



Oakville Horticultural Society January 2020

Date:

January Monthly Meeting

January 13, 2020

Location:

Knox Presbyterian Church, 89 Dunn Street

Set-up Volunteers:

Cathy Kavassalis, Michele Pantalone

Hospitality Volunteers:

Marie Decker, Patty O'Connor and Florenda Tingle

Flower Show Clerks:



Aki Tanaka is a retired engineer who for most of her paid working life, worked in the nuclear power business. She has also sold perennials at Terra Nurseries and was the gardener at Appleby College for a season. She is married with two grown sons and has lived in Oakville for 32 years. In March of 2019, she attended a 3 day Climate Reality training programme with Al Gore in Atlanta which was overwhelming and inspiring. She has been the Secretary of Oakvillegreen (2018-19) but stepped down to concentrate on her climate activities.

Tonight's Discussion will focus on:
'The Reality of Climate Change and
How **YOU** Can Make a Difference!"

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President's Remarks ...

Happy New Year to all of you!

Here we are, at the beginning of 2020, with a great deal to look forward to in the coming months. Before I begin that however, let me formally thank the members of the executive for agreeing to join (Robert and Patty) and continue (Wendy, Sheelagh, Myroslawa and Wade) in their director roles. I am also very grateful to Larry and Florenda for their ongoing support as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. We are in great shape to look after all the behind the scenes activities that will ensure the Society has a fun and productive year! I especially want to recognize Wendy's help and cooperation as my co-president throughout 2019. Her willing generosity lightened my load and brought useful new ideas to our table.



At this time of year, the question of resolutions arises, and I find myself wondering what gardeners consider to be an appropriate New Year's resolution, given the dormancy outside.

Hmmmm.....personally, my gardening thoughts run more along the lines of hopes, dreams and schemes than good intentions! But here goes – in 2020, I resolve to take pictures throughout the growing season, and maybe some in black and white or sepia for that artistic effect. What do you want to improve/change this year?

When winter weather keeps us indoors, we have a chance to plan for the busier months ahead. First comes our annual Family Day event, Fun with Flowers on February 17. Florenda is pulling all the volunteers together and will have a clipboard at the next meeting on January 13th. As spring approaches, we begin planning the Junior Gardener program, Plant Sale and Garden tour, as well as participating in the Oakville Lifestyle Home Show. Monthly meetings also have us looking for helping hands with set-up, hospitality and clerking. Our members have so many varied talents and always enjoy themselves immensely when they volunteer for any of these initiatives, so please consider getting involved. Maybe this could be your resolution.....

Have a safe and pleasant month.

Paula



Please visit for more information:

<https://www.seeds.ca/events>



2019 OHS Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Oakville Horticultural Society December 9, 2019

Officers and Directors Present:

Paula Clayton – Co-President
Wendy Funk-Death – Co-President
Florenda Tingle– Secretary
Larry Urbanoski – Treasurer
Myroslawa Lukiwsky – Director
Sheelagh Rowland – Director

Regrets received from Wade Pitman - Director

Invitees:

Lianne Krane – Assistant District 6 Director

Call to Order:

The Chair (Paula Clayton) called the meeting to order at 7:57 p.m.

Agenda:

It was moved by Myroslawa Lukiwsky that the agenda which had been circulated be adopted. Florenda Tingle seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Awards (Paula Clayton)

President's Awards were presented by Paula Clayton and Wendy Funk-Death to Florenda Tingle, Sheelagh Rowland and Myroslawa Lukiwsky for their work on behalf of the society.

President's Annual Report:

Oakville Horticultural Society – the following 'Year in Review- January to December 2019' was presented by Co-President, Paula Clayton.

"At the close of each year, our Society must reflect on its activities and confirm that we are meeting the mandate prescribed for us by the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act. These formal obligations include:

1. Holding meetings about the theory and practice of horticulture;
2. Encouraging the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers on public and private grounds;
3. Promoting outdoor beautification;
4. Arranging field trips, competitions and exhibitions related to horticulture and awarding prizes;
5. Distributing seeds, plants, bulbs, flowers, trees and shrubs;
6. Promoting the protection of the environment;
7. Promoting the circulation of horticultural information through any media;
8. Promoting the therapeutic benefits of horticulture; and,
9. Stimulating an interest in horticulture



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Oakville Horticultural Society held nine monthly meetings in 2019 – May and September at Joshua Creek Heritage Arts Centre and the remainder at Knox Presbyterian Church in downtown Oakville.

This year's highlights included:

- Providing quality speakers;
- Offering 'Fun with Flowers' - a free flower arranging workshop for Family Day;
- Holding a photography show and competition at the March meeting;
- Holding flower and horticulture shows and competitions at meetings from April to June and October;
- Participating in the Spring Oakville Lifestyle Home Show;
- Delivering a successful Plant Sale, with a new 'Green Elephant' table;
- Offering another well-attended Garden Tour;
- Continuing our incredible Junior Program;
- Awarded the society's post graduate annual scholarship for the third year;
- Celebrated our volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Tea; and,
- Hosted the District 6 Fall Breakfast Meeting including a tree planting at the site

Our meetings were fun and well-attended with a variety of topics – from seeds, pollinators and veggies to native plants, garden curiosities and indoor plants. We repeated the Master Gardeners' panel, so members could ask all their trickiest questions, and we had a chance to meet the 2019 Scholarship award winner.

As in previous years, our talented floral arrangers shared their artistry at our April to October meetings, and gardeners showed off their most beautiful flowers, vegetables and plants at our monthly shows. Both of these aspects of the exhibit component of our meetings offer an excellent opportunity to learn and share.

Our monthly meetings were times for learning, making connections and building friendships. Our Hospitality team and a host of volunteers ensured every meeting and special event included delicious refreshments. Other volunteers ensured great raffle prizes at every meeting as an added feature.

After many unavoidable utility construction interruptions, the gardens at Anderson Parkette were finally ready for some much-needed maintenance and beautification which some of our society members looked after.

The Oakville Horticultural Society connected with its members through monthly its monthly newsletters, as well as maintaining the website and Facebook presence in excellent order. These efforts help us meet our mandate to circulate horticultural information. Members who



"My Heart's
In The
Highlands"
Robert Burns



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enjoy writing articles or creating posts are encouraged to submit educational and interesting articles for the newsletter.

From teaching the young the joys of gardening to meeting and learning together, we are a Society that makes many positive contributions to life in Oakville. We can be proud of all of our accomplishments in 2019.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer presented the Oakville Horticultural Society's 2018-2019 yearend Financial Report to the members.

Total Revenue \$13,677.88

Total Expenses \$15,201.91

Net Income (\$1,524.03)

Assets

Bank Account \$11,148.95

Petty Cash \$ 19.30

Savings Account \$ 10,122.84

GIC Investments \$ 35,700.00

Total Assets \$ 56,991.09

Total Liabilities \$ 0.00

Society's Equity \$56,991.09

Myroslawa Lukiwsky moved that the financial statement of October 31, 2019 be accepted. Valerie Rughi seconded the motion and it was carried.

The Chair of the Budget Committee, Larry Urbanoski, then presented the proposed budget for the 2019-20 year. Details had been circulated in the previous months. In summary, the proposed budget indicated the projected revenues for the upcoming year as \$13,510, with total expenditures of \$17,330.

A Motion to approve the 2019-2020 budget was made by Marie Decker, seconded by Veronica Heinderich and was carried.

New Business:

New Ideas Encouraged:

- Paula Clayton encouraged all members to think about and share their ideas for projects or events which the OHS could undertake this year and into the future. New fun activities would help to revitalize the society and encourage new members to join the society. New idea/undertakings brought forward would, of course, need the member's commitment that they would spear head the proposed project or activity.
- A Constitutional Amendment was presented for the consideration of the membership. (This notice was circulated via the OHS newsletter one month prior to the meeting in accordance



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Constitutional Amendment:

- A Constitutional Amendment was presented for the consideration of the membership. (This notice was circulated via the OHS newsletter one month prior to the meeting in accordance with requirements for advance notice when proposing an amendment. The following information was presented:

Whereas, At an Ontario Horticultural Association Board Meeting in the fall of 2016, it was suggested that every horticultural society have an indemnification section in its constitution and/or by-laws, and

Whereas, This suggestion was made in consultation with the Cooperators Insurance Company representative, and

Whereas, For the security of all of the officers and executive members, this should be included in the appropriate section of the society's constitution and/or by-laws,

Be it resolved that a new section be added to the OHS constitution to address this.

Paula Clayton moved, and Helen Stephenson seconded that the Oakville Horticultural Society's Constitution and Bylaws be amended to include a new Section 5, under Article 3: Officers, Directors and the Executive Committee to address Indemnification of Directors and Officers. The motion was carried.

Elections:

The following slate of candidates were presented for election:

1. President/Director	Paula Clayton
2. Treasurer/Director	Larry Urbanoski
3. Secretary/Director	Florenda Tingle
4. Past President/ Director	Wendy Funk-Death
5. Director	Wade Pitman
6. Director	Myrosława Łukiewska
7. Director	Sheelagh Rowland
8. Director	Rob Welsh
9. Director	Patty O'Connor

The executive officers were acclaimed and sworn in by Lianne Krane, Assistant District 6 Director. The directors were also acclaimed and sworn in. Robert Welch and Patty O'Connor, who are new to the Executive Committee, were thanked for agreeing to serve in this capacity.

One final item was brought to the attention of the members.

The OHA will be making a shared fund-raising opportunity available to societies, districts and the OHA. Kits will be sent to each society including order forms for anyone wanting to order non-GMO seeds suitable for Canadian growing conditions.



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At 9:00 pm a motion was made by Myroslawa Lukiwsky, seconded by Florenda Tingle that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried.

Paula Clayton
President

Florenda Tingle
Secretary



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TODAY!



Oakville Horticultural Society - an evening to remember..



A wonderful evening with music
(local carolers) delectable delights,
awards and wonderful company!
Let's do it again soon!



Make A Difference Volunteer



Come and Join us on

Monday, February 17, 2020

Family Day - Fun With Flowers

This will be the Oakville Horticultural Society's ninth year, celebrating Family Day by hosting "Fun With Flowers". Many of the same families participate every February – last year we had about 150 people! that's a lot fish tins! over 100 people – that's a lot of fish tins! Participants and volunteers alike are delighted by the abundance and variety of beautiful flowers generously donated by local businesses. Incredibly, many original designs evolve in a very limited time frame. "The Experienced" are also extremely clever at packing as many flowers as possible into a tiny can. This feat takes years of experience!

If you've never attended this event, please sign-up at Monday's meeting or contact Florenda by email at florendatingle1@gmail.com.

We hope you can join us on Family Day at the Iroquois Ridge Community Centre, 1051 Glenasheton Drive at 7:45 am for set up. The fun starts with the first session scheduled for 10:15 am. Please bring along your secateurs !



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The seed catalogues have arrived and of course, hope springs eternal, so my thoughts are turning away from my current lethargic state to my 2020 garden. As my bones get creakier, I am hoping to reduce my gardening effort a bit. That will not include reducing my lawn areas, because my quarter acre lot is about half and half lawn and garden and contrary to what the “experts”(who I suspect spend more time writing than doing) claim, I spend far less time on my lawn than my garden beds, with minimum watering, weed killing and fertilizing. I plan on mulching a lot of my garden beds with shredded cedar bark to keep the weeds down, and digging up or dividing a lot of my perennial grasses which have got a bit overgrown.

Our Halton Region Master Gardeners group has until now received free accommodation for our meetings at the RBG, but they now require a big rental fee, so we are moving our meetings to the Burlington Seniors Centre, which is much cheaper. We have limited sources of funds so we are planning to have a native plant sale in the fall. Most native plants need an extensive cold period before they break dormancy and germinate. This is nature’s way of preventing them from germinating where they fall in the fall (ha ha!) and being killed by the first frost. One way of delaying germination is to stratify the seeds by mixing it with some moist soil in a baggie and putting them in a cold spot such as a fridge or cold garage until spring, when they are brought into the warmth and light to grow on. I now have fourteen varieties sitting patiently in my fridge.

Gardening and gardeners have their own vocabulary, so here are a few definitions for weed pullers, slug stompers, back achers and backyard botanists which might make you an even better gardener come spring.

ANNUAL: Any plant which dies just before blooming.

APHID: An insect which infests gardens, makes gardeners foam at the mouth, stamp their pheet, and utter phour letter words.

COLD FRAME (OR PHRAME): An elaborate structure in which a gardener shows off his collection of freeze dried plants.

DOG: The only garden pest to be successfully domesticated.

FENCE: Horizontal garden structure erected to protect garden produce against animal pests which lack wings, paws, teeth, or brains and which cannot fly, leap tunnel or climb.

FREESIA: Container where excess vegetables are put.

GRAPE: Uninteresting larval form of wine.

HARDY: A plant is said to be hardy if it survives in the nursery for long enough to be sold.

HOSE: Crude but effective and totally safe type of scythe towed through gardens to flatten flower beds and vegetable plantings.

LIE: Common form of shorthand plant description used as a convenience by some nurseries.



MUSHROOM: Small room where vegetables are stored until they rot into a pulpy mess before being thrown on the compost pile.

NURSERY: A place where money grows on trees.

PEST: Any creature which eats green vegetables without being compelled to.

PERENNIAL: Any plant which, had it lived, would have bloomed year after year, (see annual).

PINCHING: A method of pruning much used by Italian gardeners.

RAIN: See weekend.

ROT: Another name for “expert” gardening advice.

SEED: Costly but highly nutritious form of birdfeed sold in small packages, often with pretty pictures of flowers or vegetables.

STAKE: Hard tasteless product that remains after a plant is visited by rabbits raccoons birds or deer.

Sorry about all that, I'll do better next month, but it's better than raking frozen leaves.
(There will be a test at the next meeting.)

Happy gardening dreams,
David Marshall.



Christmas Tree Drop-Off

December 27, 2019 to January 13, 2020

Below Laking Garden – 1200 Spring Garden Rd Burlington
Princess Pt – 335 Longwood Rd, Hamilton

The Christmas tree barriers at the mouth of Grindstone creek are helping RBG to rebuild creek channels. Creek channels that have disappeared since the invasive non-native Common carp have been prevalent in Hamilton Harbour. Rebuilding the creek channel allows RBG to work towards restoring the floodplain ponds by protecting them from the destructive activity of carp. This facilitates the regrowth of marsh plants creating habitat for native fish and wildlife. Old Christmas trees are an ideal building block for these areas with fluctuating water levels. They sit on top of the unconsolidated mud without sinking into it, however when they are packed down tight they create a barrier to fish. As the years go, the old Christmas trees break down and compress further. RBG adds new trees to the top to maintain berm heights

that will protect the floodplain ponds during high water levels. You can help by donating your Christmas tree. Just be sure to remove ALL of the decorations. Ornaments do not make good habitat features for fish!

Trees will only be accepted at the following addresses:

Below Laking Garden (1200 Spring Garden Rd Burlington),
or at Princess Point (335 Longwood Road, Hamilton). Trees **will NOT** be accepted at RBG Centre or any other garden areas.



OHA Seeds Fundraiser

All seeds are Canadian sourced.

Chef's Herb garden plot - may contain 5 of the following varieties: sage, thyme, chives, cilantro, dill, sweet basil, Genovese basil, summer savoury, or curly parsley.

Sales of seeds would be split 50% to the seed company, 25% to the OHA, and 25% to the Society. Seed package choices include - vegetables, cut flowers, perennials, children's garden, butterfly and bird garden, herbs, salad garden, fall garden, strange and fun garden, English garden, and salsa garden.

Availability 3-5 days after order. Allow time to write order from society and send to Cat who will forward the order to the OHA.

DEADLINE - MARCH – all orders must be received from the societies in February. More information will be available at our next meeting.

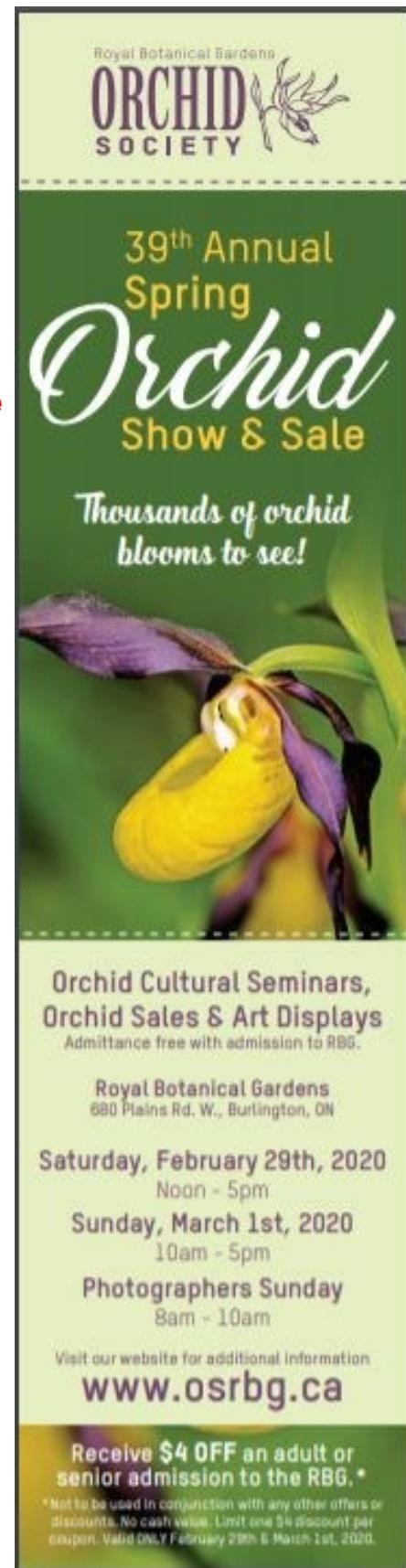


Royal Botanical Orchid Society

39th Annual Spring Orchid Show & Sale

The 2020 Annual Show will take place on Saturday, February 29, 2020 (noon to 5 pm) and Sunday, March 1, 2020 (10 am to 5 pm) at the Royal Botanical Gardens, 680 Plains Road West, Burlington, Ontario. Admission to the Show is free with your RBG membership or daily admission. The coupon above provides a \$4.00 discount on the adult or senior admission. Information on RBG daily rates is found here: <http://www.rbg.ca/visitus> and for RBG membership, see: <http://www.rbg.ca/membership>. For information about awards and trophies, see <http://osrbg.ca/wp/?p=572>

Inquiries regarding the 2020 Show may be addressed to the Show Director, Ben Boers (bmboers@hotmail.com) or by using the contact form on this website.



The Ancient, Sunken Forest That Rises From a Welsh Beach

Long before it was a sandy patch abutting Cardigan Bay, the beach near Ynyslas, close to Borth, Wales, was grassland—and before that, thousands of years ago, a forest. The proof is right there in the sodden sand, but it's only fully visible every once in a while. And when it appears, it looks like something out of a fairy tale.



During times of strong wind and surging waves, layers of the wet sediment peel away, and clumps of sulfuric peat and stumps of long-dead trees emerge. They're waterlogged, so the shin-high crags of ancient birch, pine, and oak look stained—dark brown, almost onyx when they're wet. Hundreds, maybe thousands, of these stumps are scattered across a few miles of the shore, jutting through the sand in sharp, pointy angles. The size and shape often remind Martin Bates of shark fins.



Bates grew up just a few miles from this sunken forest, and a love of the ancient trees is in his blood. “There’s always been a connection between the forest and the family,” he says. His father worked on the beach as a geologist, and now Bates studies it, too. “When it’s exposed, it’s an awesome sight,” says Bates, who works as a geoarchaeologist at the University of Wales Trinity St. David. “It’s a great, dark-brown mass

stretching into the distance.”

Shifting sands are a too-easy metaphor for the passage of time—boulders becoming rocks, rocks becoming beaches, grains tumbling down through an hourglass. But in Borth, a real shift of sand shuffles around time—and helps researchers piece together how this shore has changed over



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thousands of years. When the stumps are easily observable at low tide—as they are now, following a storm at the end of May 2019—they’re like the past rising up through the sand to the present.

For the most part, anything that we’ve left along a shore, above or below the tide line, will be threatened or altered in some way by climate change. Human remains in low-lying burial grounds may wash out, long-ago trash heaps known as middens may get jostled loose, and historic lighthouses or other seaside attractions may just topple into the water.

Archaeologists, for their part, often view climate change as a race against the clock, to save or document whatever they can before our coasts change forever. At the sunken forest, though, the picture is a little different.

“The fact that we’re getting more storms [and] climate instability means we’re getting to see [the forest] more frequently than in the past,” Bates says. That’s helpful, because in Borth, the record of the past is a bit like a book with missing chapters. Researchers know that the area was a reed swamp before it was a forest, and that the trees flourished around 6,000 years ago. Then, roughly 4,500 years ago, Bates says, the trees seem to have died out as water levels rose. Based on what they can see in the pollen record, grasslands appeared some 3,000 years ago. “It would have been a strange place,” Bates says, with dead trees in place amid the tufts of grass, their roots drowned in salt water.

The tree stumps mingle with a layer of peat, about three feet thick, which had dried out before the trees began to grow. Beneath the stumps, there’s a layer of clay and silt some 60 to 100 feet deep. The sediment probably holds information about what came before the forests and grasslands—about salt marshes, mud flats, and brackish waters, as well as whatever life flourished there, but Bates hasn’t been able to get down as far as he’d like to. This sand, which crumbles and tumbles out of borers and gunks up machine parts, “is a driller’s worst nightmare,” he says. Still, he’s hopeful that he’ll eventually enlist some better tools and fill in the blanks.

Each time the waves expose the forest, “You’ve got to be fairly quick off the mark,” Bates says, that is, swift and efficient in combing the shore to catalog new sights before the sediment washes in again. “Often, I find myself walking the beach and thinking, ‘Ugh, why am I here again, what am I going to see that’s new? Forty-nine times out of 50, it’s nothing usual—and then that 50th time, you see something new or something you have seen before in a slightly different light, and then suddenly go, ‘Oh!’”

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The Ancient, Sunken Forest That Rises From a Welsh Beach continued....

After a big storm, he says, it's usually a matter of two or three months before the sand fully covers the stumps again. That has proven to be ample time to make some interesting new discoveries and reexamine a few old ones. A few years ago, for example, storms exposed the remains of large channel that once flowed through the forest. That led researchers to a better understanding of why, exactly, an ancient aurochs—wild, massive, horned cattle that went extinct in the 17th century—wandered in and died there. (Its remains turned up nearby in the 1960s.) The more researchers can glean about these ancient ecosystems, the more the “little observations suddenly make sense in the bigger picture,” Bates says.

Bates says that while other sunken forests, such as ones in Jersey, in the Channel Islands, are being splintered and demolished by water, the one at Borth seems pretty safe for now. The local Ceredigion County Council, which manages the sunken forest, pledged £39 million for breakwaters and other coastal defenses to buffer the 450 homes nearby against inundation and erosion. Several thousand tons of sand will also be used to extend the beach farther into the sea.

In the meantime, the sunken forest is open to anyone who wants to wander amid the skeletons of long-dead trees. Portions of it have been designated as “sites of special scientific interest” and protected by national conservation laws, Bates explains, but those regulations don’t limit casual access. The shore appeals to surfers and vacationers, Bates adds, and the local tourism bureau suggests it might be part of the lost world of the legendary Cantre'r Gwaelod, mentioned in *The Black Book of Carmarthen*, thought to be the oldest surviving text written entirely in Welsh. (There’s even an app to help visitors explore the lost realm.) Bates understands why the landscape strikes people as wondrous. The changing topography and the occasional intrusion of the distant past into the present make it “a slightly mythical, magical place,” Bates says. “You never quite know what you’re going to see.”

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Calendar of Events

January 12	RBG Speaker Series: Peter Thoem Expedition into the Tien Shan Mountains
2 to 3 p.m.; RBG Centre Peter Thoem, RBG volunteer, has been on another wonderful adventure. Hear about his volunteer participation in an expedition into the Tien Shan Mountains of Kyrgyzstan to look for evidence of Snow Leopards, followed by a journey into south-west Kyrgyzstan to visit a remote valley town surrounded by a forest of Walnut trees. Don't miss this fascinating account of Peter's adventures. \$12 (RBG Members 10% off) - pre-registration required.	
January 13	Monthly Meeting at MacMillan Hall 89 Dunn Street
Monthly meeting will be held at the Knox Presbyterian Church 89 Dunn Street. Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting commences at 7:30 pm	
January 20	Monthly Executive Meeting at Palermo Room, Town Hall
January 26	RBG Speaker Series: Dr. David Galbraith Landscape, Nature, and History: Exploring Cootes Paradise Marsh Through Art
2 to 3 p.m.; RBG Centre Cootes Paradise Marsh has been portrayed by artists in many ways since Elizabeth Simcoe made the first known painting of the area in 1796. More than decorative art, the paintings of Cootes Paradise made by subsequent generations are valuable historical documents showing us changes in the landscape. Artists today continue to interpret the area in many media, from paintings and photographs to sculpture and literature. Join Dr. David A. Galbraith and look back through time to find how landscapes have changed or no longer exist, and consider how art and nature intersect at RBG's largest nature sanctuary. \$12 (RBG Members 10% off) - pre-registration required.	
February 1	HAMILTON SEEDY SATURDAY
Saturday February Seed Swap: Gardening book exchange; Seed and garden supply vendors selling quality seeds with heritage and heirloom varieties; Free garden workshops and educational demonstrations throughout the day; Opportunities for meeting and networking with other gardeners and experts; -Children's activities sponsored by Green Venture's EcoStars Camp; Seedy Café; Stay tuned for our list of seed vendors, environmentally conscious vendors and community organizations and the free workshop schedule! Follow us through our Facebook event Seedy Saturday Hamilton 2020 for updates. Time: 10 to 3 Location: Boys and Girls Club of Hamilton 45 Ellis Avenue, Hamilton, ON	
February 10	Monthly Meeting at MacMillan Hall 89 Dunn Street
Monthly meeting will be held at the Knox Presbyterian Church 89 Dunn Street. Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting commences at 7:30 pm	
February 18	Monthly Executive Meeting at Bronte Room, Town Hall
February 22	TORONTO-NORTH SEEDY SATURDAY
Time: 10 to 3 Location: Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Ave. E., Toronto-North, ON Seedy Saturday is combined with our Annual Get the Jump on Spring event. The dual events typically bring in well over 1000 people each year. In addition to Seedy Saturday vendors, exhibitors and seed exchange, there will be workshops and demonstrations, horticultural groups and vendors, draw prizes, a silent auction, a used gardening book sale, and food options.	
February 23	OAKVILLE SEEDYSUNDAY
Halton Food Council together with Halton Environmental Network is hosting the second annual Seedy Sunday February 23, 10am-3pm at Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre.	



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

