

OAKVILLE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

*The society aims to further the knowledge of Horticulture,
stimulating an interest in gardening in our community's youth and encouraging the beautification of
both public and private properties since 1957.*

JUNE 2014 Newsletter

June's Guest Speaker: *Rock Gardens with Anna Leggatt*

How does one go about starting a rock garden?

"Get a rock as big as one can move, or as big as one's spouse can move. Throw in a little Japanese maple, some gritty soil and two or three little rock garden plants".

So says our June speaker, Anna Leggatt. Of course there is much more to the process of creating a successful rock garden. Things to consider are drainage, what type of soils, sun exposure and of course plant selections. Anna will cover all this and more in her talk on rock gardens.

Anna Leggatt is a past chair of the Ontario Rock Garden Society, past Director of the North American Rock Garden Society, a Master Gardener, a garden and travel writer, teacher and nature interpreter. Basically, she is a self-proclaimed mad gardener who gardens on a comparatively large property in Toronto with lots of shade and deer and groundhogs. She loves shrubs, bulbs, rock gardening, wildflowers, Japanese effects, working with stone and changing her garden design. Although she'd like to grow vegetables, the deer and groundhog would like her to as well.



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June Meeting:

Monday, June 9, 2014
Doors open 6:30pm
Location
Knox Presbyterian, MacMillan Hall
89 Dunn Street

Hall SetUp (9:00am)

George Gordon, Gilbert Jeffery,
John Raynor

Clerking

Kathie Dick, Michelle Durrant,
Jean Latham, Fred Teng

Hospitality

John Raynor, Donna Scott

September Meeting:

Monday, September 8, 2014



President's Message

A member sent me an email the other day, looking for any nurseries that may have interesting dwarf maples and distinctive quality perennials. Ahh, the quest for the unusual and unique, a path we gardeners like to travel.

We are now into the season of searching for plants for our gardens, looking to other gardens for inspiration. This year we are probably searching for replacements for those plants that the winter had an adverse effect upon. Our prickly pear cactus appears to have given up: fine by me, only now I will have to go into that bed and remove the remains, a task I'm not looking forward to. In the back one of our dwarf maples is doing a fine impression of a twig. Time for some renewing in the garden.

Members that attended the May meeting got a good start to re-stocking their gardens thanks to David Marshall. David had promised a wide variety of good plants to be ready for our May meeting. And he delivered. We should have rented a truck as David brought three carloads of plants to the meeting. It was a fantastic effort by David Marshall with our Plants, Bulbs and Seeds. And he still had more for the OHS Plant Sale.

The OHS Plant Sale is always a good source for new plants in our gardens. As we dig and divide, donating the divisions to the sale, we open up new room in our gardens, as well as improving the health of the plants in our gardens. The plant sale is a major effort for our society. We are entirely dependent on the spring growing season and as we all know, this spring was not very encouraging. Our membership took advantage of the burst of growth

that followed the warmth and we put on a well received sale. I'll let Sonja Tessari tell you about the sale elsewhere in this newsletter.

As we go into June, we would normally be shifting our attention to the garden tour. What better way to find inspiration for your garden than by touring other gardens. As this year has been anything but normal, it has been decided to put off the tour until September. Tour coordinator Christine Lee has been finding that the tour garden owners are still finding what has and has not survived this winter, and just cannot commit to an early summer tour. So now we can look forward to the late summer's golden light to illuminate the tour gardens. If you have a special fall garden, please let Christine know.

I had a meeting with Margaret Jeffery, Cathy Kavassalis and Christine Lee reviewing the Fields of Spring project. We looked at how the bulbs we planted at Shell Park are doing and made some decisions on which are the likely candidates for the mass plantings come this October. Margaret presented possible planting plans for the 3,000 or so narcissus bulbs. Get your trowels ready for a planting derby in Early October!

Lest I forget, the Junior program is well underway and Helen Stephenson led the juniors in planting a salsa garden at Whole Foods.

This is the last newsletter till the fall. I wish you many happy hours of garden adventures over the summer months...

Stuart Gough

Plant Sale

Spring took a long time in coming this year after an extremely harsh winter. The plant material for our sale was slow in arriving. In the past we had an abundance of plant material to offer to the buying public, including many varieties of daylilies and hostas. On the day of the sale we had no plant material held in reserve under the tables. We had only 18 ferns where in past years we offered many times more. The public came hungry for ground cover that they had lost over the winter. Avoiding the plants we believe are invasive, we had little on offer of non-invasive ground covers.

Despite our 2014 plant sale being *slimmer pickings* than last year, the workload was no less. It seemed to take the same effort in stocking the plant depots with pots, trays, soils, marking sticks for repotting, loading and unloading the truck, setting up tables the day of the sale, covering them in plastic, washing them down and putting all the table away. Placing the Marketing signs around town, driving,

driving and driving weeks before the actual sale. So many hard working volunteers all come together to share the load of responsibility. The Plant Sale could never come together without this small village of dedicated volunteers. I would be afraid to name you all as I miss someone but you know who you are! Thank you to all of you for making the Plant Sale a fun and lively day!

The Plant Sale of 2014 grossed \$1,500 less than the year before but the dedication, effort and focus in getting the Plant Sale done was no less.



Sonja Tessari



Photos: Veronica Heiderich

June Flower Show Schedules

Design Schedule - *Capture the Moment*

1. Class of Distinction **Shadow and Light** - a design
2. Chairman's Trophy **Cool is the Morning** - a design
3. General **Dance into the Night** - a design
4. Novice **Evening Glow** - a design
5. Miniature **Radiant Heat** - a design in niche 5"h x 4½"w x 3"d

Horticultural Schedule

6. Allium, over 3" in diameter - 1 stem
7. Allium, under 3" in diameter - 1 stem
8. Annual, plant height under 15" - 3 stems
9. Annual, plant height over 15" - 1 stem
10. Annuals, collection of, 3 kinds - 1 stem of each
11. Aquilegia (columbine) - 1 stem
12. Biennial - 1 stem under 18" (see Hort Guidelines pg. 2)
13. Biennial - 1 stem over 18"
14. Branch, Weigela - 1 branch cut to 36" or less
15. Branch, other flowering shrub - 1 branch cut to 36" or less
16. Branch, shrub grown for foliage - 1 branch cut to 36" or less
17. Clematis - 1 branch cut to 18" or less or 1 bloom
18. Dicentra (bleeding Heart) - 1 stem
19. Foliage, mixed, basket of, under 12" in any direction
20. Geranium (cranesbill) - 1 bouquet
21. Hemerocallis (day lily) - 1 stem
22. Heuchera (coral bells) - 3 flowering stems
23. Heuchera - 3 leaves
24. Hosta, green and white - 3 leaves
25. Hosta, other variegated - 3 leaves
26. Hosta, blue - 3 leaves
27. Hosta - 1 leaf of 3 varieties
28. Iris, bearded - 1 scape
29. Iris, Siberian - 3 scapes
30. Iris, any other variety - 1 scape
31. Papaver (poppy) - 1 stem
32. Paeonia (peony), herbaceous, pink - 1 bloom, disbudded
33. Paeonia (peony), other colour - 1 bloom, disbudded
34. Paeonia (peony), Japanese or tree - 1 bloom, disbudded
35. Perennial, plant height under 15" - 3 stems
36. Perennial, plant height over 15", spike form - 1 stem
37. Perennial, plant height over 15", other form - 1 stem
38. Perennial, collection of - 3 kinds, 1 stem of each
39. Rhododendron or azalea - 1 branch cut to 36" or less
40. Rosa (rose) red, 1 specimen bloom. The first prize in this category will be awarded the **Red Rose Tea Trophy** if it is deemed worthy by the judge. If the trophy is not awarded in June it may be awarded in September.
41. Rosa (rose), hybrid tea - 1 specimen bloom, disbudded
42. Rosa (Cluster rose), floribunda, grandiflora or polyantha - 1 spray or specimen bloom (specimen bloom disbudded)
43. Rosa (rose), shrub - 1 spray or bloom
44. Rosa (rose), miniature - 1 spray or bloom
45. Rosa (rose), climbing - 1 spray or bloom
46. Rosa (rose), other - 1 spray or bloom
47. Viola (pansy) - 3 stems with own foliage
48. Educational exhibit ²
49. Any other cultivar (AOC) ³ - 1 stem or bloom



New Members

Please welcome the following new member to our Society:

Margaret Vajda

We were all new members at some point, help our new members get acquainted with our activities.

Elizabeth Thompson

Junior Garden

Before the program could begin, the Town came in and replaced the rotted wood borders to the garden plots. Thanks to their efforts, the Junior garden is good shape. Many volunteers came in to spread fresh topsoil and the mulch. The Junior Garden program is now in full swing.

Good weather and a great group of gardeners are now planting their carrot seeds, beet seeds and califlower plants. Tim Rivers at the Municipal Greenhouse will be providing each junior gardener a little asclepias (curassavica) for planting.

The Juniors have once again partnered with Whole Foods, this year planting a salsa garden. Helen Stephenson led the plants with the children. Plantings include vegetables preferred by our native bees. We are also participating in their Share The Buzz program which is coming later in June. Gail Trenholm will be meeting with France Fournier of Whole Foods to give ideas for this public program.

It should be a busy summer.

Linda Tock

Bulbs Plants Seeds

Now that you have had a chance to plant your May purchases, please remember to return the pots for future BP&S plantings.

David Marshall

Fields of Spring

This may be a fall project, but a good deal is already underway. The aim of this project is to plant masses of narcissus to create a wonderful display early each spring. And if the bulbs perform as intened, these plantings should naturalize. We will also be planting/seeding an Eco-grass to cover the areas of the bulb plantings. The Eco grass should require less watering, less mowing and less weeding. The Test Garden at Shell Park is showing full blossoms., making up for the late planting. After having a good look at how the bulbs have grown, the selection will be narrowed down to 4 bulb choices. The main candidates are shown to the right.

This project is funded through our Sustainable Gardening Fund and should create bright and cheery spring for many years to come.

Margaret Jeffery

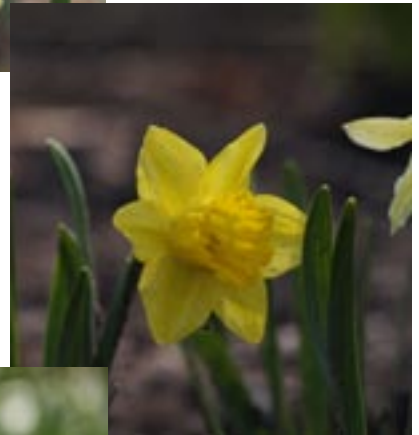
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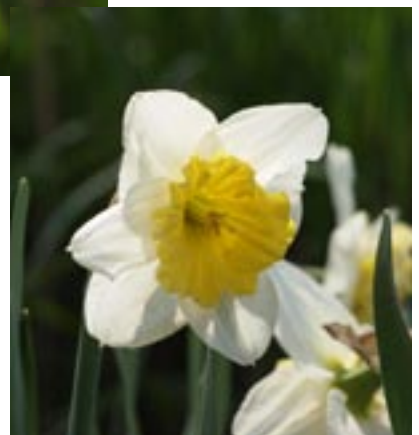
**Obvalloris
(Tenby Daffodil)**



Flower Record



Ice Follies



Growing in the Garden

I like to visit member's gardens from time to time. David and Jacqui Lewis called to say their hosta collection was really putting on a display of early in the season. These are a few from their Hosta of the Year collection. Though David rhymed off the names, I did not write them down, so you will have to ask which are which.

I have also been visiting Anne Ritchie's garden as the season progresses.

It is interesting and for me fun to visit the gardens of our club. I have visited these two gardens many times and always enjoy seeing how our member gardeners grow and evolve their gardens. And our dogs are very well behaved while visiting; they are terrors in our garden!

I'll let the pictures speak...

Stuart Gough



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Events

Plantasia

Experience the life-enhancing power of plants at the Kew Gardens Summer Festival.

Discover a fantastical world of botanical wonders and sensory experiences to excite your eyes, enchant your ears, make your toes tingle and your spirits soar. From the Barefoot Walk and Tai Chi sessions to the Gin and Tonics Garden, Plant Family Croquet and, of course, spectacular horticultural displays.

Kew Gardens, London, England

Tickets £15

<http://www.kew.org/visit-kew-gardens/whats-on/summer>

International Garden Festival

June 28–September 28, 2014

Reford Gardens, Grand-Metis, Quebec

Six new projects will be featured out of a competition of 293 proposals submitted by over 700 architects, landscape architects, designers and artists from 35 countries.

For more information

<http://www.refordgardens.com/english/festival/edition.php>

Moonlit Roses

June 13, 2014, RBG Centre

\$40, pre-registration required

Moonlight Paddle of Cootes Paradise

July 12, 2014, RBG Arboretum

\$60, pre-registration required

www.rbg.ca/moonlight

Hamilton & Burlington Rose Society

June 21–22, 2014, RBG Centre

Two day juried Rose Show, competition open to all rose enthusiasts

<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/hbrs>

ORLS Annual Lily Show

July 5–6, 2014

RBG Centre

Ontario Regional Lily Society invites you to come and see what we have been growing in our gardens this year!

<http://www.orls.ca/events.htm>

OHA Conference 2014

July 18–20, 2014, Cornwall

A River runs by it...

The 108th OHA Convention, great speakers, design, horticulture and creative competitions. Convention agenda plus full details of speakers, workshops competitions can be found at GardenOntario

www.gardenontario.org/sho/up_conf.php/

OHA District 6 Annual Fall Dinner

Saturday, October 25, 2014

Hosted by Georgetown Horticultural Society

Guest speaker: Lizzie Matheson "Inspired By..."

Tickets \$27, choice of Roast Beef or Vegetarian StirFry

OHA Convention 2015

July 3–5, 2015, Ancaster

Summer in the Southern Tier...

The 109th OHA Convention, hosted by our district

Garden Tours

Woodbridge Garden Tour

June 21, 2014

Tickets: \$10 per person

For information call (905) 851-8727

Cloverleaf Annual Garden Tour

June 22, 2014

Explore 14 properties in West Port Credit and take a guided walk through Bruecker Rhododendron Gardens

Tickets: \$15 per person

For more information:

<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/clover/about/programs/?ID=116>

Niagara-On-The-Lake Garden Tour

July 5, 2014

Tickets \$10 per person

For information email: notlhortgardentour@gmail.com

St. Catharines Garden Tour

July 6, 2014

Tickets \$10 per person

For more information

<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/stcatherhs/news/>

Hamilton Open Garden Week

July 5–14, 2014

A week and a bit of open gardens throughout the Hamilton region. Garden locations, the dates and hours each garden is open will be published in the Hamilton Spectator, and online at www.thespec.com

Garden Walk Buffalo

July 26–27, 2014

www.GardenWalkBuffalo.com

Shuffle off to Buffalo with Cloverleaf Garden Club

Saturday, July 26, 2014

Motor coach transportation, luncheon, tour guide all inclusive for \$105 p/p

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