

# *The East York Garden*



Photo Credit: Diane Dyson

Excited to see your entries for our 2024 Yearbook Cover Photo Contest  
Submission deadline—November 12th. Please submit photo in portrait  
format to: [photocontest@eygc.ca](mailto:photocontest@eygc.ca)



Send us your photos for our next newsletter. Let us know what type of content  
you would like to see in issues going forward.



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

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

The Clubhouse is wheelchair  
accessible. Visitors are always  
welcome.

To inquire about membership,  
please contact:

**Cristina Brown at:**  
**416-755-9077**

Visit us on the web:  
**[www.eygc.ca](http://www.eygc.ca)**

**President:**  
*Diane Dyson*

**Vice President:**  
*Rosalind Regnier*

**Newsletter Editor/Art Director:**  
*Jennifer Smith  
and Maureen Ballentine*



## *Speaker Schedule for 2023/24*

Date	Speaker	Subject
November 20		AGM
January 15	Heather Whetstone	Growing your own sprouts
February 19	Anna Leggatt	Around the world in 40 plants

## *People's Choice Photo Contest*

**Deadline—November 12, 2023**

**"YEAR BOOK COVER"**

**Submit to [photocontest@eygc.ca](mailto:photocontest@eygc.ca)**

**Watch your email for voting**

## *Newsletter Cover Photo*

Have you got a photo that says to you:

*"This is January February in  
East York"?*

Send it in to the newsletter for a chance to be on the  
cover of the next Newsletter!

**(Landscape format please)**

**[newsletter@eygc.ca](mailto:newsletter@eygc.ca)**

## Nov/Dec 2023 EYGC Newsletter Photo Credits

### Various Photos:

*Maureen Ballentine, Alan Barber, Michelle Barraclough,  
Beth Binnington, Dianne Cavanaugh, Diane Dyson, John Howes,  
Anna Leggatt, Theresa Paquette, Wendy Plume, Jennifer Smith,  
Carolyn Sloyer, Anne Stanley, Sonia van Heerden,  
Heather Whetstone*

# Message from EYGC's President



**Prez Patch**  
by Diane Dyson

As we put our gardens to bed (leaving enough plant material for all the bee babies to nuzzle into over winter), the East York Garden Club is also switching gears. At our Annual General Meeting each November, we review our finances, adopt by-laws amendments (one small one this year about online banking), welcome new members onto the Board of Directors, and this year, elect a new president.

So, as my four years as President of the EYGC wind up this month, I pause to reflect. I am astonished at and so proud of the number of you that stayed involved and committed, who stepped up when we all needed you during these strange times. We had to re-invent ourselves in many ways: Moving the photo contests online; Adapting to new meeting formats and times (who knew Zoom before this!?!); hosting socially-distanced pop-up garden tours; starting a Facebook page; and much more. And we kept up on meetings, plants sales, and community volunteering.

EYGC members are an impressive lot. So join us Monday, November 20 to mark this.

The Annual General Meeting will also include a chance once again for our 155 members to connect more informally while having some fun. Yes, we will be decorating again together and enjoying baked goods, awarding prizes including for the year's Flower Shows and Photography categories, and a couple of other surprises.

To stay strong, we need EYGC members to stay involved. If you can help, by baking something for the upcoming meeting, donating a door prize, or jumping in to support keeping the monthly Photo contest going, please do. It makes the Club a better place!

In the meantime, do renew your membership! The 2024 form is online at our website (or bring a cheque to our next meeting).

The new year is already looking great. We are planning the schedule for our new round of guest speakers, themes for our Flower Shows and Photo Contests, and – drumroll – an on-time delivery of Members' Yearbooks. With your involvement, EYGC will be even better.

I appreciate you all.

Thank you – and grow on!

*Diane, [gardenclub@eygc.ca](mailto:gardenclub@eygc.ca) 416 786-6765*





# AGM—November 20th

Our AGM takes place on November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Stan Wadlow Clubhouse. In keeping with the overall flower show theme for 2023 of Alice in Wonderland, the AGM theme is Teatime. Members bring your teacup or EYGC mug, cookies and/or squares to share. Tea, milk, sugar, and serviettes will be provided.

General meeting: we are looking to fill a few more Board positions. Reach out to Barb Fairbanks for details. Join the team!

Activity: a creative activity is planned again this year. Members may wish to bring in string, scissors, gloves, secateurs, and/or wire cutters to assist.

Prizes: call out to all members for donations of prizes for the AGM. If you have any items to donate, please drop them off to Roz Regnier by Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>.

The clubhouse doors will be open at 7pm, meeting starts at 7:30pm. All members are welcome.

NOTE: The EYGC is looking for helpers for our AGM. As well, one or two people are needed to run the monthly photo contests.

No task is too difficult; the board is here to help you!  
Please contact the [president@eygc.ca](mailto:president@eygc.ca) for more details.



# Fall Plant Sale—Hosted by Alan Barber

*By Diane Dyson*

On Saturday, October 14, EYGC hosted a fall plant sale with donations from members' gardens. Perennials, both sun and shade, along with an assortment of houseplants were available for sale. Most plants were priced \$5 each. The funds are used to pay honoraria for speakers at our monthly meetings.

Like most Club events, the Plant Sale provided an opportunity for gardeners to share stories and for new members to join. We had a new sign which drew in passerbys (Thanks Alan!).

Part of the fun was knowing whose gardens had produced the plants. Barb Fairbanks donated a number of her grandmother's irises. Veronica Callaghan brought a number of sapling evergreens.

Pictures from the sale tell a few more stories:



Photos Credit: Diane Dyson



One set of sisters paused over this houseplant, Tradescantia, remembering how their mother grew this purple spiderwort in her garden in Ecuador. So impressed, one joined our meeting in September.

We had quite a few donations of trees this time. You would need a large garden for some of these!

Part of the fun of the day is always to see plant sale host Alan Barber's garden. The fragrant pink rose, still in bloom mid-October, caught a lot of gardeners' eyes.

Despite the cool weather, a good time was had by all!



# Taking Pictures and Judging your Photos

*By Anna Leggatt*

I had my first box camera over 70 years ago. Like most people, my images were just Point & Shoot. I received my first SLR (single lens reflex) camera in 1962 and I changed to slide film. I turned to digital fifteen years ago and started editing my images about 10 years ago.

Simple editing is easy, even on a cell phone. You can crop, straighten, even improve the focus, exposure and colour. Advanced editing removes backgrounds, people, obtrusive bits, adds sky, etc.

First, when you are taking a picture, ask yourself Why? Are you recording people, places, animals, historic moments, your garden, or just because something is attractive? Or are you trying to produce an image for EYGC?

Read all the information about your camera that you can!

Now you have your camera and are about to take a photo. Look in the view finder. Is the object dominating the frame? Is there anything else which distracts from the composition? Try moving your camera closer or step back; raise or lower it or move it to the left or right. Select which view is best. Use the rule of 1/3rds. Imagine you have divided the screen into 3, both horizontally and vertically.



Photo Credit: Wikipedia

# Taking Pictures and Judging your Photos

Points of interest should be in one of the 4 places where the lines cross. Landscapes look well using 1/3rds. Remember: rules can be broken for more dramatic effects!

Are your buildings, trees, and other items vertical? Is water level? Are any background objects adding an unwanted extra to your subject?

Is the main subject perfectly in focus? Many cameras have features to blur the background if so desired, especially with portraits.

How is the light? Early morning and late in the day are best as the light is softer. Watch out for hard shadows. Sometimes these can be removed with an infilling flash.

All this takes longer to read than to do. Now, take your photo!

## Editing:

Many devices will automatically make minor corrections to your images.

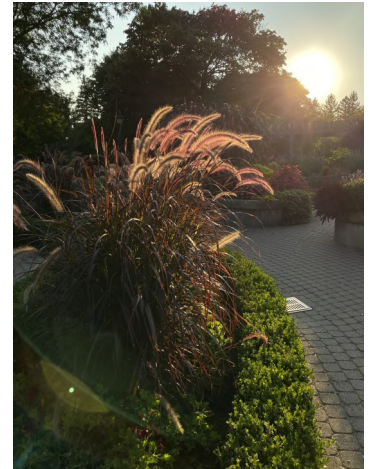
Copy your image before editing! There are many ways to improve its impact. Photos on Apple will make many changes. Luminar and Photoshop can also create a wonderful image from your basic photo.

To the right is an image and the result after editing with Photos.

I cropped it, changed the light by decreasing the shadows and increasing the brilliance, exposure and contrast. I saturated the colour and added definition and also sharpened it. This is quick; just involves moving a few buttons.

If you are looking at a photo (and many East York members have submitted wonderful images for our monthly competitions), ask yourself: what is the first thing you notice? Does this image fit the title of the competition? (Be mindful of singular and plural.) Is the subject in focus? Straight? Is it placed well in the frame? Are there any distracting objects? Would you want it framed and hung on your wall or would you give it as a gift?

Photography is fun, and now it is cheap to do. Enter our competitions and **enjoy**.





# August Photo Contest Winners – “Elements”



1st place—Wendy Plume



2nd place — Theresa Paquette



3rd place —Michelle Barraclough

# Our September Flower Show

*Photos Credit: Heather Whetstone*

October was the last flower show for 2023. Thank you to all participants that competed in the show. Mary Lou Burt won the Best Cut Specimen with her stunning magenta dinner plate dahlia and her African Violet won Best Potted Plant. Anne Stanley's "Wonderland" won Best Design and Heather Whetstone's mixed vegetables won Judge's Choice.



Mary Lou Burt with her winning Dahlia



Design with Mushrooms



Margaret McRae with her fall flowering native plants



# The Majestic Monarch Butterfly

*by Sonia van Heerden*

I had been waiting for the monarch butterfly to reach my backyard this spring, but he was late. There was information that something had made the monarchs late in reaching southern Ontario, and especially the Toronto area. But my butterfly milkweeds had all grown tall and the flowers were waiting for their friends to sip from their nectar and lay their eggs under the leaves. Soon the flowers had turned into pods and then the monarchs arrived, but there were no flowers for them, so they paused, checked out the area, and left.

I had decided to allow about 6 milkweeds to grow to maturity in my small backyard, and was enthusiastically pulling out any new plants which appeared, especially the ones popping up in my lawn. But perhaps I should have left some of these new plants to grow to maturity so that these late monarchs would find some nectar in my garden.

One late-growing plant passed my eyes for eradicating new plants, and bore its flowers late. Within a few days I found the leaves chewed a bit and a caterpillar on this plant. Then the caterpillar moved from the plant to hang in its bright white, yellow and black garb to the underside of my back stairs. He was very noticeable against the rust colour of the wooden stairs. I took a quick photo of him and a day later came back to see his progress, but he had disappeared. For days I looked at every possible place he could have hung from his golden thread in a pupa stage, but no luck. I must have invited too many birds to my yard and this enticing and very noticeable caterpillar lunch must have disappeared into a hungry bird.

So I have not invited the butterfly into my yard with butterfly flowers or given the caterpillar a safe unseen haven to rest before finding an even more hidden place for its pupa to grow into the next generation of butterfly. I have to do better next year. Allow later plants to grow to the flower stage; grow the plants in less noticeable spots; keep the bird feeder away from the butterfly plants. I could then watch that pupa grow to maturity and finally see a butterfly emerge from the pupa and rest while fluttering its wings before flying off, possibly down south on its journey to Mexico.



Photos credit: Sonia van Heerden



# Meet a member—Dianne Cavanaugh...

*By Jennifer Smith*

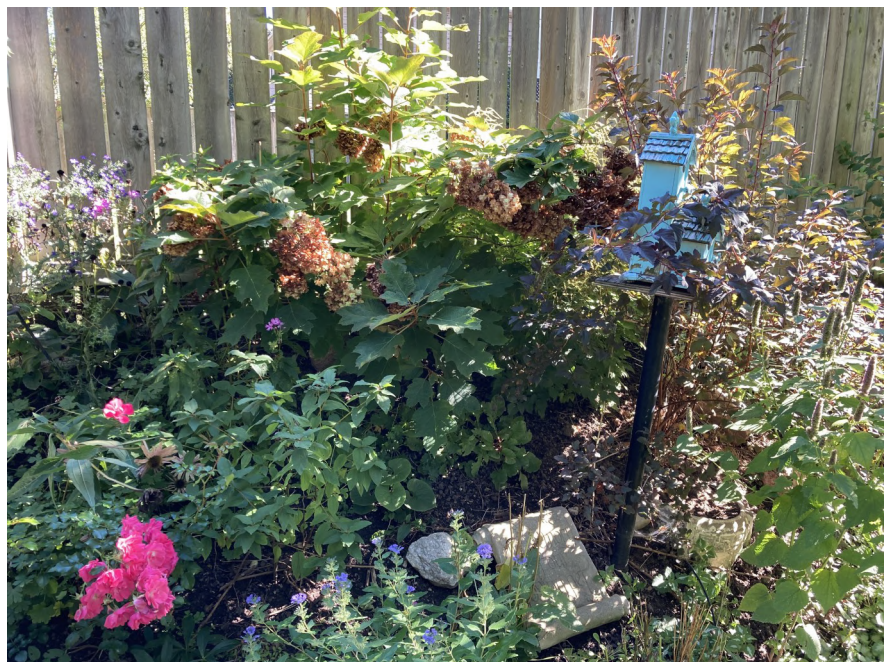
Dianne joined our club in 2017 and immediately became a very active member. She hosted the July potluck dinner in her beautiful backyard and recalls that the weather was great and the event was a lot of fun. She helped members to prepare the gardens at the Legion on Peard Avenue for a Remembrance Day ceremony and also helped at the Rockery in Stan Wadlow Park. For three years she assisted at the club's information table down at the CNE and helped at the August Tea & Flower show. She has popped-up her garden on several occasions. She enjoys the pop-ups as a way to get to know fellow members and to discuss challenges about plants.



Dianne's parents were passionate about their houseplants. Her maternal grandmother had a large garden in Sandbanks, in Prince Edward County. Dianne spoke fondly of a "raspberry dumpling" dessert (similar to a cobbler) that her grandmother baked with home-grown raspberries. Her paternal grandmother had a large garden in Oakville. Dianne's daughters all love nature, due in part to weekly trips as children to the Toronto Botanical Garden with their grandmother. They buried a family budgie in an area where they used to feed chickadees.

Dianne and her daughters are all very creative. Dianne enjoyed the craft of macrame as a teenager and made many hangers for plants. Her daughter Brittany designed our new club logo. Meaghan has a large banana tree that is originally from Marion Jarvie. Dianne occasionally wraps a broken yet attractive ceramic pot around a plant so the pot is still on display even if it can no longer be used to grow a plant. She had a few roses that were getting aggressive in the garden, so now they are in a large pot on the back deck. They look great!

Dianne's garden contains an amazing diversity of plants of all sizes. I am astonished at how many trees she grows: redbud, magnolia, witch hazel, Japanese maple, to name just a few. Her garden was small when she moved in 38 years ago. She amended the clay soil and gradually expanded the backyard garden to create a quiet, verdant oasis for humans and wildlife alike. The gate to the backyard displays a handsome plaque from the Canadian Wildlife Federation which shows that this property has been



## Meet a member—Dianne Cavanaugh

designated a Certified Wildlife Friendly Habitat. (This was a challenge that many members accepted in the spring of 2017.) Dianne has several bird baths and bird feeders.

Birds obviously feel safe in this area. Last year a cardinal nested on a honeysuckle-covered fence; this year one chose dead vine branches. Robins made nests in the eavestrough and near a side entrance. As a child, Dianne's daughter Lindsay took an interest in abandoned baby birds, which she raised until they were healthy enough to fly. Dianne has suspended a suet feeder high up on a pulley that runs from the house to a tree. The squirrels cannot reach it! Success!

Dianne enjoys reading and encouraged her daughters to do the same. They used to have special occasions where they arranged a Reading Club and spent hours immersed in good books while swinging in the back garden hammock.

Dianne encourages novice gardeners to acquire knowledge and information from experienced gardeners. Classes at the Toronto Botanical Garden are very useful, as is reading magazines. She enjoys the Garden Gate, an American gardening publication. She also encourages gardeners to be comfortable with trial and error; move plants around until they are happy. (She has moved a ligularia 3 times! It seems to be happy now.) She sends this advice to all of us: "Gardening takes enormous effort and patience on the part of the gardener. Make sure you take time to enjoy it. I go out nightly and say goodnight to my garden, spend a few minutes, even after a busy day away from it!"

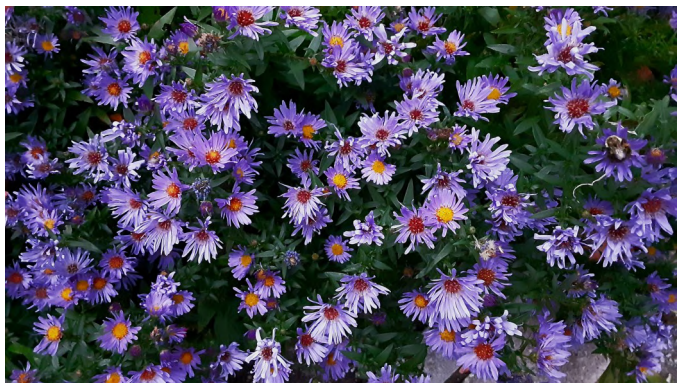
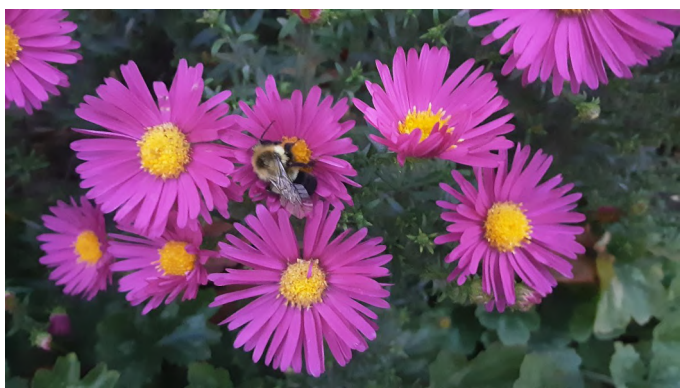
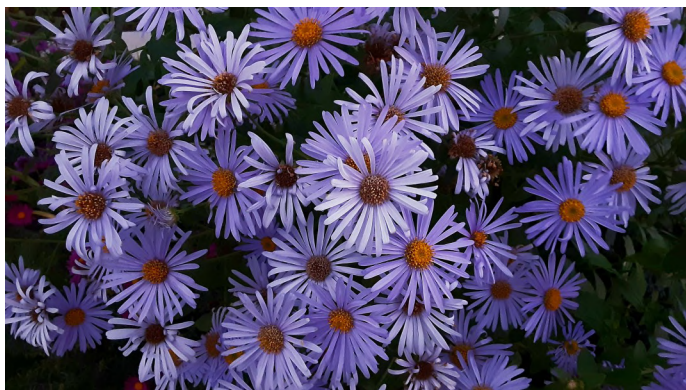


Squirrel Safe Feeder

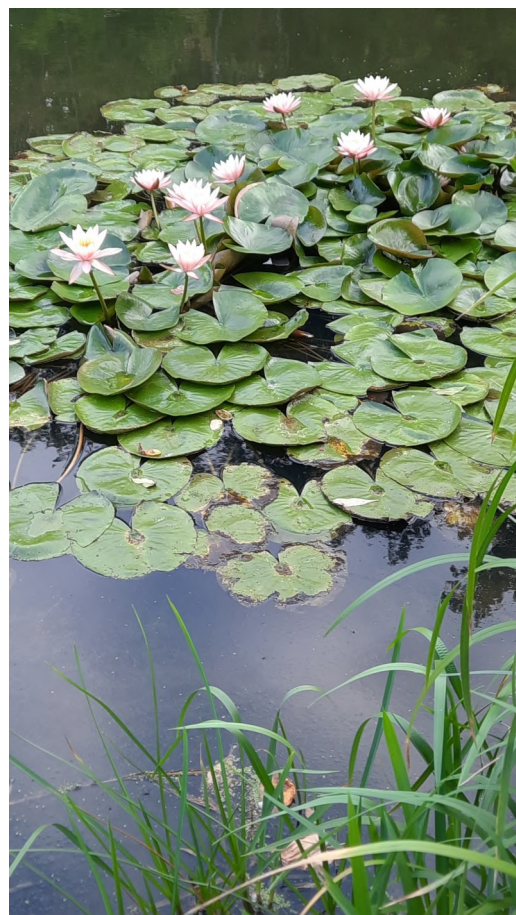
Photos Credit: Jennifer Smith



# Member Photos



Alan Barber's Asters  
Photo Credit: Alan Barber



Lilly Pads—Taylor Creek Pond  
Photo Credit: Maureen Ballentine



# Our September talk...

*By Jennifer Smith, Beth Binnington and Maureen Ballentine*

Ursula Eley gave a very informative presentation on Sustainable Design to about 50 members on September 18th. Ursula has been designing with flowers for over twenty years. She is an accredited judge of floral design as well as a judge of horticulture. She creates beautiful displays of fresh and dried plant material using a variety of containers and dried and fresh materials.

She explained that floral foam is made from plastic and is very environmentally Unfriendly: it leaves behind many small particles of plastic.

She described many other materials that can be used to hold flowers and pieces of plants in place that are not detrimental to the environment and our water sources.

She showed a slide of a beautiful display made with preserved roses; the flowers have lasted for at least a dozen years.

Some fresh materials last for a long time. A few are aspidistra leaves; carnations; orchids; a piece of a pine tree. Various parts of a plant may be dried: the foliage, flowers or an unusual part of the plant. Some methods of drying include by air; using silica; or with glycerine.

It was interesting to learn that a “pin holder” is also known by the Japanese name “Kenzan”. Chicken wire can be stretched over the top of a container to hold stems in place.

Ursula amazed and inspired us by creating 5 gorgeous displays using different floral materials, a variety of containers, and different methods of holding the plants in place. These included chicken wire stretched over the top of a container to hold stems in place; sticks cut and placed vertically to fill the base; arrangements submerged in water.

Ursula made her arrangements with long-lasting flowers, interesting dried leaves, evergreen, ferns and grasses to create her beautiful designs.

Diane Dyson employed creative ways to give these displays to members of the audience.



# Our September talk

Ursula mentioned a booklet called the *Ontario Judging & Exhibiting Standards for floral design and horticulture*. It is published periodically by the Garden Clubs of Ontario and the Ontario Horticultural Association. It provides information about staging a flower show as well as detailed information for judges and exhibitors. Our club has some copies for sale at \$10 each; see Heather Whetstone if you wish see or to buy one. The guide explains what judges are looking for in your design, flower and horticultural entries and will help you to take them to the next level.



Photos Credit: Beth Binnington



Photo Credit: Maureen Ballentine



# Our October talk

*By Maureen Ballentine and Beth Binnington*

Dr Javad Mozafari spoke on Urban Farming at our October meeting. He is an expert educator and community leader in sustainable agriculture, agrobiodiversity, food security, and their interfaces with climate change. Javad is, presently, coordinating CAMH Sunshine Garden and Community Gardens programs in Foodshare.



He joined Foodshare in 2021 as Community Engagement Coordinator at **Flemo Farm** where he worked on building the capacity of the community for enhancing food security through developing: a community education platform on urban farming, local entrepreneurs in urban food production, local farmers' market for providing access to affordable high-quality food, community compost exchange program, crop integrated conservation and environmentally sustainable community.

Javad's presentation was very enlightening. Specifically, the quality of our "fresh vegetables" imported from around the world is very poor. Most of these vegetables have little to no nutritional value due to the length of time that passes from picking to consuming. In addition they are grown with fertilizers and pesticides. So while we think we are getting good nutrition, we in fact are not. This is why he is an advocate for local urban farming whether it be in a community garden or from your own backyard. By growing your own, we also reduce the amount of handling which reduces the chance of disease like ecoli.

Javad discussed the environmental impacts of commercial food production such as the carbon impact, reducing biodiversity by plowing over native plants like milkweed which in turn reduces the Monarch Butterfly population.

All were invited to visit Flemo Farm in Flemingdon Park, a one acre Urban Farm that is run by Foodshare. More information is available at <https://flemofarm.ca/>





# Our Upcoming Speakers

*Heather Whetstone —January 15, 2024*

## Growing your own sprouts and more

I am a self-made gardener and had my first community garden plot in 1999 while still in university. I like to grow flowers for cutting to fill the house and fruit and vegetables to eat for most of the year. I enjoy watching all the UK garden shows but Canadian gardener and author Niki Jabbour is my guru. Her books have inspired me to grow food year round in the house under lights or outside in the garden. During the winter months I sprout peas for shoots and microgreens for sandwich toppers. I like to grow a variety of herbs to add flavour for winter dishes and I germinate lettuce seeds to grow enough for a fresh green salad at Easter. I joined the EYGC club in 2018. I like to chat and learn about gardening with all the club's members.



*Anna Leggatt—February 19, 2024*

## Around the world in 40 plants

"I love mountains and deserts and places where we can see plants growing in the wild. It is helpful to know native conditions if we want to try some of these plants in our gardens.

My talk will feature 40 plants from around the world, with some images of wildlife and scenery. I will give hints on trying to grow some of my favourites."

Anna Leggatt is a Life Member of our garden club. She was the president of our club at one time and has frequently shared her considerable horticultural knowledge and talents with us. She earned a B.Sc. in Botany from London University as a young person. She taught high school chemistry for many years. She has received several horticultural diplomas and achieved Master Gardener status. She is a member of many international horticultural and nature groups. She is the author of many articles and winner of several horticultural awards.



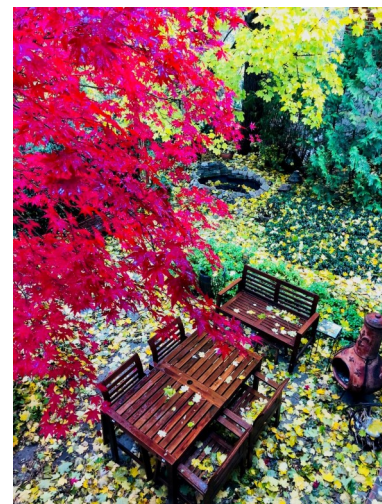
# September Photo Contest Winners – “Trees”



1st place—Sonia van Heerden



Tie 2nd place —  
Dianne Cavanaugh



Tie 2nd place —  
Carolyn Smoyer



3rd place — Anne Stanley



3rd place — John Howes



# October Photo Contest Winners – “Black and White”



1st place—Anna Leggatt



2nd place — Wendy Plume



3rd place — Maureen Ballentine



## LOOKING FOR NEW EYGC BOARD MEMBERS

As Past-President of the Club, one of my roles is to seek members who can give some time to lead the Club for the next 2 years.

We are **currently in need of 4 to 5 new Directors** to ensure we have a full Board to help lead the Club forward. The time commitment is approximately 2-3 hours a month at Board and Club meetings plus additional time on leading or assisting in on-going or new Club activities.

We know that every community group is struggling to find volunteers nowadays. We want you to know that any skills you can bring to us will be appreciated, valued and will not be wasted. We do have “job” descriptions for the Director position and all the other activities we do to give you scope and time commitment guidelines.

If you are interested, or want more information about the board or volunteering in general, please call or email me at

416-755-0278  
[barb.fairbanks-eygc@bell.net](mailto:barb.fairbanks-eygc@bell.net)

Thank you.  
Barb Fairbanks

## BY-LAW CHANGES

*The Club has now entered the modern era and accepts e-transfers for payments. However, our Treasurer has realized that our by-laws do not permit refunds to members by e-transfers. As an example, a bus tour was proposed in 2023 and some members bought tickets through e-transfer, but the Treasurer must refund members by cheque which is a laborious process. The proposed amendment would streamline any refund process.*

*By-Law 4(k)*

### **Existing By-Law**

*Duties of the Treasurer are to maintain accurate financial records, receive all monies; give receipts for the same; deposit monies in the name of the Club in a chartered bank approved by the executive; pay all accounts by cheque signed by any two signing officers consisting of the Treasurer, the President and Vice-President or another Executive Board member; report all financial standings of the Club at the meetings; prepare a financial statement at the end of the fiscal year for the auditors and government departments.*

### **Proposed Amendment**

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# Notices to Members

## PEOPLE'S CHOICE ONLINE PHOTO CONTESTS FOR 2023

**November: "Year Book Cover"**

**December: "Joy"**

***Entries accepted until the 28th of the month.***

**[photocontest@eygc.ca](mailto:photocontest@eygc.ca) or  
416-469-5593**

## **Allotment Gardens**

The City of Toronto runs a number of allotment gardens where you can rent a plot. It's often easier to get a plot in gardens further from the city core.

You need to register for the allotment garden wait list on the first working day in February. In order to get on a wait list for an allotment plot, you need to obtain a family number and client number. The easiest way to obtain family and client numbers is by calling 416-396-7378 (option 3) to speak to a customer service representative, Monday to Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More information about the process and allotment garden locations is available on the website ([click here](#)) or you can call 416-396-7378, option 2.

<https://torontourbangrowers.org/i-want-land>

## *EYGC Memberships 2024*

### **Memberships:**

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

**Send cheques payable to  
"East York Garden Club" to:  
East York Garden Club,  
c/o Cristina Brown,  
7 Knightsbridge Rd,  
Scarborough, M1L 2A8**

**Our membership form can be found online at  
<http://www.eygc.ca/ClubInfo/HowToJoin.html>**

**NOTE: If paying by e-transfer NO  
PASSWORD is required. Please add your full  
name and address in Notes section of the  
e-transfer .**

## **EYGC Code of Conduct**

In keeping with the City of Toronto's Anti-harassment policy when using any City of Toronto properties, East York Garden Club, with the kind assistance of the Leaside Garden Club, has designed an **EYGC Code of Conduct** to adhere to the City's regulations.

In short it says: ***A guiding principle of the East York Garden Club is that everyone is entitled to be treated with courtesy and respect at all times. Although EYGC promotes freedom of expression and open communication, we expect all members to adhere to this principle as outlined in the full "Code of Conduct".***



# 2024 Membership Form



Website: [www.eygc.ca](http://www.eygc.ca)



## MEMBERSHIP FORM Year 2024

### Personal Information

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Your privacy is respected. We will only use your email address to send you EYGC information. We do not distribute your email address to anyone else.*

Membership Information: ☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Receive newsletter and club eventw via email

### Payment Options:

#### \* Paying by Cash or Cheque:

☐ Cash ☐ Cheque  
☐ Single (\$20) ☐ Family (\$30)

#### \*\* Paying by E-transfer to [treasurer@eygc.ca](mailto:treasurer@eygc.ca)

(Bank surcharge of \$1 included)

☐ Single (\$21) ☐ Family (\$31)

**Membership fees due by January of each year.** Fees can be paid in person at a regular Club meeting or by mail.

\* Mail this form and a cheque (payable to "East York Garden Club") to:

**East York Garden Club, c/o Cristina Brown, 7 Knightsbridge Road, Scarborough, ON M1L 2A8**

\*\* **E-transfer:** membership fee including bank surcharge to [treasurer@eygc.ca](mailto:treasurer@eygc.ca). Please indicate **EYGC Membership and your name** in the message. Email the completed membership form as well.

**If new membership:** how did you hear about us, e.g. a local paper, a neighbour, our brochure?

Age Group ☐ Under 18 ☐ 18 - 60 ☐ Over 60

*Note: It is voluntary if you choose to check one of these boxes. The rental rate at Stan Wadlow Clubhouse is lower for organizations with a high number of seniors (over 60) and youth (under 18). It is helpful, but not necessary, for us to have this information.*

☐ I would like to volunteer in some capacity with the Club \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal Information & Privacy Act Disclaimer

*The information provided on this form is for the exclusive and confidential use of EYGC. Personal information of members, such as your name, address and telephone number is published in the EYGC Yearbook to identify a contact person for a specific event. This will be maintained in accordance with Canada's Personal Information and Electronics Document Act.*

Do you want your name in the yearbook's members list? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

# The Back Page Garden

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

Send a photo of your garden at its best, or at your favourite time of year. Show your whole yard, a cozy corner, or any “vignette” that you love & want to share with EYGC members.

Be selective and send only one or two photos, preferably in jpeg format - fairly high resolution is best for clarity.

Send to the newsletter at: [newsletter@eygc.ca](mailto:newsletter@eygc.ca)

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

Please join us in welcoming our most recent members:

**Carolyn MacInnis, Peter Newhook, Eve Posavad**



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:

**December 28, 2023**

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