



Oakville Horticultural Society April 2018

April Monthly Meeting
Date: April 9, 2018
Location: Knox Presbyterian Church, 89 Dunn Street
Set-up Volunteers: Margaret Found and Marion Campbell
Hospitality Volunteers: Florenda Tingle, Diana Wright and Paula Clayton
Flower Show Clerks: Mary Cameron and Kim Peel



My gardening career began at an early age in my English Grandmother's garden where I'd occasionally help out with weeding & digging. I must have "caught the bug" then, because I've been interested in plants and gardens ever since. Lynn Pashleigh, my Father and I started Gardenimport, a mail order nursery in 1983 because we couldn't find the quality or selection of plants we wanted for our gardens. The business was closed in December 2014 after 32 years of business.

Dugald Cameron was on the board of directors at the Toronto Botanical Garden from 1996 to 2009. He is an occasional sit in for Ed Lawrence on CBC's Ontario Today. He was the first president of the Greater Toronto Bulb Society. He is a member of numerous horticultural societies (Toronto Botanical Garden, Ontario Rock Garden and Hardy Plant Society, International Clematis Society, International Bulb Society, Pacific Bulb Society). His current gardening passions are tuberous Begonias & Clematis, Daffodils, Eremurus and Tulips.

He speaks on many subjects to many Horticultural Societies in Southern Ontario and he will be speaking to us on the subject of Summer Flowering Bulbs - flower, foliage and fragrance all summer long.

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As I write this, a cold March is winding down and April will be here soon - finally, one of the favourite seasons of the year for gardeners and always a very busy one for the OHS!

Before looking ahead, I want to say a few words about Anne Ritchie and the Lifetime Member Award I presented to her last month. Anne joined the OHS in 1999 and has been active in many Society initiatives, winning a President's award for her work with the OHA in 2008. She was a major player on the garden tour planning committee for many years and her own garden has been featured on the tour. A frequent volunteer, she has taken part in the plant sale, flower shows and attended all OHS events and many District events over the years. Congratulations, Anne!



Coming up this month, we have a number of balls in the air. We have been offered a booth at the Oakville Lifestyle Home Show from Friday April 6 to Sunday April 8. With Florenda in the lead, it's a great opportunity for us to promote the OHS to possible new members – see all the details elsewhere in this newsletter and consider volunteering for a few hours to help us get the word out. On another topic, Helen and I have been in discussion with the Town, to find ways that the OHS can support the Oakville residents who will be growing vegetables in the municipal allotments this season. Find out what is planned in Helen's article below. This is also the time for registering for the Junior Garden Program, so please help us reach out to possible young gardeners in your circle. And don't forget the Miniature Design Workshop happening on Saturday April 7.

Of course, we're getting ready for the Plant Sale too. With just one meeting before the sale on May 12, we will be looking for volunteers to do many different activities. Starting with potting up divisions from your own gardens, getting the word out to friends, family, and neighbours, signing up to help on sale day as loaders, cashiers, set up and sellers, to name a few. More details will be covered at our meeting on April 9. This event is an important fund raiser for us, so please volunteer. Its always fun!

There are a lot of events listed in the calendar this month, some nearby, others a little further afield – be sure to have a look for something you might not want to miss!

Enjoy the warmer weather and longer days coming our way and especially these first days in the garden. I know I will!

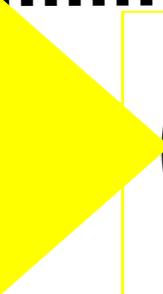
Paula



There will be no vases supplied at the April Flower Show. Every exhibitor entering the show must provide their own vases.



Bring your own mug and get one free draw ticket at the door!!!!



ALL HANDS ARE NEEDED

PLANT SALE: May 12 - 8:30 -11:30am

LOCATION: 5 Dundas St. E. (Munn's United Church)

Our plant sale is our main fundraising event. Moneys raised from this event and our upcoming Garden Tour will help us to cover the costs of running our society and allow us to continue our good work in the community. With your help our plant sale can make a big difference. But it is a big job, so all hands are needed.

What can YOU do?

Help us advertise. Tell your friends and neighbours. Give out bookmarks. Put up posters. Put up a sign in your yard or neighbourhood. We will tell you where and when you can get these at our April meeting or contact Cathy – c.kavassalis@gmail.com.

Donate Plants. If you have a garden, spring is a good time to dig and divide plants. This can help your perennials to flourish. For instructions, visit Better Homes and Gardens Dividing Perennials. Your finished potted plant should be attractive. **Put lots of value and love into your pots and make your plants look AMAZING – good enough that you would want to buy them!**

Ideally, potting should be done by May 5th to give plants a chance to recover and look their best for our sale on the 12th. Use a wooden stick, a permanent marker (no paper please) jot down the plant's name, it's colour or if it grows in sun or shade. Deliver your **labelled** potted plants to the Plant Depots by May 6th.

North	Marie & Bob Decker 1285 Gloaming Court 905-844-1837
South East	Can we use your driveway/backyard?
South West	Can we use your driveway/backyard?

Help others dig and divide. Several members and some non-members need assistance to lift and split large plants.

Give us your time on plant sale day. Ideally, we need twenty people to set up in the morning (6am); at least ten people to sell plants; six people to tally plant purchases; four people to serve as cashiers; two people to direct traffic; one person to manage the holding area; two people to help carry plants to cars; three people to drive the truck moving plants from depots to church for plant sale day; four people to prepare and or serve refreshments to the volunteers ... You get the idea. **We need YOU!** If you know any students who would like to get volunteer hours, let me know.

Join the Plant Sale Team. We could use your ideas and talents. Everyone is welcome.

**Let's all work together to have FUN and make this plant sale a
BIG success!**



PLANTS MOST DESIRED: Aquatic Plants, Artemisia, Astilbe, Asters, Bellflowers (non-invasive), Black Eyed Susan, Bleeding Heart, Border Pinks, Catmint, Columbine, Coral Bells, Corydalis, Cranesbill, Day Lilies, Delphinium, Ferns (all kinds), Geranium, Groundcovers, Hens & Chicks, Herbs, Hosta (any kind), Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Japanese Anemone, Japanese Spurge (Pachysandra), Iris, Lady's Mantle, Lamb's Ear, Lavender, Monkshood, May Apple and Native plants of all kinds, Mums, Ornamental Grasses, Phlox, Primula, Purple Coneflower, Sedum Autumn Joy, Shasta Daisy, Siberian Iris, Solomon's Seal, Sweet Woodruff, Trilliums, Meadow Rue, Rhubarb, Strawberries, Yarrow, Yucca ... to name a few. Shrubs and Trees are also welcomed if they can be reasonably transported. Make sure that late leafing plants like Rose of Sharon show some signs of life, otherwise they are hard to sell.

Dig and Divide Method



In “Ode to the West Wind” the poet Shelly wrote “If winter comes, can Spring be far behind?” and for over 200 years, with greater and greater desperation, we have been saying the same thing. Certainly the past two years have given us cause to question Shelly’s musings. Hope springs eternal though, and as I write this I can see a patch of greenish grass on the boulevard. Perhaps when you read it, the thaw will have progressed enough for us to get on with the essential spring chores such as pruning. Pruning is not always needed, but if you have fruit trees and bushes it is required every year for best production.

In one of Rudyard Kipling’s “Just So” stories, “The Elephant’s Child”, he wrote, “I keep six honest serving men, they taught me all I know. Their names are what and where and when, and why and how and who”. They are good key words to keep in mind when we prune, but first we need to consider the tools we need. The essentials are pruning shears, loppers, a pruning saw and hedge shears, and perhaps a bow saw and pole pruners if you have a lot to do. They do not need to be the most expensive, but must be sturdy and feel right in your hands. You will find a good selection at Lee Valley and Canadian Tire. I keep a standard sized pruner and a small one which I can slip in my pocket. I also have two loppers. A small one which will reach between congested branches and a larger one with telescopic handles for heavier work. Pruning saws are specialized tools, with teeth designed to cut quickly through wet wood. Don’t be tempted to make do with a carpenter’s saw.

Now back to Kipling. The what, where and who don’t need much discussion, but the why, when and how are important.

Why do we prune?

1. We prune for health. An unpruned shrub will have dead, damaged, diseased and out of place branches which shade out sunlight, reduce air circulation, and encourage disease.
2. We prune for safety to remove dangerous branches from trees, to improve sight lines and to remove hazards from walkways.
3. We prune to reduce size. Some plants which we think of as shrubs are really multi stemmed trees which will get twenty or more feet tall if left unpruned.
4. We prune for beauty. Our minds have certain impressions of size and shape which harmonize with our overall vision of the garden.
5. We prune for bounty, to maximize flowering or fruiting.

When do we prune?

Often not at all except for light maintenance pruning, but for those shrubs which do need pruning, the short answer is that it depends. Most pruning is done in the dormant season, late winter or early spring, when we can see the branch structure and access it easier. However there are exceptions. Trees such as maples and birches, which bleed sap in the spring, are pruned in summer, and flowering shrubs which flower before the end of June are pruned right after flowering. This is because those shrubs form their flower buds the previous season’s growth and if you prune them in the spring you risk cutting off the flower buds. Do not delay pruning these shrubs long after flowering though, or there will be insufficient time for new flower buds to form before winter. Some examples are forsythias, magnolias, weigelas, serviceberries and rhododendrons.

However, shrubs which flower from July onwards are usually flowering on the current year’s growth, so early pruning allows sufficient time for new growth to form before the summer.

Trees grown for fruit, such as apples, pears, plums and peaches, and soft fruits such as raspberries, currants, blackberries and gooseberries have varying requirements depending on the ages at which the branches bear fruit.



May’s Meeting - Garden Experts to Answer
Your Gardening Questions

Please email your questions to: info.ohs@oakvillehort.org



How do we Prune?

First decide what you are trying to achieve. Is it size reduction, cleaning out, shaping, flowering or fruiting? Then walk all round the shrub and view it from all directions. Cut out dead, damaged, diseased, and directionally challenged (sorry!) growth making the cut just above a branch union so as not to leave a stub. Then shorten or cut out some of the oldest branches completely if you are trying to reduce size, rejuvenate or reduce congestion. Then walk round the shrub again and repeat the process until you are satisfied. If the shrub has been neglected don't try to rejuvenate it in one year, it may take several years. Cut out a quarter to one third of the oldest branches each year until new growth has taken over. On the other hand some things such a forsythia and spirea, can be cut completely to the ground and they will quickly shoot up again.

Apples, plums and pears generally fruit on long lived spurs on older wood, so you need to cut out or shorten much of the newer growth, thin out interior branches so that sunlight can enter, and cut out vertical suckers. Apricots fruit on one to three year old wood, so you need to keep a balance of each. Peaches fruit on one year old wood and throw out masses of new twigs each year, so you must thin many of these out and shorten others.

Blackberries and raspberries, together with their hybrids such as tayberries and jostaberries, fruit on last year's canes which then die, so you need to cut out old canes to the ground after fruiting. New growth will come up rapidly and bear fruit next year. Black, red and white currants mostly fruit on two and three year old wood so you need to cut out older branches and shorten others to maintain size.

Trees do not need much pruning except in the first few formative years and unless you know what you are doing and can handle a chain saw and a ladder, hire a professional!

Pruning is a big subject, and if you have much to do, get a good book. **One of the best is The Pruning Book, by Lee Reich.** Happy pruning, David!



Join us!

“Spring is Simply Grand”

2018 District 6 AGM
 Hosted by St. George Garden Club,
 Glen Morris Horticultural Society and
 Lynden Horticultural Society

Save the Date—April 14th, 2018
 Coffee and muffins at 8:30am - Meeting 9:00am to 1:00pm
 South Dumfries Community Centre, upstairs (elevator in lobby)
 7 Gaukel Road, St. George

Mini Flower Show – Rules and Categories available in January
Speaker/Demonstrator – Susan Suter on “How to Grow Flower Designers”

Registrations by March 23rd, 2018 to Bob Wilts
 at wilts3@execulink.com or by mail at 329 Taylor Rd., Ancaster, L9G 3N8
 Tickets can be picked up at the door – Admission \$15

Please Bring your Society's banner and a door prize

Come for fun, food, and good company.
Find out what is happening in District 6 for 2018!

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PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 12, 2018
8:30 - 11:30 am

Munn's United Church
5 Dundas St. East,
Oakville
(Sixth Line & Dundas)

OHS Garden Tour
Sunday the 17th June, 2018.
11am – 4pm.



Have you renewed your 2018 Oakville Horticultural Society Membership? You need to do so by April 30, 2018. Please bring a cheque or cash to the next meeting on April 9, 2018 and renew!!!



in the garden of...



This garden was inspired in the late 1950s by growing cultural ties between Oregon and Japan. Members of the Portland community conceived the idea of building a Japanese garden on the site of the old zoo in Washington Park. Their reasons for building a Japanese garden were twofold: providing the citizens of Portland with a garden of great beauty and serenity, while forging a healing connection to Japan on the heels of World War II. At this time in U.S. history, Japanese gardens were founded across the country as a way to build cultural understanding. Needing no translation, an American could experience firsthand Japanese ideals and values, communicated simply through nature.

The site was dedicated in 1961, and Professor Takuma Tono of Tokyo Agricultural University was retained to design the Garden. Professor Tono's plan included five different garden styles laid out on 5.5 acres. This was quite a departure from gardens in Japan which typically follow one singular style. His intention was to represent different historical developments in Japanese garden architecture and through that communicate Japanese culture to create a cultural exchange.

In 1967, the Garden formally opened to the public for the summer. In 1968, the Kashintei Tea House was constructed in Japan, shipped in pieces, and reassembled in the Garden. Other structures were added as the five gardens evolved. The Pavilion Gallery, which sits at the heart of the Flat Garden, was in Professor Tono's original plan. However, it was not completed until 1980. (Interestingly, it was dedicated on May 18 – the same day that Mount St. Helens erupted.)

It was not until the winter of 1981/1982 that the Portland Japanese Garden was first kept open year round. In 2015, the Garden partnered with world renowned architect Kengo Kuma as it embarked on a new journey, expanding its footprint to accommodate its rapid visitor growth, as well as its ability to immerse visitors in Japanese arts and culture. Opening in April 2017, the Garden's new Cultural Village features three new structures, each LEED-certified, existing harmoniously with nature and serving as a

mere frame from which to view the exquisite beauty of the surrounding landscape.

Throughout the Garden's history, it has been acclaimed by a number of visiting Japanese dignitaries as one of the most beautiful and authentic Japanese Gardens in the world outside of the island nation, as well as one of the foremost Japanese cultural organizations in North America.

For more information please visit: <https://japanesegarden.org/>



Hello Fellow Horticulturalists,



Do you love to grow your own food? Have you built up years of knowledge on vegetable growing and would be willing to share it with new gardeners? We are looking for 6-8 people to speak about vegetable gardening at Memorial Park Community Gardens. Some of the topics include:

Where to Start?

Includes where to buy seeds, when to start planting, how to direct sow or transplant, when to direct sow vs direct plant, what tools are needed, how often to water (how many hours is one expected to be in the garden each week), what grows well here, how to improve the soil, crop rotation if returning from last year

Organic Pest Control

How to control everything from bugs to rabbits. When is it a problem ie a serious problem or just cosmetic, is it a bug or a nutritional deficit, bug identification, good bugs vs bad bugs. How to encourage the good bugs/predators.

Harvest time/ general questions

Addresses when and how to harvest, how long can it wait on the plant, knowing some plants produce more if they are regularly harvested. Also a time for participants to ask any questions they have.

How to keep the garden tidy and productive. When and how much compost to add Pruning, Weeding

We will need two sessions for this - one for the early harvests and one for the fall harvests.

Seed Saving

How to collect seeds for next season. How to store collected seeds.

Pollinator Plants/Companion plants

What grows well with what? How and why should you attract bees and butterflies to the garden.

How to Close the Garden for the Season

A one time commitment of a couple of hours is all that is needed during the growing season. Easy for you and a great way to encourage others to grow their own food.

If you are knowledgeable about any of these subjects **or any other topic you feel is relevant to Community Gardening** please contact Paula, Helen or Diana Wright to see how you can help.

Thanks! Helen

can you help...

OAKVILLE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Miniature Design Workshop

*Saturday, April 7,
2018.*

\$25 per person

Instructors: Elizabeth Schleicher
Marie Decker

Time 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
St. Simon's Anglican Church, 1450 Litchfield
Rd (off Trafalgar Rd.), L6H 5P4

Phone: 905-844-1837
E-mail: mardecker12@gmail.com





Leaves, close to ground in spring (resembles celery leaves)



Flowers, compound flowerets

Wear gloves, long pants and long-sleeved shirt when handling wild parsnip.



Tall yellow flowers which bloom in summer (resembles the flowers of dill weed)



Oakville Horticultural Society

DO NOT burn or compost wild parsnip. Collect it into a black plastic bag and leave it in the sun for at least a week before disposal.

CAN YOU IDENTIFY WILD PARSNIP?



Wild parsnip plants gone to seed



Each plant produces about a thousand seeds

Wild parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*) is an invasive weed that has become increasingly troublesome in Ontario and throughout the Oakville area. It is a very adaptable plant that can grow up to about 5 feet and spread in many conditions. It is found in open fields, along roadsides, hiking trails and agricultural land. The seeds are spread by wind, mowers and other equipment.

The Oakville Horticultural Society urges you to familiarize yourself with this plant which can cause painful burns to the skin. The sap of the wild parsnip, once exposed to sunlight, causes the skin to itch, blister and burn, symptoms can last for several months.

For more information contact us at: info.ohs@oakvillehort.org
Or visit our website at: <http://oakvillehort.org>



Allium Millenium is one of the very best ornamental onions. Unlike spring-blooming Allium bulbs, this hybrid Allium blooms in mid-summer with large globes of flowers. Mature plants have dozens of globes covering this perennial plant. Attractive, shiny deep-green grassy foliage is very ornamental. Perennial Plant Association 2018 Plant of The Year. Allium Millenium (Millenium Ornamental Onion) provides lots of gorgeous, butterfly-attracting flowers in late summer when the garden is most in need of color. We have come to adore this Allium for its numerous virtues: attractive, shiny deep green foliage, profuse display of bright flowered globes, vigorous growth rate, and excellent deer and rabbit resistance. Best of all Allium 'Millenium' is a foolproof companion plant that looks great with many other summer blooming perennials. This superb allium hybrid is difficult to find in the trade. It was originally selected in 2000 by Allium maven Mark McDonough. 15" tall x 18-22" wide (Propagated by division). This Allium is shipped as a pot, not as a bulb and differs from commonly found Allium in that it blooms in late summer, instead of spring.



2018 PERENNIAL OF THE YEAR

Allium Millenium



Canada Blooms Plants of the Year



Canada Blooms and Proven Winners are proud to announce the Canada Blooms Plants of the Year for 2018. This year we will showcase three amazing plants — an annual, a perennial and a shrub, and purple is the colour to look for in the spring.

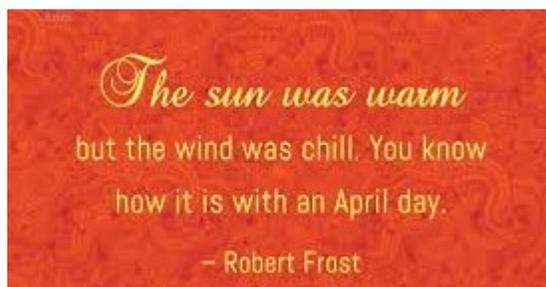
These three plants selected were chosen from hundreds that were tested in the University of Guelph Trial Gardens program for hardiness suitable for growing in Ontario's climate.

The Annual – Petunia ‘Supertunia® Bordeaux™’ has vigorous slightly mounded growth habits that function as both fillers and spillers in containers. They are also excellent landscape plants, best suited to be placed near the front of beds. The Bordeaux has medium to large sized flowers, attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds.

The Perennial – Heuchera ‘Primo Black Pearl’ has stunning black foliage with ruffled edges, rosy purple undersides, and white flowers that bloom in mid-summer. This salt-tolerant heuchera grows well in both shade and sun. It is also deer resistant and attracts butterflies and hummingbirds.

The Shrub – Weigela ‘Spilled Wine’ shares the fabulous deep purple foliage and bright pink flowers of the classic Wine & Roses® weigela but with a shorter growth habit. This beautiful plant grows wider than tall, making it the perfect choice for edging beds or walkways and for incorporating under windows in your landscape design. Like all weigela, it is deer resistant and very easy to care for.

“We’re thrilled that Canada Blooms has graciously agreed to feature our three 2018 National Plants of the Year at their spring festival,” said Marshall Dirks, Director of Marketing and Public Relations for Proven Winners. “In just our second year of building this effort, we’ve been pleased that growers and retailers have embraced the National Plant of the Year program, making it easier for gardeners to experience these wonderful varieties. In fact, Supertunia® Bordeaux™, our 2018 Annual of the Year™, was developed by a Canadian, Ken Lander of Sunrise Greenhouses in Pugwash, Nova Scotia.”



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- 7 Beginner Bonsai (LVB)
- 11 Backyard BeeKeeping 101 (RBG)
- 14 Dividing Perennials (PPCP)
- 18 How to Prune and Grow Roses (LVB)
- 21 Raised Bed Gardens (LVB)
- 21 Pollinator Garden (PPCP)
- 23 Design and Plant a Pollinator Garden (RBG)
- 5 Continuous Bloom (PPCP)
- 7 Not Just a Birding Club (RBG)
- 10 ECO-MOVIE NIGHT: MORE THAN HONEY (HGS)
- 12 Sensational Shade Plants (PPCP)
- 19 Starting your organic vegetable garden (PPCP)
- 19 Not Just Birding Club (RBG)
- 26 Urban Beekeeping Series (RBG)
- 2 Trees in Bloom (RBG)
- 16 The Summer Hive Check (RBG)
- 28 Garden Maintenance (RBG)

Halton Green Screens (HGS) 171 Speers Road, Unit 25 Oakville, ON 905 466 3939

Lee Valley Burlington

Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG)

680 Plains Road West, Hamilton/Burlington 905-527-1158

Plant Paradise Country Gardens (PPCP)

16258 Humber Station Road, Caledon East, ON 905-880-9090

The Riverwood Conservancy (TRC)

4300 Riverwood Park Ln, Mississauga, ON 905-279-5878



April 7	How to Plant a Pollinator Patch Workshop Series - Day 1
	Cost: \$10.00 Location: River Oaks Community Centre . For more information: http://oakvillegreen.org/event/workshop-how-to-plant-a-pollinator-patch/
April 7	Miniature Design Project
	Time: 10:00 am –12:00 noon Location: St. Simon’s Anglican Church, 1450 Litchfield Rd. Instructors Elizabeth Schleicher and Marie Decker. For more information please call 905-844-1847 or by email mardecker12@gmail.com
April 9	April Monthly Meeting at MacMillan Hall, 89 Dunn Street
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April 14	2018 District 6 AGM and Flower Show
	<i>“Spring is Simply Grand!”</i> 2018 District 6 AGM and Flower Show Hosted by: St. George Garden Club, Glen Morris Horticultural Society, and Lynden Horticultural Society. Date: Saturday, April 14 th , 2018. Location: South Dumfries Community Centre, upstairs (Elevator in lobby) 7 Gaukel Road, St. George. Speaker/Demonstrator: Susan Suter “How to Grow Flower Designers” Tickets \$15 - available at the door. Join us for fun, food, and fabulous company!
April 15	Oakville Public Library Proudly Presents: Gardening Q&A
	Have all of your gardening questions answered by Master Gardeners David Marshall and Lorne Sparrow, and then join us for a brief presentation on the reopening of the OPL Seed Library. Come grow with us! Sunday, April 15 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Central Branch, Auditorium Cost: Free
April 18 - 22	Little Shop of Horrors
	Broadway hit musical about a lonely flower store clerk who finds a strange and unusual plant which turns out to be a man eating plant trying devour the world. BURLOAK THEATRE GROUP -The Oakville Performing Arts Centre Box Office 905– 815-2021 or www.oakvillecentre.ca
April 19	Oakvillegreen Conservation Association 2018 AGM and Film Screening
	Annual General Meeting followed by a free screening of Intelligent Trees. Please RSVP for this free event by emailing programs@oakvillegreen.org
April 23	Annual Dahlia Tuber Auction"
	The Hamilton & District Chrysanthemum & Dahlia Society are holding their Annual Dahlia Tuber Auction on Monday, April 23at the RGB Burlington. Doors open 6:45 pm and auction begins at 7:00 pm. Admission is free and open to the public.
May 10	ECO-MOVIE NIGHT: More than Honey
	Documentary by the Swiss filmmaker Marcus Imhoof. looking into the fascinating world of bees, showing small family beekeepers (including the beekeeper of ERSTE Foundation beehive, Heidrun Singer) and industrialized honey farms. MORE THAN HONEY is a film on the relationship between mankind and honeybees, about nature and about our future.
May 12	Annual Oakville Horticultural Society Plant Sale
	Join us, let’s all work together to have FUN and make this plant sale a BIG success!
May 14	May Monthly Meeting at Joshua Creek Heritage Art Center
	Monthly meeting will be held Joshua Creek Heritage Art Center 1086 Burnhamthorpe Rd E



DARE TO BE SOCIAL TEA

HONEY TEA



Bee our Queen for the afternoon!
Bee Inspired and learn all about honey bees. See them in action!
Learn from our expert beekeepers what you can do to help save them.



Taste some great Canadian honey!
Sweeten your afternoon with homemade honey sweets and special-tea beverages.

Participants can make a beeswax candle and wild flower seed packs will be available for your spring gardens.

Sunday, April 8, 2018

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Mississauga Girl Guide Centre, 1563 Dundas St. W., Mississauga, Ont
(Parking at both sides of bldg. and across the street behind the Dental office)

\$20/Adult / \$15/girl

Open to all Guiding branches and non-Guiding friends. Bee the first to register!

Please register by March 26

Please contact dtsocialtea@gmail.com to register and for payment info
Proceeds support the Mississauga Girl Guide Centre and its programs



Girl Guides of Canada
Guides du Canada
Ontario Council



SOCIAL TEA

A Social Tea Series of inspiring girls and women sharing their stories to greatness hosted by Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council, Mississauga Community 16.

HOW TO:

Plant a Pollinator Patch

A 2-Day Workshop Series



FREE PLANT GIVE-AWAYS!

April 7th 1-3pm: Backyard Biodiversity & Intro to Pollinator Patches

April 14th 1:30-4:30pm: Designing and Maintaining Your Pollinator Patch - HANDS ON

River Oaks Community Centre, 2400 Sixth Line

Single Day: \$10 Both Days: \$15

Space is limited – register at oakvillegreen.org/events



“April 1st: This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three-hundred and sixty-four.”

– MARK TWAIN



THE BURLOAK THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Music by Alan Menken & Lyrics by Howard Ashman

Directed by Mike Ranieri
Musical Direction by Jennifer Peace
Choreography by Chantal Forde

APRIL 18TH - 22ND, 2018

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SAT & SUN MATINEE @ 2PM
TICKETS \$33

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Oakville Horticultural Society will be participating at the
Oakville Lifestyle Home Show
Please come and have a chat with us, see you there!

THE 29TH ANNUAL 
Spring OAKVILLE LIFESTYLE HOME SHOW
APRIL 6 - 8, 2018
Glen Abbey Community Centre
1415 Third Ln.
*Presented by
Jenkins Show Productions.*

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Glen Abbey Community Centre, 1415 Third Line
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READY, SET, GO FOR SPRING!

Signs of spring are everywhere. The days are getting longer and warmer, the first spring flowers are appearing, and gardeners are starting their indoor seedlings.

If you're still looking for seeds, check out our [Member Seed Directory](#) for over 2100 varieties of heritage seeds grown and offered by our members. We also have a handy [seed finder](#) that helps locate Canadian companies that sell your favourite varieties, all across Canada.

And there is no better place to browse for new seeds than a Seedy Saturday/Sunday. There are still some of these events coming up, so check our [events list](#) for one near you!

Now get your seeds ready, get your garden set for planting, and GO!

For more information, please visit: <https://seeds.ca>



Learn about trees, urban forestry and stewardship from expert instructors through this multi-day course in Oakville!

Ever wonder about the number one threat to the survival of newly planted trees? What tree species are best for clay soils? How can you help the tree canopy in your community? Through this multi-day course, our expert instructors deliver engaging indoor and outdoor sessions that will answer your questions and give you skills you can apply immediately in your own yard and/or neighbourhood.

LEARN the basics of trees from expert instructors, CONNECT with other tree lovers, and BE INSPIRED to become an urban forest leader in your community!

During this multi-day course you will be introduced to the language of the urban forest. Beginning with the more the basic concepts, our instructors will guide you through more advanced theories and information on:

Tree biology, Anatomy and functions, Trees and soils, Tree identification, Identifying and managing tree stresses, Tree planting and establishment, Tree care and maintenance, Municipal bylaws and policies, How to get involved in urban forest issues.

Cost: \$80 plus HST – includes all classes and course manual. **Payment cannot be refunded or deferred to future courses.**

Space is limited – register at

<https://www.yourleaf.org/tree-tenders-volunteer-training>

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