

# The East York Garden

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May and June



*Next Meetings:*

*Photo:* Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly *Credit:* Allison Piercey

**Thursday May 16th, 2019, 7:30PM**

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

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 16th, when we will be holding our annual plant sale.

We will be selling 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 "M" through "O" 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 20th, 2019, 7:30PM**

**Topic:** "Daylilies...You've Come a long Way"

**Speaker:** Reggie Morgan

This presentation will include; an introduction to the five Daylily flower forms; tips on Daylily culture, propagation and hybridizing and also provide a preview of future Daylily introductions. Northern hardy Daylily seeds will be available. There will be something for everyone!!

Reggie and her husband John, own and operate **Ridley Gardens** in Toronto, a mixed perennial garden with assorted flowering shrubs, hostas and dwarf conifers. They specialize in growing several hundred recent Daylily introductions and grow more than 500 Daylily seedlings each year.

Reggie is a retired teacher and coach, whose interests include gardening, sports, photography, computers, and travel.

*Members with Surnames beginning with "P" through "R" 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 entering flowers, vegetable, and floral designs!*



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.

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

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## Spring

*For winter's rains and ruins are over,  
And all the seasons of snows and sins;  
The days dividing lover and lover,  
The light that loses, the night that wins;  
And time remembered is grief forgotten,  
And frosts are slain and flowers begotten,  
And in green underwood and cover  
Blossom by blossom the spring begins.*

*Algernon Charles Swinburne  
(1837– 1909)*

## 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."

## Cover Photo

Have you got a photo that says to you:

*"This is July-August in East York"*

Send it in to the newsletter for a chance to be on the cover of the July-August Newsletter!

(Landscape format is best)

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

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# Message from EYGC's President



**Prez Patch**  
by Barbara Fairbanks

## Good Timing

I'm writing this in early April as we are away on holiday for a couple of weeks prior to the newsletter editor's deadline. We just had our roof re-shingled, thanks to losing shingles on many windy days since the autumn, and it poured rain the next day and then we had SNOW! Good timing.

I am looking forward to putting away the snow shovels and opening up the shed to bring out the spades and hoops and the chairs etc. As you know, once the plants, bushes and trees start sprouting, they don't stop and I will be arrive back to full-on SPRING! Good timing.

EYGC is 100% VOLUNTEER RUN and any time you can give is appreciated. We have lots of opportunities to give 1 hour or many hours through helping at tables at Environment Days, marching in the parade on July 1st, community planting projects, and being on the Executive Board. All donations of time are accepted with huge thanks. If I don't hear from you, don't be surprised if I give you a call or send you an email soon. Good timing.



**March 31: Hugh's last shovel of the year? Ready for April showers to bring Hugh's flowers!**

*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*

# Upcoming Sales and Shows

## 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.



## Upcoming June 20<sup>th</sup> EYGC 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 herbs, roses and peonies.

For those who have never entered a show, please take a look at the June Flower Show section on pages 13 & 14 in your yearbook. There are a lot of different types of cut specimens you may have growing in your garden that you could enter: a hosta leaf, a rose, an allium. With a snip here and there you could have fun competing. Believe it or not, it can be quite exciting and addictive! Or how about 3 stalks of your rhubarb?

For **First-Time Exhibitors** you have a class all your own, where you compete with only other newbies: A-8 is Hosta, 1 leaf, any cultivar. How easy is that to try and enter?

The design theme year is "Change" and June's design theme is "A Change in Direction". How about trying a 'Fork in the Road' line design? It has a separate Novice class for those of you trying your hand at design. It will be interesting to see "Upstairs/Downstairs" a freestyle design with accessories—how will entrants interpret this?

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 7:15pm (the earlier the better so you aren't rushing). Judging will start at 7:20pm and you can check out your results right after the meeting.

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

**Claudette Levesque 416-424-4767.**

# EYGC's 2019 Bus Trip

*Don't miss this year's Bus Trip...  
It's a Roz-a-palooza...*



The bus tour will be Sunday June 9th, starting at 8.00 a.m. returning approx. 6.00 p.m.

*Once again, the bus trip has been curated by EYGC's Roz Regnier, our own Bionic Woman, so it is sure to be a great trip!*

We'll be visiting Meadowview Gardens near Rice Lake. Garry Edwards, the owner, created a Victorian garden & last year created a large pond with mature trees.

Lunch will be overlooking Rice Lake. We'll also go to a nursery, visit Peter Keeping's clematis garden, the Peony Festival in Oshawa, and still have time for shopping.



***Meadowview Gardens has Courtyard, Cottage & Victorian Kitchen Gardens, Ponds, Waterfalls, etc.***



***Wonderful Clematis at Peter Keeping's Garden, and lots of Peonies at the Oshawa Peony Festival***

***Bus Trip Cost: \$80 per person for OHA members. Guests \$20 more.  
Tickets available at EYGC meetings, and from:  
Roz Regnier at 416-759-6247, or Linda Boyko at 416-699-4305***

# Pop-Up Gardens in 2019

*Garden Pop-up time has arrived...show us what your garden is doing this Spring...!*

Spring has arrived and some lovely weather to go with it. I'm sure your garden is starting to pop with colour. Please let the rest of us enjoy your garden with you!

It doesn't have to be the whole garden, as sometimes there are single plants that are worth seeing on their own, or a time of year when you've got some special treasures that should be seen. We love seeing gardens coming into colour in May and June.

*What Spring beauties do you have popping up in your garden?*

***Crocus, Snow Drops, Iris Danfordiae, and Pink Scilla all starting to pop up in Alan Barber's Garden***



# Private Gardens Open for Charity (UK)

Some of you with ties to Great Britain may be familiar with the **National Garden Scheme**, but many of you may be as unfamiliar as I was before I discovered it. True, it works best if you are visiting England for an extended period of time, but it is such a delightful concept that I felt the need to share it with the EYGC membership.

*The **National Garden Scheme** opens gardens in England and Wales for charity. It was founded in 1927 in England with the aim of "opening gardens of quality, character and interest to the public for charity". The scheme has raised over £50 million since it began, and over half a million garden visits occur each year.*

*When the scheme began 609 private gardens were opened and £8,191 was raised. A small number of the original "pioneer" gardens still participate in the Scheme, while many more have joined. Over 3,700 gardens were open in 2013. County organisers are responsible for vetting gardens to make sure they are of sufficient interest.*

*Visitor information is published in a publication called "The Garden Visitor's Handbook" (formerly the Yellow Book). There is another Yellow Book for the separate Scotland's Gardens scheme.*

*Courtesy of Wikipedia*

The "Yellow Book" as it is called, lists over 3500 private gardens that are open for viewing one or two days a year. It is organized by county, and then listed alphabetically by garden, telling the features of each one. It is also cross listed by Month and Date, so you can find out what gardens are open in the area where you are staying, at the time when you are there. Some of the gardens listed are gardens that are open to the public every day of the year, but they have one or two days when they donate all of their admission fees to the National Garden Scheme. Some of the gardens are open at other times by appointment only.

It is quite an amazing resource, and makes a very enjoyable read. If you would like to know more, please go on their website at:

[www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

As mentioned in Wikipedia, there is also a separate "Yellow Book" for Scotland, that does the same thing, and raises money for nursing and healthcare organizations.

Alan and I will be using the book for Scotland on our trip there later this year, so we will report to you when we get back on how we fared with the Garden Scheme tours.

They also have an app that would be very useful when visiting the UK, and if you allow the app to know your location, it will list all the open gardens that are near you on that day, and over the course of the following few days. Sounds like a great idea to me.

*Michael Woods*



# March EYGC Meeting

The speaker at the March meeting was **Jim Lounsbery**, owner of the Vineland Nursery in Vineland Ontario. The presentation was very informative, and got you thinking about what different plants you could try in your garden.

Vineland nurseries specializes in more unusual plants, especially dwarf evergreens that are great for a smaller garden.



**Cristina greeting...**



**Jim Lounsbery speaking...**



**Barb announcing...**



**Paul & Alan chatting...**



**Dan, Wini, and Wendy selling...**



**Trude, Lynn, John, and Bonnie enjoying...**

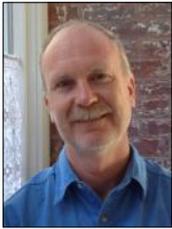


**Members assembling...**



**Rick supervising...**

# March Meeting Feedback



## Visiting Vineland Nurseries by Alan Barber

It is not uncommon when Michael and I are driving along the QEW in Niagara to make a stop at Vineland Nurseries, operated by Jim and Simone Lounsbery. For many years our East York garden has become a home for a variety of small, slow growing evergreens such as yew, hemlock, variegated boxwood, azalea, and cryptomeria. Although a few have succumbed to our Toronto winters, they are a welcome addition to our smaller garden where growing space is at a premium.

Vineland's small sales area includes a generous selection of unusual and interesting varieties of shrubs and perennials, as well as several large hoop houses in the rear of the property, but my favorite spot is the tiered wooden bench in the front which holds a multitude of dwarf and miniature specimens, almost all treasures to a serious plantophile.

I rarely leave without a few new acquisitions, and I would recommend a trip to Vineland for anyone interested in the rare and unusual. Their selection, in addition to the knowledgeable advice and friendly service, are well worth the drive.

### **A Reminder of the Flower Show Changes for 2019**

The Flower Show Committee has made a few changes to the 2019 Flower Show schedule and a few reminders:

- For each of the monthly shows (April, June and September) we continue to have a **class in the "Cut Specimens" section that is just for first-timers**. These first-timers have NEVER competed in a show prior to 2019. This is to get them/you to dip your toes and compete amongst yourselves. The entries will be judged based on the same criteria as the rest of the classes, but some helpful information from the judge and show chairs may be written on your entry tag. These first-timers may also fully compete in all other classes. The first-timers are considered first-timers for all 2019 shows.
- **Entry times change:** You may bring your entries starting at 6:30pm to 7:15pm (was 7:20pm last year) in April, June and September. Judging will start at 7:20pm sharp! (was 7:30 last year)
- **New this year! Removing your entries at the end of the show:** You may remove your entries no earlier than 15 minutes after the end of the meeting, **and** only with the Flower Show Chair's approval. This ensures that all members are able to view the full show before competitors start removing their entries

**The 2019 Flower Show Chairs are:** June 20: Claudette Levesque, August 17: Cristina Brown, September 19: Linda

### **March in the East York Canada Day Parade!**

Yes, you can march with other members & the EYGC banner on **Monday 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!



For More Info, please contact:  
**Barb Fairbanks at 416-755-0278**

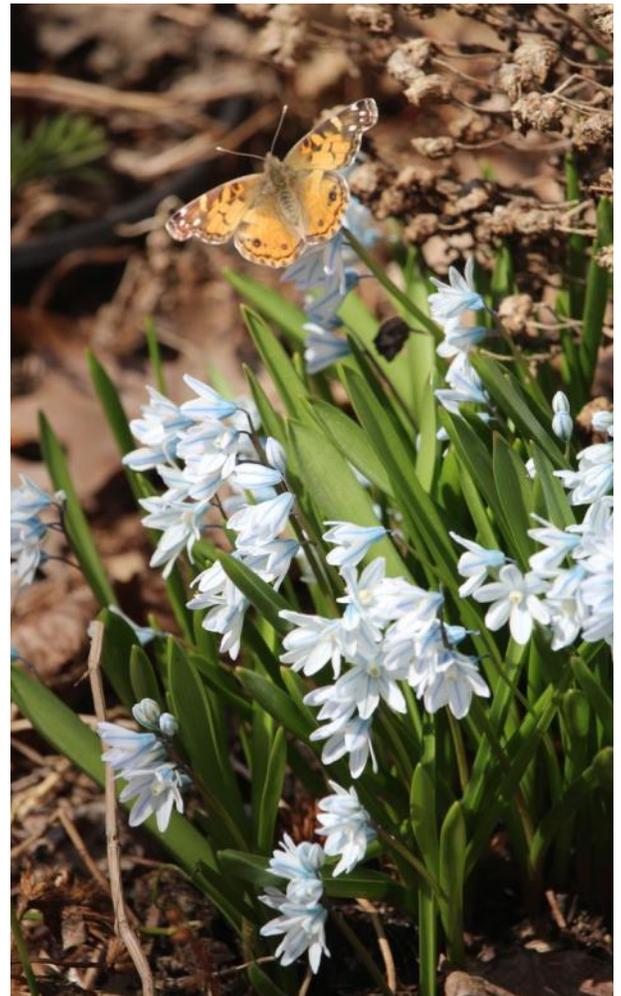
# Members Photo Gallery



**Wendy Plume's Monarch Butterfly Photo won First Prize and Best in Show at Canada Blooms this Year**



**Daylilies by Janet Zablocki**



**Spring Blooms & Fritillary by Anita Millar**



**Allan Gardens Spring Show by Alan Barber**

# Members Photo Gallery



***Crocus by Michael Woods***



***Peonies by Janet Zablocki***



***Magnolia 'Leonard Messel' by Anna Leggatt***

Do you have an interesting photo that you would like to share with other garden club members? Send it in to the newsletter so we can feature it in our Member's Photo Gallery!



***Weeping Redbud at the TBG by Anna Leggatt***



***Container Planting by Janet Zablocki***

# Canada Blooms 2019



## Canada Blooms 2019 Reflection

by Marion Stephens

Canada Blooms is always nectar to my senses! The sight of vibrant colour and the smells of flowers and foliage are so energising.

This year's theme, a Family Affair was captured well by the floral design exhibits. The categories ranged from exquisite miniatures to enormous designs on pedestals.



There were also necklaces made of common and not so common plant material. The skill, thought and creativity that went into each piece was very evident. The displays created by professional floral designers were fantastic.

My favourite was "the Blue Jean" family. I'm not sure if that was the title, but it describes the exhibit. There were four pairs of filled out blue jeans in a range of sizes from a toddler to a large adult body, in varying poses surrounded by gardening tools and plants.



Another imaginative piece was the DNA Double Helix image. This was a hung piece all in dried material. There were some stunning feature gardens ranging from the tranquil, with comfy

outdoor seating surrounded by greenery, to a garden with a quiet pond, to a mini woodland garden with cascading water running through it. For a few moments one could dream about installing one of these!



I was fortunate enough to be able to attend Canada Blooms twice. On my first visit I was a volunteer on the O.H.A table. This was enjoyable and I met quite a few folks with an interest in gardening. My next visit was with a friend a few days later. It was well worth a second visit. There was much that I missed during the first visit.



**Marion Stephens & Monarch Butterfly Donna Lewis  
President of Aurora Horticulture Society.**

# Canada Blooms 2019



**Carole & Barb at the OHA booth at Canada Blooms**

## **EYGC at Canada Blooms!**

*Wow, did our members step up to volunteer at the OHA booth at Canada Blooms in March! We had 19 members work at least one 3-hour shift each - that is the most ever!*

*Thanks to: Anita, Anne, Austra, Beth, Bonnie, Carole, Christine, Dennis, Dianne, Elizabeth, Evelyne, Heather, Jane, John, Marion, Nina, Terri and Wini.*

*Thank you all for representing the Club and hope you enjoyed your day.*

*Barb*



**The heart-shaped floral display at the entrance welcoming you to Canada Blooms**

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## **SUNDAY MAY 5, 2019**

**11 am to 2 pm**

**Toronto Botanical Garden  
Floral Hall  
777 Lawrence Ave. E.  
at Leslie**



-  Beautifully grown plants – rare and familiar – from our members' gardens
-  Lovely flowers and foliage for sun and shade
-  Choice shrubs and select perennials from specialty growers



# Super Plant Sale



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# Book Review



## Book Review: Epic Tomatoes by Craig LeHoullier By Anna Leggatt

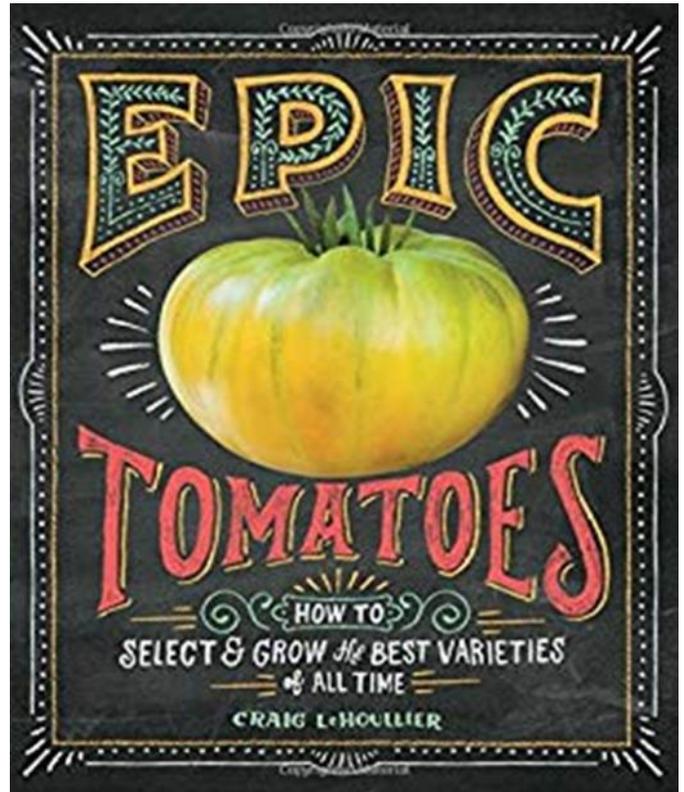
Everyone should read this book if they are buying tomato plants or growing some from seed. It is clear, detailed and beautifully illustrated. The author explains in his preface how he started growing tomatoes and then joined Seed Savers Exchange, growing Heirloom as well as hybrid and non hybrid tomatoes. A picture with 45 different shapes, colours and sizes makes you want to try more.

Chapters include the origins of today's tomatoes - quite recent historically. Did you know they were thought to be poisonous and looked too disgusting to eat? Early tomato selections are mentioned, Tomato anatomy describes shape, sizes, colour and use. Not just red - black, pinks, yellows, oranges, green, white, swirls and stripes. Then flavour classification is followed by seed types and growth habits. Did you know tomatoes have different leaf types?

Planning and planting gives detailed photographic instructions with alternatives. Tomato seeds will remain viable up to 10 years, properly stored. Then growing, maintenance and care with hints about your garden soil. Also growing in raised beds and containers, even straw bales! Should the plants sprawl, be staked or caged? And what about removing suckers? How can you tell when a tomato is ripe? Especially green ones? Read the book to find out.

There are recipes and ideas for storage. Saving for the future explains ways to freeze, dehydrate and can your crop, plus to treat your seeds if you want to save them for next year. Perhaps you have two favourite varieties and wish their flavours were combined. Find out here - it tells you how to breed your own! Then common questions with answers, pests and diseases are well covered.

There is a list of 250 different varieties with their



*EPIC TOMATOES: HOW TO SELECT & GROW the BEST VARIETIES of ALL TIME* LeHoullier, Craig. Storey Publishing, North Adams, MA. 2015 ISBN 978-1-61212-208-3. about \$20 on line

characteristics, e.g. Sweet Gold: orange, cherry, small, early, indeterminate, F1, intense flavour. The 10 Best Tomatoes each have a full page spread, scattered throughout the book. Also important varieties are fully covered. There are many new tomatoes on the market and many more Heirloom varieties being discovered.

It's not too late to plant seeds for quick maturing crops. I like Rene's seeds in the States - she sells mixed packets with colour coded seeds.

Grow lots of different kinds and lets have a tasting in September!

*Anna*

# Recipes & Cocktails

Thanks to Trude Hansen for sharing her recipe for "Northern Bark", sweet treats that she brought to our March meeting. They are delicious and easy. Make sure you use a cookie sheet with sides on it (sometimes called a sheet pan)

## Northern Bark

Lightly butter a cookie sheet  
Spread graham wafers on sheet (you may need to cut some to fill in edges)

Filling: 1 c. butter & 1 c. brown sugar  
Slowly bring to a boil, stirring constantly.  
Simmer for 7 minutes, until sugar is dissolved.  
Pour over crackers; bake in 350 oven for 7 minutes  
Sprinkle 1 c. semi-sweet (or milk) chocolate chips on warm bark. Wait about 1 minute then spread  
Put in fridge (or freezer) until set  
Break and enjoy!

*NOTE 1: Use original Honey Maid Graham wafers and good quality chocolate chips for the best results and taste!*

*NOTE 2: Once mixture comes to a boil, turn down heat to avoid burning*

*Trude Hansen*



## Spring Cocktail: Rhubarb Gin Cooler

*This cocktail could also be called a rhubarb gin & tonic I suppose, since it's a riff on the classic drink. You could also go out and buy a bottle of Rhubarb Gin (Yes, it exists, and it's impossible to find). I suppose you could infuse your own gin with rhubarb, but either way you're "stuck" with a bottle of rhubarb gin that you may not be thrilled with after your rhubarb infatuation has cooled.*

*My solution is to use regular gin, and make the concoction in the glass you're going to drink it from. And being gardeners, isn't it nice to use some of that fresh produce from your garden? Especially if you have a patch of rhubarb, and you're thinking of different ways to enjoy that fresh spring rhubarb flavour. This is my favourite.*

*Michael Woods*



**One stalk of rhubarb, washed & chopped**  
**One lemon wedge**  
**1 tsp sugar**  
**1 1/2 oz gin**  
**One can of tonic**

*In the bottom of a tall glass muddle the rhubarb, lemon wedge and sugar, until well mashed. (If you don't have a muddler, use a wooden spoon). Fill with ice, add the gin and top with the tonic. Give a gentle stir to blend flavours, but keeping the fruit at the bottom.*

*Enjoy.*

# April 2019 Members Meeting



Our late spring this year meant that there were some categories at our April flower show that were lightly represented, and a couple even lacked some entries. However, the entries we received were delightful, and showed that spring is well on its way.

Our speaker was Miles Hearn, an expert in wildflowers and birds, as well as his topic of the evening, "Weeds". His expertise on this subject came through clearly, and his talk was interesting, informative and very well presented.

## Cut Specimens



*Dianne Cavanaugh's Hellebores*



*Alan Barber's Chinodoxa, Crocus, Purple Iris, White Iris, Pushkinia and Red Tulip*



*Alan Barber's Red "Diane" Witch Hazel*

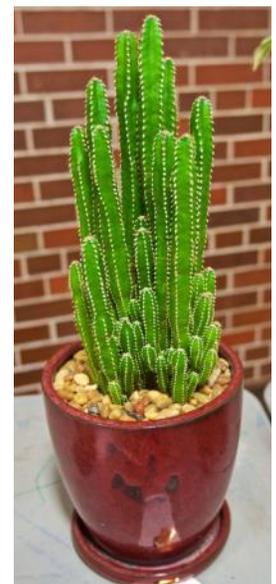
## Potted Plants



*Rosemary Vandierendonck's Orchid won Best potted Plant*



*Michael Woods's Anthurium won the Judges Choice Award*



*Caroline Smoyer's Perfect Cactus*

# April 2019 Members Meeting

## Floral Design



Vera Stoyanoff's "Best Design"



Anne Stanley's First Prize Designs - "London Fog", "Singing in the Rain", and "Sunny Days" (below top)



*We're all looking forward to the next flower show in June, and we encourage everyone to get involved. We want to see lots more beautiful flower entries and design entries showcasing your flower arranging talents!*



# Garden Product Review

*The following products have been sampled and tried by Anna Leggatt, and some of them may be of interest EYGC members. Take a look and see if you like anything...*



## Recent Product Review

by Anna Leggatt

### Gatebuddy.

Do you use a brick to prop open your garden gate? And then you can't find it? Gatebuddy is a simple post with a strong magnet. This can be hammered into soil and can easily be adjusted. The magnet holds a metal gate open. A small metal disc screws onto a wooden gate. Another version has a magnet that can be attached to a wall. It is weather resistant and is made of recycled plastic and comes in several colours. Available Home Hardware, Amazon and Home Depot.

[gatebuddy.ca](http://gatebuddy.ca)



### Hasegawa Japanese Tripod Ladders

These are now available in the Toronto area (Mississauga). These are extremely strong, lightweight and steady, with wide steps and an extendable back leg. The later adjusts to uneven ground. They are easy to manoeuvre around bushes and trees.

[www.gardenerskit.com](http://www.gardenerskit.com)



### Aquapop30 self extending hose

Are you tired of dragging hoses around the garden? Then draining them for winter storage? This Italian product looks splendid and takes up little space. It is very light weight and extends from 10-30m. It will be easy to store in the basement for winter - even hanging up on a hook. It will be available in Home Depot and Home Hardware next year. *(Buy one if you are visiting England - try Tesco!)*

### EarthBox Planter Kit

I have very little space in my garden to grow sun-loving vegetables so I use our driveway. I have various planters. I find the EarthBox one of the best. It has a water reservoir in the bottom, separated from the soil by a perforated plastic grill. A watering tube leads down from the surface. Install the wheels. Put the grill and tube in place and fill with about 60 quarts of dry, soilless mix, + the fertilizer as included in your kit. Water well and plant your seedlings. There are online instructions as to placing - 2 zucchini plants or 6 broccoli or 16 bean seeds. Then wait, topping up with water as necessary. Available at Lowes and Amazon.



# The 2019 OHA Convention

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

<http://www.gardenontario.org>

The weekend of July 19-21 is full of bus 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. Here is a taste of what District 11 is planning:



*Convention 2019, our 113th, is shaping up nicely.*

*We will be staying at the Best Western Waterfront, where every room faces the Detroit River and looks across to Detroit, Michigan. There is a parking garage behind the hotel. Breakfast is complimentary. Our plenary sessions, competitions, seminars, lunch, and dinners will be held at the St. Clair College for the Arts, a two minute walk from the hotel in an enclosed walkway...*

*Bus trips are planned and will be posted on the website soon together with the details.*

*Plenary speakers will offer sessions on climate change and the great lakes' climate, growing for the world, truly green greenhouses, and young people making and selling their products.*

*Get your flapper dresses, beads, fascinators, Gatsby shoes, and zoot suits ready for Friday night when we celebrate the Roaring Twenties-Thirties and Prohibition Days. You never know, maybe "Al Capone" will come and visit us...*

*The sky will be blue, the weather warm and toasty, and the vineyards, Point Pelee National Park, Essex County, and Windsor will be ready for you to enjoy.*

*Please mark July 19 - 21, 2019 on your calendar and plan to make this weekend part of your vacation when you:*

*"Come to the Deep South Where Everything Grows".*

# Flower Show Information

## Flower Show Trophy & Awards You Can Win in 2019

Every year there are award presentations at our end-of-the-year AGM in November. This includes cash prizes for show points as outlined in the Flower Show Rules (the yellow section in your yearbook). This is a reminder of our trophies and awards possibilities for competitors:

We have the “**Anna Leggatt Novice Award**” that is awarded to the novice who received the highest aggregate amount of points in both horticulture and decorative classes in both the monthly and the annual shows. A novice is a person who has not been awarded a first prize in previous years in any OHA society shows.

We have the “**George S. Henry Trophy**” that is awarded to the member with the highest number of aggregate points in both Horticulture & Design classes in monthly & annual shows.

## New to Flower Show Competitions?

Do you want to know what all the excitement is about? Do you want to win “big” (ha-ha) money at the end of the year?

If you grow any flowers, fruits or vegetables, grasses, houseplants etc then you could possibly enter any of our shows throughout the year. Or if you are interested only in the Design classes, you don't have to grow anything yourself - you can purchase flowers and foliage and get creative! The yellow section in your yearbook (pages 11 to 24) gives you the basic information as to what you can enter and how to enter. If you want to know more, or have questions regarding any part of the schedules or rules, please call:

Cristina Brown 416-755-9077, Linda Boyko 416-699-4038, Claudette Levesque 416-424-4767

## New OJES Available!

The Ontario Horticultural Society & The Garden Clubs of Ontario have updated the "Ontario Judges & Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design" (OJES) book. This soft-cover book is a publication to assist exhibitors, show organizers and judges in all aspects of a flower show. It details how to prepare entries for a show, what judges look for, design basics, definitions, etc. It is a useful book to have if you do compete or are thinking of competing. I believe the last update of this book was 15 years ago--so it should be relevant for years to come!

If you did not pre-order a book, we will have some extras for sale at the May meeting at the price of \$10 cash.

## Garden Related Member's Business Notices:



### The Garden Sitter

Anita Millar  
Garden Maintenance,  
House sitting, etc.  
Special rate for EYGC  
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Phone: 416-690-1775  
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**Raindrop Gardening**

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capture rain • harvest light • nurture beauty

*Garden Related Business Notices are for members only. Notices are published once a year in one of the EYGC newsletters, spring or early summer. Notices must be submitted to and approved by the EYGC Board of Directors.*

# EYGC Logowear 2018 - Buy it Now

## EYGC Logowear - Price List 2018

Item	Description	Price (each)
 <p>T-Shirt</p>	<p>100% Cotton preshrunk jersey, 10 oz. Ultra Cotton® Classic Fit Adult T-Shirt Seamless double needle 7/8" collar Double needle topstitched neckline Double stitched sleeve and waist hems Seamless collar - taped neck/shoulders Quarter turned body—no center crease Comes in 8 sizes Printed logo, large, centre chest</p>	\$10.00
 <p>Embroidered Patch</p>	<p>Full colour embroidered patch Add to your favourite existing shirt, hat, bag, backpack, etc.</p>	\$5.00
 <p>Apron</p>	<p>Short bib apron 27" Wide x 24" Long Ties or Wide x 9" Long Pockets Adjustable neck strap 65/35 Poly/Cotton 25 oz Fabric</p>	\$30.00
 <p>Tote Bag</p>	<p>Metro look &amp; modern functional design Spacious main compartment with 14" laptop compartment &amp; padded tablet pocket Side front slash pockets give you immediate access to your phone, water bottle, etc. Wide cotton shoulder strap 16-oz cotton canvas with vinyl accents. Size: (14-1/2" x 13" x 3-1/4") Embroidered logo on front pocket</p>	<p><del>\$45.00</del></p> <p><b>NOT AVAILABLE</b></p>
 <p>Mug</p>	<p>Double-walled construction insulates your drink, keeping it the desired temperature longer, while also making it comfortable to hold. Perfect for coffee, tea, water, etc. Chip-proof, crack-proof, great to bring to meetings, and eliminate plastic cups Size: 266 ml (9-oz). (Won't empty the coffee urn with one fill...) One-colour logo imprint opposite the handle.</p>	\$10.00



T-shirts, Mugs and Patches are on sale at EYGC meetings!



### In Memorium

We are very sad to announce that one of our members has passed away. Shauna Brown died on April 17th. We send our condolences to her family and friends. There will be a Celebration of Life to be announced at a later date.

Goodbye Shauna.



CANADIAN TULIP FESTIVAL  
FESTIVAL CANADIEN DES TULIPES

May 10-20, 2019  
Commissioners Park, Ottawa

# Horticultural Happenings



## ONTARIO REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY

### ANNUAL LILY SHOW

Saturday and Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
*Set up on Friday July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

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 may be placed Friday evening or Saturday morning as per the Show Schedule. We welcome non-members as exhibitors.

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



TORONTO  
BOTANICAL  
GARDEN

## Annual Spring Plant Sale

May 9, 10, 11 and 12, 2019

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.



NORTH AMERICAN  
NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

## Native Plant Sale

Saturday May 4, 2019

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

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



## Oshawa's 15th Annual Peony Festival

June 15th and 16th, 2019  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
155 Arena Street, Oshawa

# Horticultural Happenings



## WARKWORTH LILAC FESTIVAL

Millennium Lilac Trail  
May 25 2019 to May 26 2019



## WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Memorial Park at Park Drive & Burkholder St.  
Jun 28 2019 to Jul 01 2019



Dates:	Title:	For More Info Contact:
09May2019	Bring Back the Birds - Seminar at TBG, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, Attract Birds to your Garden, \$20.00 public, \$16.00 members.	<a href="https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/">https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/</a>
15May2019	Essential Oils and Mental Health - Health and Wellness Lecture, 7:00 to 9:00 pm - \$40.00 public, \$32.00 for members	<a href="https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/">https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/</a>
22May2019	Mixology and Bitters 101 - Expand your cocktail mixing skills, 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Toronto Botanical Garden - \$40.00 public, \$32.00 members	<a href="https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/">https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/</a>
29May2019	All about Clematis - Selection, Care, and Pruning with Marion Jarvie. 7:00 to 9:00 PM. \$30.00 public, \$24.00 members	<a href="https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/">https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/</a>
03Jun2019	Urban Potager - Grow Vegetables with Design and Flare with Elizabeth Stewart. 6:30 to 8:00 pm, TBG. \$20.00 public, \$16.00 members	<a href="https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/">https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/</a>
10Jun2019	DIY Natural Bug Repellant - Lecture on how to make your own. 7:00 to 9:00 PM, \$40.00 public, \$32.00 members, TBG	<a href="https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/">https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/</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 any of these events, please let us know all about your experience. Thanks!*

# 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:

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

*Shown to the right is the snow that shows March doesn't always go out like a lamb...Photo Courtesy of Janet Zablocki*



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

Please join us in welcoming our most recent members:

*Karen Farnocchi, Linda Puder, Michelle Puder*



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 26th, 2019**

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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