

The East York Garden

Newsletter of the East York Garden Club

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

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

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Thursday, October 21, 2004

Round Table Discussions

October is the time for our annual round-table discussions. This year we'll have three Master Gardeners, covering the subjects of *Last-Minute Planting*, *Forcing Bulbs for Winter Bloom*, and *Care of Christmas Plants*. We'll also have a discussion about the Club's direction for 2005.

It's also the time for our annual seed exchange, and the closing date for the photography contest. (You'll find more information about both of these on the next page.) As well, David Leeman, from the Toronto & Parkdale Hort Society will be selling spring bulbs, as he has done for the past few years.

Members whose surnames begin with T, U, V, or W are asked to bring some cookies or sweets for the evening's tea.

Saturday, October 16, 2004

Seed Collecting at the Rockery – 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

On Sunday, October 17, the Rockery group will be taking a few hours (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) to get the Rockery ready for winter, and to plant some bulbs for the spring. On Saturday, members and friends will have the opportunity to collect seeds with Glen Hutzul, and to pick up a few tips at the same time. Many seeds will be ripe enough (and dry enough). Others will be immature or too wet. If you are a novice, come out and learn the basics. That includes learning which of the plants have seeds that will flower true (that is, the seedlings will flower with the same characteristics as the parent plant).

There are a great variety of flowers with seeds in the Rockery: coneflowers (pink), blue thistle, Gaillardia, Veronica (pink, blue, dwarf), French marigolds (orange and yellow), dwarf border dahlias, four o'clocks (rose), red geraniums and snapdragons (bi-coloured burgundy).

Please bring pruners or secateurs (to trim off seed heads) and containers (to hold the seeds).



Upcoming in November

It's our Annual General Meeting in November. We'll have a potluck supper, the awards for the year's flower shows and the photography contest, and the election of the 2005 Executive. We'll also have door prizes. Entries in the photography contest will be on display.

October Seed Exchange

Beans, beans the magical fruit
The more you eat, the more you toot

No, no, no ...

Annuals, perennials,
Vegetables, and fruit

That's it, that's the ditty we sing to tell you about the annual end-of-season event, our Seed Exchange. You bring some, you take some home! This is a great way to obtain seeds of plants that you know will grow well in your own neighbourhood, plus a chance for something more exotic. This is a no-cost event!

Please put your seeds into paper packages and label them with the plant name, and if possible, colour and variety. Drop them off at the beginning of the meeting. Glen Hutzul will sort them into categories and you can make your selections after the meeting.

Photography Contest

Entries for the 2004 Photography Contest will be accepted at any time up until the end of the meeting on October 21. If you cannot make it to the meeting, give us a call at 416-429-4719, or send an email to photocontest@eygc.ca. Entry forms will be available at the October meeting, and can be found on the Club's website (www.eygc.ca). In order to speed up the proceedings, please try to have the forms filled out before you come to the meeting

The categories for this year's contest are:

- Captured Beauty (flower close ups)
- The Edible Garden (fruits & vegetables)
- Spring Blossoms
- A Rose is a Rose is a Rose (pictures of roses)
- Forest Life (woodland settings)
- Anything Grows (any horticultural subject, open only to digital camera photos)

Complete rules for the contest can be found on pages 10 & 11 of your yearbook.

EYGC in 2005

"I'm bored!" ... That's a statement that you're not likely to hear at an East York Garden Club meeting. Whether you're entering a flower show, helping to take care of a public garden, selling plants at Stan Wadlow Park on Canada Day, touring a member's garden, or just attending a monthly meeting, there's always something of interest, and always something to do. In 2005, we'll be continuing with all of 2004's activities, and adding one or two new ones.

As you've read in *The Garden* in the past few months, along with the Leaside Garden Society, we'll be hosting the OHA's District 5 Annual General Meeting next April. This promises to be one of the most interesting events that we've been involved in over the past few years. Full information about the meeting, and how you can help out will be included next month.

We're hoping to have a full revenue-generating garden tour next year. Current thoughts are that it will be a late summer or early fall tour. It has also been suggested that, to mark the Club's 80th anniversary, we should have a presence in the Canada Day parade.

If any of these events are to be successful, or if they are to occur at all, it is essential that the Club's membership participates, whether in planning or by volunteering to help on the day of the event.

Participation is also welcomed for the regular activities of the Club. We currently have an opening for the Yearbook Editor, and are always happy to have assistance with events such as flower shows and plant sales. As well, at the November AGM, we elect new members to the Club's Executive Board.

If you are interested in participating in any of these events, don't hesitate to let us know. And if you're interested in becoming a member of the Club's Executive Board, please speak to Lucie Simons.

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