windfields Estate, here are some excerpts from an article by Wes Farris, courtesy of Heritage Toronto:*



In 1936, businessman Edward Plunkett 'E. P.' Taylor (1901-1989) commissioned the construction of Windfields Estate, which would serve as the Taylor family

home in Toronto for the next fifty years. By the 1950s, Taylor was, in the words of Peter C. Newman, 'the most successful Canadian businessman of his generation,' and one of the most influential financiers in the world,' and his residence became one of the most prominent in the city, hosting members of the Royal Family on numerous occasions. At one time comprising a thousand acres, Windfields Estate was also home to Taylor's horse-breeding business, and such famous horses as Northern Dancer once grazed in the Estate's fields.

In 1968, Taylor agreed to sell most of Windfields Estates to Morenish Land Developments Ltd. for \$13.7 million. Though the sale meant the end of one of the top racehorse breeding facilities in North America, he was able to transfer operations to the previously-purchased National Stud Farm in Oshawa, subsequently renamed Windfields Farm. In the same year, Taylor made a gift of the remainder of Windfields Estate to North York, which was valued at \$4 million. Thirty acres along Wilket Creek was donated as parkland, and is now known as Windfields Park. The remaining twenty acres, which included the Taylor home and gatehouse and is the parcel of land currently referred to as Windfields Estate, was also given to North York, though Taylor and his wife held the exclusive right to live at the estate for the rest of their lifetimes.

In 1986, it was announced that Windfields Estate would become the home of the newly-founded Canadian Centre for Advanced Film Studies, headed by Norman Jewison. Now known as the Canadian Film Centre, the school has grown from an initial class of 12 filmmakers to encompass over 100 students in 16 programmes today. The CFC operates on eight acres of the Windfields Estate, comprising the main buildings, while the remainder of the estate is managed by the City of Toronto's Parks and Recreation department. In 1992, Windfields Estate was designated as a property of historical significance under the Ontario Heritage Act, and the estate remains as a reflection not only of E. P. Taylor's role in Canadian history, but also as a symbol of the early suburban history of North York.

# Canada Blooms 2018

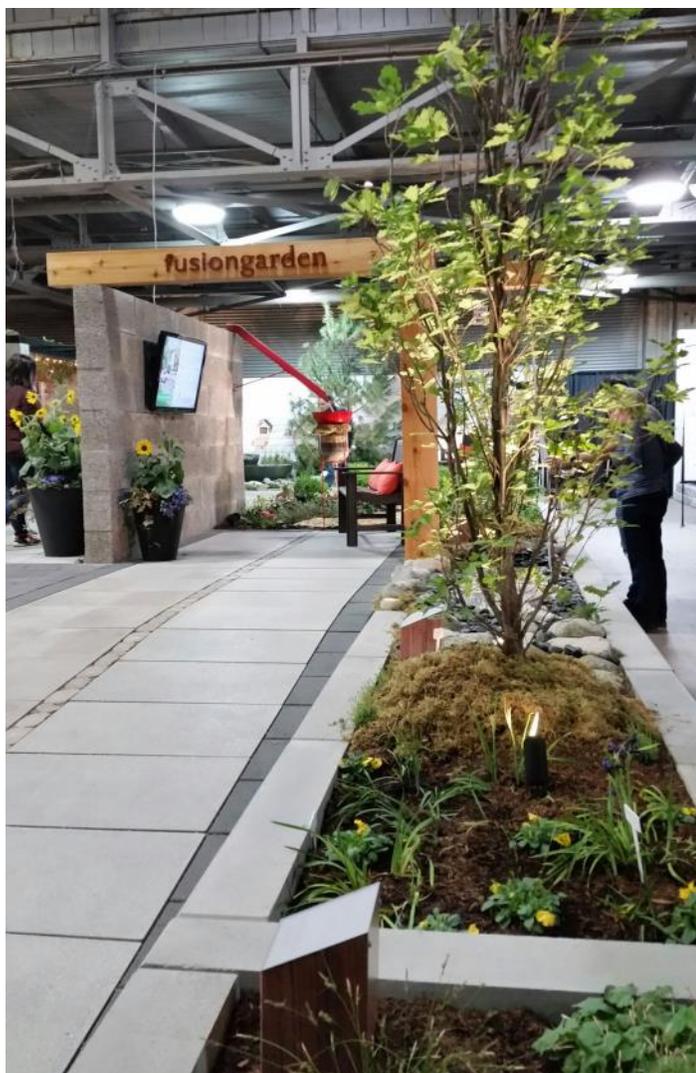
Once again this year, EYGC volunteered some hours to work at the OHA booth promoting garden clubs all over Ontario.

Carole Aida, Barb Fairbanks, Malcolm Geast, Bonnie Howes, Dawn McEachern and Anita Millar took one or more shifts during the week of March 9<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The theme for the event was “Let’s Go to the Movie” and while we had no entries in the competitions, one member, Jacqueline White, worked for Landscape Ontario to put together the “fusiongarden”. She said it was two days of really hard work, but the garden looked beautiful and had some really innovative ideas.



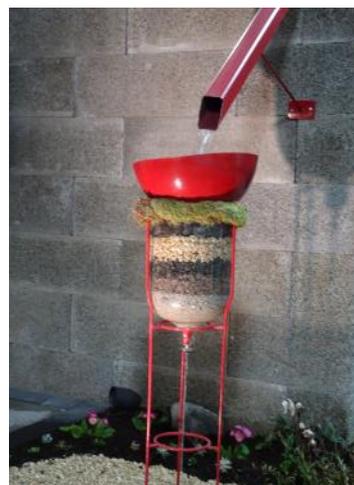
**Theme Display at Canada Blooms**



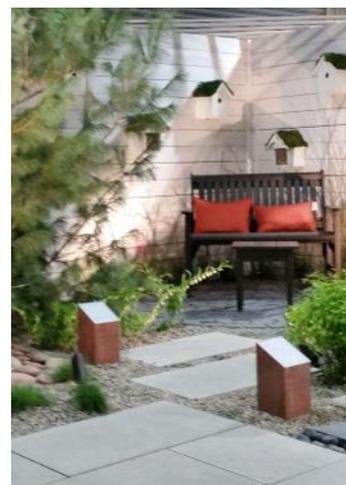
**Entrance to the 'fusiongarden' display**



**'fusiongarden' with grass covered hammock**

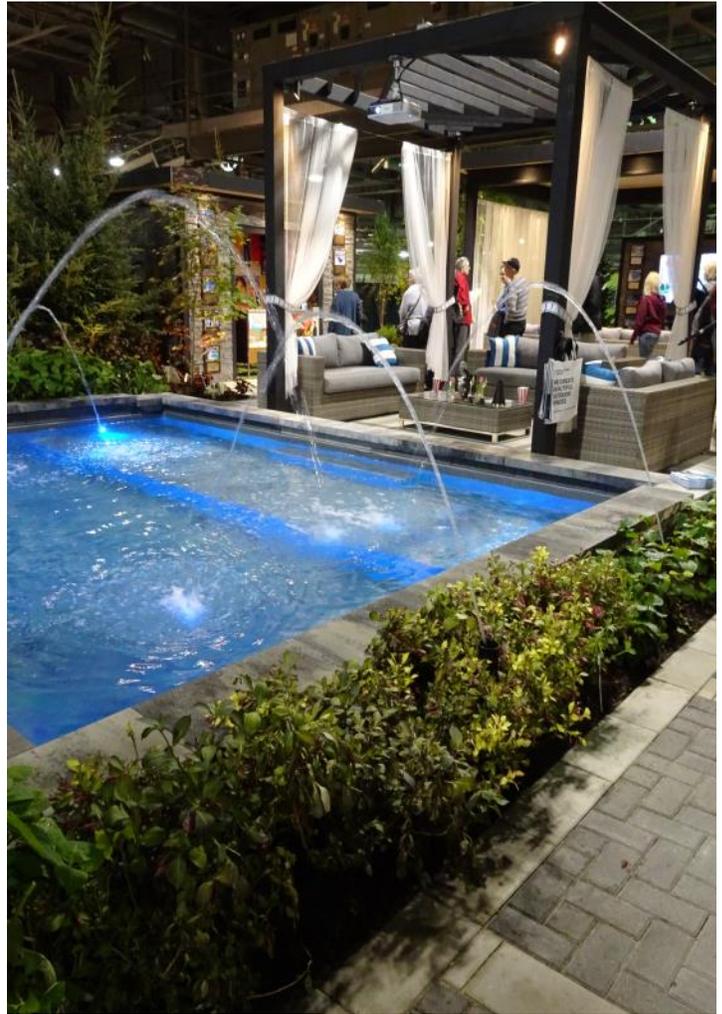


**Unique rainwater filter**



**'fusiongarden' seating**

# More Canada Blooms...





## *How I got interested in gardening*

*by Jennifer L. Smith*

I watched my father garden. He specialized in roses, bearded iris and tomatoes. Although he was a linguistic, he was also very interested in biochemistry. He worked hard to find the right conditions for his crops. At one point he tried to grow tomatoes on the garage roof, since the backyard was too shaded by an old apple tree. (This didn't work out well.) He had 3 piles of compost of different ages and enjoyed turning over the matter and watching it change. I remember fondly the autumn when we staked out 9 square feet of front lawn and killed the sod over the winter through the "lasagna" method. He grew beans, tomatoes and herbs in this sunny garden with great success. He harvested his green beans very carefully and cooked each one according to its age. This could mean waiting awhile for one's vegetable course!

I first started to garden on my own when I lived in a basement apartment with a small backyard. When I acquired my own house in 1994, I gradually removed the lawns and enlarged the gardens. Recently my garden was certified by the Canadian Wildlife Federation, so I am striving to add more pollinator-friendly plants to the many other items that I grow. Gardening gives great pleasure while keeping me humble since, as stated in the 2017 July/August newsletter, Mother Nature is the Boss of our gardens.



## Business Notices

### The Garden Sitter Anita Millar



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## Correction Notice:

### Bus trip date correction

The bus trip will be **Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>** not on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> as posted in the previous newsletter.

Tickets will be on sale at the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.



NORTH AMERICAN  
NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

## Native Plant Sale

Saturday May 5, 2018

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Toronto Botanical Garden,  
777 Lawrence Ave. East  
Toronto ON, M3C 1P2

OHA 112th CONVENTION



If you are interested in attending the Ontario Horticultural Association's convention in Kingston this year, you can find information at:

[http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/up\\_conf.php](http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/up_conf.php)

There are garden tours, inspiring speakers, prizes, vendors, dinners and lots of like-minded gardeners from all over Ontario.

Registration is done by mail and forms are printable from the website

# Garden OntarioWeek

### GardenOntario Week June 9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>

GardenOntario week happens when we will have a table at Mary Fragedakis' Environment Day on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>. It would be a great week to think about popping up your garden.



## *A Rose is a Rose* by Rob Norquay

My first memory of being in awe of the beauty in nature was when I was five. On seeing morning dew on a spider's web out in the yard, I ran inside to tell my mom how beautiful it was. We didn't have a garden then, but when I was six, we moved from Edmonton to Cooksville (now Mississauga) and lived for a year with my grandparents. Instantly I became interested in the orchard and gardens which my grandparents had developed over many years.

Mom used to tell stories about picking the asparagus crop which helped to put her and her other siblings through university. But when we lived there in 1962, the vegetable garden was gone – I guess no more kids to clothe and feed!

My grandmother got me started in gardening. Times spent with her are some of my happiest memories. That year that we lived with them, I remember picking pansies which my grandfather encouraged as it would promote more blooms. However one day I picked too many apparently and that was not good! He was a sort of gruff man, but as my mom recalled, soft on the inside. She remembers that she and her sisters and brother figured out if they were to be spanked for some misbehavior to yell really loud and then the blows such as they were, hardly hurt at all!

We moved into the city when I was seven. But we spent lots of time at my grandparents and I continued to learn from my grandmother. I would help her in the garden and apple orchard. She taught me how to divide peonies in the fall, and how to prune apple trees. She showed me how to hill up Tea roses to prepare them for winter. During one gardening session my grandmother told me a hilarious story. Grandpa had recently died, but many years before he started the rose garden. However after a couple of years he tired of the work and generously gave it to his wife on

her birthday! (I suspect he'd forgotten to get her a gift.) Needless to say she took it on and now that she was aging, I helped out and learned about roses long the way.

When we moved to East York I purchased two moss roses from Pickering Nurseries (now out of business). I remembered my grandmother's moss roses and wanted to honour her. It was early May and in digging "two hundred dollar" holes for them and also a climbing rose, my hand seized up and I could not move my fingers. I went to emergency and eventually it was my turn to be examined and X-rayed. Nothing was wrong and by then five hours had elapsed and my hand was beginning to come back to life. For heavy garden work, I now do no more than two hours at a stretch!

This past fall, I gave the moss roses to a friend deciding that roses in general were not for me (sorry grandma!) My friend told me that he had a love hate relationship with roses. He loves them, but they hate him! They are safely under his care and I can enjoy them when I visit.





## *It's a Rain Garden!* by Diane Ronan

Fifteen years ago, my husband Peter and I decided to change our front yard. Peter was tired of mowing the grass and I wanted a place to go that reminded me of the woods I enjoyed when I was growing up.

We have a 50-year-old linden tree that dominates the yard and we had to work around it. We put together some ideas and concept drawings of how we envisioned the space. One of the features we wanted was a dry bed filled with river rocks. Peter came up with a plan to divert the rainwater from the roof by using a downspout and underground pipe that would send the water to the dry bed. I decided to use as many native plants as possible that would provide year round interest.

With the help of a landscaper who followed our lead, we created a new front yard.



I've always referred to it as my "Urban Woodland". But after listening to the presentation by Marc Yamaguchi and Ting Wang at our March meeting, I thought that it could be recognized as a "Rain Garden". I contacted Marc and Ting and they kindly came by to look at it and now I have a

sign that declares we are part of Rain Gardens United.

We love our front yard/rain garden. It's low maintenance; environmentally friendly; full of plants that attract pollinators and we have a healthy linden tree.

If you are considering a rain garden, visit:  
[www.raingardensunited.com](http://www.raingardensunited.com)

Contact:  
Marc Yamaguchi [yamaguchimaaku@gmail.com](mailto:yamaguchimaaku@gmail.com)  
Ting Wang [tingish@gmail.com](mailto:tingish@gmail.com)



# *Pavé Design & Novice 101 Workshop*

On Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>, nineteen EYGC members attended a workshop to introduce novices to the wonderful world of flower show competitions, and, a hands-on floral design session led by Ursula Eley on Pavé design.

It was an informative and creative afternoon. All participants were given similar plant material and instructions on creating a "cake" made of flowers, buds and leaves. Some special tips and skills were given to the more experienced designers, and all in all it was a beautiful line up of fantastic cakes. We hope to see some new competitors and Pavé designs in upcoming flower shows.

Everyone took their designs home and many still had them gracing their tables 2 weeks later!



**Displaying the finished designs**



**Some of the Pavé Designs**



**Carole Aida hard at work**



**Carol Bouley putting on finishing touches**



**The Pavé Workshop participants proudly displaying their finished designs**



**Jean Quinn contemplates additions**



**Kim Hewitt ready to go**



**Diane Ronan adjusts her design**



**Linda Boyko with her tools**



**Assorted greenery...**



**Roz Regnier picks her flowers**



**Teacher takes photos**



**Shauna Brown working on her cake**

## It's "Pop-Up" Time! *Share your Garden with EYGC members...*

This year we encourage everyone to think about doing a "Pop-Up". Your garden can be large, small or a work in progress. It's an opportunity to socialize with fellow members and to share knowledge.

You can arrange it in advance or give us at least 2 days notice to send out an email blast and make phone calls. If you are able to open your garden more than once during the year – Great! - Because then we see it through the changing seasons. If you can arrange two viewing times on one day, it allows members more flexibility to plan their visit. But it's really whatever works best for you. You are the one sharing!

Access to the gardens is exclusive to EYGC members.

If you want to pop-up your garden, please contact: **Diane Ronan Tel: 416-421-9604** or **Email: [barb.fairbanks-eygc@bell.net](mailto:barb.fairbanks-eygc@bell.net)**



*Here is a selection of photos from the many gardens that were popped-up during the 2017 season*

## EYGC 2018 Bus Tour

*On Sunday September 9th we'll visit:*

**Whistling Gardens...** a must see garden. We'll have a tour & then time to purchase plants.



*Next we'll go to a buffet lunch...*



Then we visit the **Bell Homestead** in Brantford



*Local produce & baked goods will be available at our last stop.*

Cost \$85 for EYGC, OHA members  
\$20 extra for non-members  
(for membership fee)

All taxes & gratuities are included

**Tickets available at the May meeting**  
**Rosalind Regnier: 416-759-6247**

# March in the East York Canada Day Parade!

Yes, you can march with other members under the EYGC banner on Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>. A sign up sheet will be coming out in May, but just take a look at how much fun we had last year. Mark it on your calendar to join us!



## You still have Time to Pre-Register/Enter for some OHA Convention Competitions...

The **Art Competition** pre-registration is open until May 21<sup>st</sup> for Barb to take your piece to Kingston, and the Creative Writing entry must be post-marked no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Contact Barb Fairbanks if you wish to pre-register your art work for the Art Competition. For the Creative Writing, please enter your work directly to the Convener.

Call **Barb Fairbanks** if you have any questions.

You may find information about these two competitions at:

<http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/com.php>



Some of the East York Garden Club winners from last year's OHA Convention Competitions



## *Bird-Friendly Window Coverings*

*by Jennifer Smith*

I thoroughly enjoyed Rob Norquay's recount of the impressive renovation of his backyard. What a challenging undertaking, with gorgeous results. I was pleased that he took care to cover a window with netting to protect birds. Perhaps other members of our club would like to know more about the variety of products that are available to assist birds.

Here is a website that describes the measurements necessary for window coverings in order to adequately alert birds to the presence of glass:

[http://www.flap.org/residential\\_new.php](http://www.flap.org/residential_new.php)

Here is a place from which you may purchase window coverings:

<http://www.windowfilmcanada.ca/featherfriendly/feather-friendly>

This site shows effective window coverings to make or to purchase:

<https://www.birdsavers.com/>

This site has variety of window screens for sale:

<http://www.birdscreen.com/>

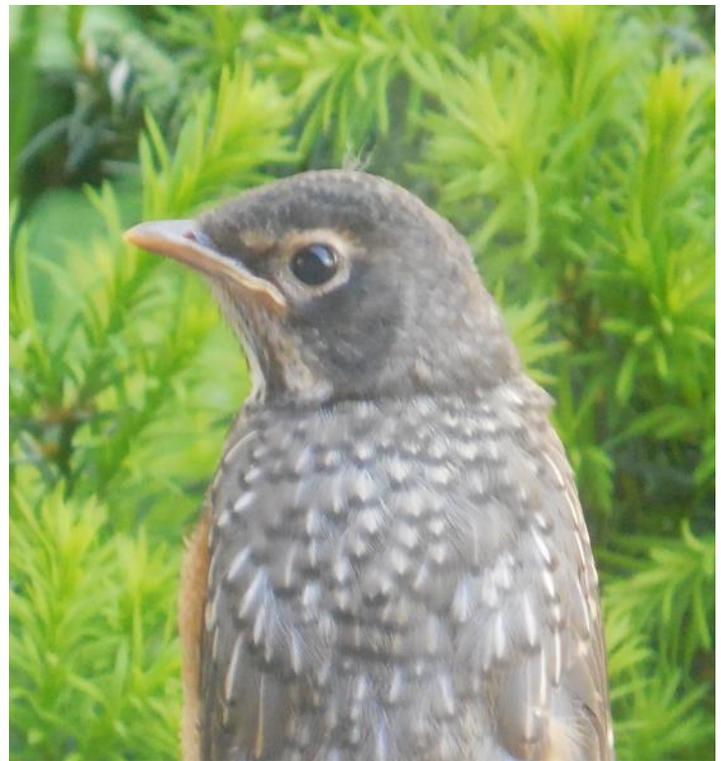
Even a simple bar of soap or a highlighter pen can be used to draw patterns on your windows. You might need to repeat this activity after every rainfall.

If you find a bird that has hit a window, gently place it inside an unwaxed paper bag or a card

box; ensure the container is firmly closed. Place it in a quiet location away from people and pets. Do not give the bird food or water. Contact a local wildlife rehabilitator for further instructions. In Toronto, we are fortunate to have the Toronto Wildlife Centre at:

<https://www.torontowildlifecentre.com>. (416) 631-0662 Due to the high volume of calls that the Centre receives, you will be asked to leave a voicemail message with the information about the bird. They will return your call.

I hope that the information in this article proves helpful.



There are two coupons from Humber Nursery available to members, one is for 30% off one perennial & the second is for 30% off one item of nursery stock (shrubs & trees). They have been included with the email edition of this newsletter.

If anyone requires a printed copy, please contact:

***Barb Fairbanks.***





## Winter Visits to Allan Gardens by Gail Gregory

After a long winter I wanted to share with members of EYGC the wonderful relief of visiting the Allan Gardens greenhouses. I often meet up with an artist friend and spend an hour or two drawing. The aisles are narrow, but we've become adept at finding a spot to settle just long enough to fill a sketchbook page.

This February there was such a clamour of visitors in the Orchid House I could only make the barest of sketches. The interest wasn't the Orchids, lovely as they were! The interest was the Mill-pond with its resident population of Red-necked Slider Turtles. I've ended up making a full painting of the scene which will be on display at the Withrow Park Art Show on May 26 - 27 this Spring.

And next winter I'm willing to meet up with other EYGC artists to enjoy a sketch visit there! Just one or two companions at a time as space is limited. And all members can visit and enjoy Allan Gardens throughout the year.



"Visiting Allan Gardens"



"Turtles at Allan Gardens"



**ROYAL  
BOTANICAL  
GARDENS**

The Rejuvenated Rose Garden

### Opening 2018 — Construction is underway!

The new Rose Garden plan features a spectacular display of roses and companion plants intended to extend seasonal interest and keep diseases at bay. Our focus is on disease resistant, disease-tolerant and cold-hardy roses, including Canadian introductions. We're excited to present an innovative, sustainable and inspiring experience, the quintessential rose garden for Canada's largest botanical garden.



Rose Garden rendering by VizPix Studio ([www.vizpixstudio.com](http://www.vizpixstudio.com))

# Hey, What's Going On?

Dates:	Title:	For More Info Contact:
7-May-2018	Ornamental Ways to Handle Rainwater, 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Toronto Botanical Gardens (TBG)	<a href="http://torontobotanicalgarden.com">Toronto Botanical Garden 416-397-1341</a>
13-May-18	Mother's Day Brunch at the RBG, Hamilton, Reservations required, \$50.00	<a href="https://www.rbg.ca/">https://www.rbg.ca/</a>
23-May-2018	Container Gardening: Drama for Every Season, by Paul Zammit. 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the TBG	<a href="http://torontobotanicalgarden.com">Toronto Botanical Garden 416-397-1341</a>
May-June Weekends	Blooms Festivals at the Royal Botanical Gardens, (RBG) May to July. Check website.	<a href="https://www.rbg.ca/">https://www.rbg.ca/</a>
3-Jun-2018	Matt Dusk Sings Sinatra at Hendrie Park, Hamilton, benefit for the RBG	<a href="https://www.rbg.ca/benefitconcert">https://www.rbg.ca/benefitconcert</a>
5-Jun-2018	Balcony Gardening, by Master Gardener Donna Deboehmler, at the TBG. 6:30pm to 9:00pm.	<a href="http://torontobotanicalgarden.com">Toronto Botanical Garden 416-397-1341</a>
9-10 June 2018	Oshawa Peony Festival, at the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens	<a href="https://www.oshawa.ca/things-to-do/peony-festival.asp">https://www.oshawa.ca/things-to-do/peony-festival.asp</a>
On-Going	Certify Your Garden Through The Canadian Wildlife Federation	<a href="http://cwf-fcf.org/en/explore-our-work/connecting-with-nature/in-the-garden/get-certified/?src=ws">http://cwf-fcf.org/en/explore-our-work/connecting-with-nature/in-the-garden/get-certified/?src=ws</a>

*This list is to alert you to some of what's going on horticulturally in Toronto and the surrounding areas. Comprehensive information about each event is not listed here. We don't have the space for that, but if you see something that interests you, then please explore it further on your own. If you go to one of these events, please let us know all about your experience. Thanks!*



## ONTARIO REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY ANNUAL LILY SHOW

Saturday and Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

You are invited to attend the Ontario Regional Lily Society's Annual Lily Show, either as an exhibitor or spectator.

Held at the Royal Botanical Gardens, 680 Plains Road West, Burlington, Ontario. Entries to the show may be placed Friday evening or Saturday morning as specified in the Show Schedule. We welcome non-members as exhibitors.

Check [ontariolilysociety.ca](http://ontariolilysociety.ca) for further details as they become available.



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## Annual Spring Plant Sale

May 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2018

Thursday 12:00 to 5:00, Members Only  
Friday 10:00 to 8:00, Open to the Public  
Sat./Sun. 10:00 to 5:00, Open to the Public

Choose from top-quality perennials, annuals, natives, herbs and vegetables, succulents, shrubs, vines, and small trees. Friendly gardening advice from the Toronto Master Gardeners.





## Do you know a budding gardener or naturalist?

You could win for them a **Canadian Wildlife Federation's "Li'l Green Sprouts Kit"**.

The gardening kit includes:

- Sturdy and gender neutral tote bag
- Garden tools with hardwood handles made especially for small hands
- Notepad on thick environmentally-friendly paper
- Pencil
- Magnifying glass with hole to attach a string if desired
- Activity booklet with 17 activities. The expert-tested directions, tips and variations will help you tailor your experience to different ages, interests, materials at hand and time availability. The mix of exploring, growing and craft activities will lead to new discoveries, creations and good old-fashioned fun.
- Three traditional activity sheets with a fun Canadian twist, teaching about our wildlife and encouraging your child to discover them outside.
- Good bug/Bad bug identification cards and a package of seeds.

**All you have to do is enter your name in a draw at our July meeting and the winner receives the kit.**



## EYGC 2017 Awards

A couple of the award winners from last year that were not featured in an earlier publication of the newsletter are shown here.

Anna Leggatt won the **Malcolm Geast Photography Award** for the most points in the 2017 photo contests.

Janet Zablocki won the **Anna Leggatt Novice Award** for Novice with the most points in 2017 flower shows.

### Congratulations!



**Anna with the Malcolm Geast Photography Award**



**Janet with the Anna Leggatt Novice Award**

## The Back Page Backyard...

Show us your backyard! (or front yard, or balcony...)

Send a photo of your backyard at its best, or at your favourite time of year. Show your whole backyard, or a cozy corner, or a particular "vignette" that you love and would like to share with EYGC members.

Be selective and send only one or two photos, preferably in jpeg format, and fairly high resolution is best for clarity. No flower close-ups here, those are for the front page...

Send to the newsletter at:  
[woods-eygc@bell.net](mailto:woods-eygc@bell.net)

*Shown to the right is Laura Grant's colourful backyard in full bloom!*



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

Please join us in welcoming our most recent members:

*Lynn Smith, Steve Smith, Paul McIlwaine, Lily McIlwaine (Youth),  
Martha Lunderville, Susan Fox, Heather Burgess*



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:

**June 22nd, 2018**

Please email your comments regarding our newsletter, or your submissions for the next issue, to *Michael Woods* at:

[woods-eygc@bell.net](mailto:woods-eygc@bell.net)

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