



Oakville Horticultural Society Newsletter March 2017

Date:

March Monthly Meeting

March 13, 2017

Location:

Knox Presbyterian Church 89 Dunn Street

Set-up Volunteers:

Diana Wright , Judy Bridges, Gilbery Jeffery

Hospitality Volunteers:

Linda Tock, Heather Record, Mary Kirby, David Marshall

Speaker's Corner



Catherine Kavassalis is a passionate gardener and conservationist. A scientist, educator and inspirational speaker, Catherine endeavours to stimulate interest and awe in the living world. She is a member of the Halton Master Gardener group, the Past President of Oakville Horticultural Society and a former member of the Board of Directors for the Royal Botanical Gardens. Catherine loves to garden and has had her own eclectic organic garden featured on several tours.

The subject of her talk to us will be:

Small Trees for Small Spaces

Often called the backbone of a garden, trees and shrubs give a yard structure and form. They provide benefits of year round beauty, while improving our environment and providing food and habitat for wild-life. How do you choose the right tree for your space? Native is best for biodiversity, but fruit bearing trees may be more to your taste. Large trees can be kept small, but there are many small trees and large shrubs that may be a better fit. The possibilities for small spaces, while not endless are extensive. Come and get a few ideas for creating your own small oasis.

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It's hard to believe that we will be 'springing forward' on March 12! And thus, this up and down winter we've been experiencing will be almost over. As the days get longer and the weather improves, I find myself looking longingly at the garden. My favourite season of the year is about to begin!

But, to be fair, our winter has gone quickly. Once again, we had the lovely distraction that Fun with Flowers brings. Thanks to Linda Tock, our cheerful volunteers and the many sponsors who generously donated a vast array of blooms, we can say it was another successful event. Happy and eager floral designers of all ages lined up patiently to participate and there were over 130 colourful arrangements completed. This is an annual OHS initiative that continues to bring big smiles to participants and volunteers alike!



We hosted our counterparts from the other Horticultural Societies at the District 6 Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, February 25. The day began with a surprise presentation – Marie Decker was awarded a Judging Exhibiting Service Certificate and we congratulate Marie for this well-deserved honour! The first part of the morning was taken up with District business and after the break Jana Schilder presented a short talk on the negative impact humans are having on the environment, what individuals can do to help and reminded us why the work of Horticultural Societies is so important. Once again, our volunteers were out in force and the event was a great success.

With spring just days away, work will begin on our two major fund-raising activities - that is, organizing the Plant Sale (May 20) and the Garden Tour (June 25). Some might say that these are the defining events of the OHS calendar, and we know it takes lots and lots of volunteer hours to reach our goals. So please be ready to sign up when the clipboards go around.

We are also asking for your input on a short survey, to see what you might want to become involved in and to ensure that the Society continues to offer the programs, speakers and workshops that members want.

You won't want to miss our March 13 meeting, as Cathy Kavassalis brings us her very timely advice on 'Small Trees for Small Spaces'. I'll be taking notes because, for me, there is no 'poem lovely as a tree.....' (as Joyce Kilmer wrote in February 1913). Before I sign off, just one more thing. The OHS Board wants to encourage environment-friendly behaviours, so starting with the March meeting, bring your own mug for coffee or tea and get one free raffle ticket at the door. Until then, keep smiling and think green!

Paula Clayton, President



Please visit our members photographic exhibit being held at the March 13, 2017 meeting.



Thank-you Oakville - you rock!!

Saturday's District breakfast meeting was a wonderful success thanks to the effort put out by our OHS members. We registered 75 delegates. Only 49 attended the last meeting and prior to that only 60 and 62 respectively, so we sure did something right. There was Florenda's great map: no-one got lost, Cathy's eye-catching agenda that was available on the D6 website, Wade's distribution far and wide helped bring in so many, the friendly and helpful faces at the registration table, what talented photographers we have, and the food -



sumptuous!. Paula did a great job of chairing her first District meeting (looked like you enjoyed yourself) and kudos to you Jana if that was your debut speech. You left us with lots to think about but gave us ways in which we could

make a difference as well. A special thanks to all those who stayed to clean up the outdoor signs, kitchen and the hall - we left the place sparkling. I heard many, many positive

comments throughout the day. Let's keep the face of Oakville in the forefront of the District. The last AGM was poorly attended. Lets carpool this year and send a large contingent to Simcoe to meet again the new friends we just made, to make more friends and enjoy the experience. Did you all know Veronica's mother-in-law belongs to Delhi HS?



In Memory of Georgie Lefroy

We are greatly saddened to announce that on February 8th, in her 90th year, Georgie slipped peacefully away in Owen Sound. Predeceased in 1995 by her beloved husband John, she was cherished mother to Stephen (Patricia) and Sharon (Errol Mendes) and much loved Nana to Caitie (Mark Payerl), Alyssa, Alexander and William. Born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia on

August 24th, 1927, Georgie embraced life with determination and joy. Graduating from Toronto Sick Kids Hospital as a Registered Nurse in 1949, Georgie practiced in Toronto, Oakville and Burlington and became one of the first nurse practitioners in Ontario in the early 1970's. In retirement Georgie and John moved

from Oakville to Woodlands, 50 acres of sugar bush near Owen Sound. A founding member of many garden clubs and community gardens, Georgie travelled the world to judge floral arrangement and horticultural shows. We will forever remember her enthusiastically digging her many beautiful gardens, hands dirty and face smudged and striding down Woodland's trails, her golden retriever by her side and arms stretched wide embracing life with love and passion. We will miss her dearly. A celebration of her life will be held at Georgian Shores United Church, Owen Sound on Saturday March 4, 2017 at 1 p.m.

Georgie's name will be added to the Ontario Horticultural Association "In Memoriam" book.





Congratulations to the following OHS members, for their excellent horticulture and design exhibits over the past year. They have been awarded trophies and cash prizes for the show year - Nov. 1, 2015 – Oct.31, 2016.

Marie and Valerie

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| Class of Distinction (Eaton Trophy) | 1 st Marie Decker 2 nd Celia Roberts 3 rd Florrie Abbess |
| Chairman's Trophy (Wand Trophy) | 1 st Michelle Durrant 2 nd M Decker/M Cameron 3 rd Mary Rose |
| General/Novice Trophy (Allison Trophy) | 1 st Mary Rose 2 nd Cathy Kavassalis 3 rd |
| Miniature (Noad Trophy) | 1 st Marie Decker 2 nd Jean Latham 3 rd Mary Rose |
| Overall Decorative (Cup of Excellence) | 1 st Marie Decker 2 nd Mary Cameron 3 rd Mary Rose |
| Highest Horticulture (Stratton Trophy) | 1 st Mary Cameron 2 nd Rob Welsh 3 rd Marie Decker |
| Combined Hort / Decorative (Wye Trophy) | 1 st Mary Cameron 2 nd Marie Decker 3 rd Jean Latham |
| Men's Highest Horticulture (Bell Trophy) | 1 st Rob Welsh 2 nd Don Dusha 3 rd Wade Pitman |
| Best Red Rose (Red Rose Tea Trophy) | Mary Cameron |



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Cash Awards Nov. 2015 – Oct. 2016

The following members who earned ten points, or more, in our Monthly Shows, were presented with cash awards of 20 cents per point. Trophy winners and runners up are also awarded additional prize money. Cash is awarded for points in Judge's Choice and Educational Exhibits but these points do not count toward trophies.

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| Abbess, F | Durrant, M | Latham, J | Roberts, C | Schleicher, E |
| Cameron, M | Dusha, D | Mahncke, C | Rose, M | Welsh, R |
| Decker, M | Kavassalis, C | Pittman, W | Ryan, C | Wright, D. |

Just a friendly reminder...

Have you renewed your 2017 Oakville Horticultural Society Membership? You need to do so by March 31, 2017. Please bring a cheque or cash to the next meeting on March 13, 2017 and renew!!!

WANTED

Plant Sale Committee Head or Co-Chair immediately required.

Fun, rewarding work with lots of support from others.

Approximately 40 hours of volunteer time required

Plant Sale Date:

May 20, 2017

Location:

Munn's United Church

Contact: Paula Clayton 905-825-2548



Tennyson said that nature is “red in tooth and claw” and for sure there is a lot of infighting out there without our intervention, but in the garden we sometimes need to intervene to keep things in balance.

Shortly after World War Two a flood of synthetic pesticides, usually derived from petrochemicals, hit the market and produced dramatic results. The problem was that they were non-specific, and killed the good bugs along with the bad (perhaps that is why there seem to be more bad bugs around than there were when I toiled in my father's and grandfather's



gardens), and increased globalization has also exacerbated the problem. As people and materials increasingly move around the world, they unwittingly carry alien pests and diseases with them. These often have no natural predators in their new homes (think of Asian long horned beetles, emerald ash

borers, and brown marmorated stink bugs, all imported from the Far East) and so they proliferate and cause major damage. Increasing realization that these new synthetic chemicals have a huge cost to our health and to the environment has led to new thinking about how, and how much, we need to repel these invaders of our gardens. Enter Integrated Pest Management, or IPM. IPM is a broad based approach that integrates practices for the economic control of pests with the minimum adverse effect on the environment. It emphasizes natural and biological controls, only using chemical controls as a last resort after considering the acceptable levels of a pest rather than seeking its total elimination. Rather than a quick fix, IPM emphasizes the long term control of pests by modifying or managing the environment to make it less welcoming to the invaders. A good IPM program has six characteristics:

1. Determining acceptable levels of pests rather than their complete elimination (you need some bad bugs to keep the predators around).
2. Identifying and monitoring harmful pests. This means regularly inspecting your garden for damage or visible pests.
3. Applying biological controls using natural enemies such as predators, parasites and pathogens.
4. Using good cultural practices such as planting resistant varieties, good sanitation, and planting flowers and herbs which attract good bugs.
5. Using mechanical controls such as barriers, traps, screens and mulches.
6. Only using chemicals as a last resort, and doing spot treatments with the least toxic product which will do the job.



*We are using resources as if we had two planets, not one.
There can be no 'plan B' because there is no 'planet B.' -*



Gardening with David ...

One of the best things you can do as a gardener is to grow plants which attract beneficial insects. One should include plants which produce nectar and pollen, remembering that singles rather than doubles allow better access for the insects, and ensuring that you have something in flower throughout the growing season. Some of the insects you can attract are ladybugs, lacewings, parasitic wasps; tachinid flies, aphid midges, syrphid flies, assassin bugs, ground beetles, spiders, also frogs, toads, and yes, snakes (optional). Some things to grow include all members of the daisy family, alyssum, calendula, cosmos, marigold, snapdragon, feverfew, goldenrod, lavender, salvia, viola, chives, dill, fennel, Queen Anne's lace, and even dandelions! Who knew that they could be useful, but remove their heads before they go to seed.

Boulevard Gardening

OHS received an inquiry regarding boulevard gardening. Our President, Paula Clayton responded with the following:

Regarding subsidies for boulevard gardening the answer is that Oakville does not subsidize this activity and landscapers are unlikely to take on such a task without advertising privileges for which the Town would charge. They do allow business to adopt verge gardens and do promotions, but Town staff do the design and planting.

While one of our members headed the task force to make it legal to undertake Boulevard gardening and developed the current plant list with Sean James (<http://www.oakville.ca/assets/general%20-%20residents/BoulevardPlantList.pdf>), we have not had the capacity to champion this activity.

The Town of Oakville describes Boulevard Gardening as follows:

"The boulevard (the green space between the road and your property line or sidewalk) can be the perfect spot for a garden. Boulevard gardens beautify our roadsides and well-chosen, non-invasive plants that are designed to retain moisture can reduce water usage and therefore the need to use mowers and fertilizers. Introducing native and diverse plant species can also improve the health of our ecosystem. For these reasons, the town encourages residents to plant gardens on their boulevards, provided they do not obstruct the vision of drivers or prevent them from viewing traffic in all directions.

Boulevard gardens also need to be designed to prevent soil from washing into the street (and ultimately into rivers or lakes), and the plants chosen need to be able to survive the harsh roadside conditions." It also require a Permit [Boulevard gardening permit](#) (pdf, 22 kB)

A one-time \$51 application fee must accompany every permit application.

It is not without controversy as the Beaver pointed out last summer.

<http://www.insidehalton.com/news-story/6775227-town-of-oakville-and-some-residents-continuing-to-butt-heads-over-boulevard-shoreline-landscaping/>

For more information, we recommend you visit the Town of Oakville's site <http://www.oakville.ca/residents/boulevard-gardening.html>.

Did you know ...



Wisley

Wisley is one of the world's great gardens, packed with horticultural inspiration.

I always enjoy going to the UK, not only to see my daughter and grandchild but the opportunity to go to the Royal Horticultural Society gardens at Wisley in Surrey where anyone who is interested in gardening, of any type, can see examples at the garden. Want To know how to clip a yew hedge or espalier an apple tree? This is the place to see it. There are trial gardens of course, a walled garden, and model gardens where samples of the most common sized gardens in Britain can be found. The rockery with



water running through it is inspiring and the walk on Battleston Hill full of Rhodos and, at this time of year, full of bulbs particularly the snow drops and Hellebores.

Because it was half term and the 5 year old was in tow we went straight to the glass house and the butterflies. It was amazing walking through with lots of other people to see butterflies everywhere. The children were supplied with a pamphlet with all the different butterflies illustrated so they could play "spot the butterfly". My husband is losing his hair (I am being polite here) and some of the butterflies landed on his head much to Chris's amusement.

After lunch (lots of places to eat and quite good too), we went to the learning centre where children can plant seeds. All to encourage gardening from an early age. Lots of places to run around in too.

Needless to say there is a gift shop and plant nursery to complete the day. This is just a sample of the garden please go to their web site www.rhs.org.uk There are five RHS gardens to visit throughout the UK. The RHS give garden advice too although being in zone 7 sometimes it does not apply!

I can't wait to go back.

Diana Wright

in the garden of...

The Glasshouse

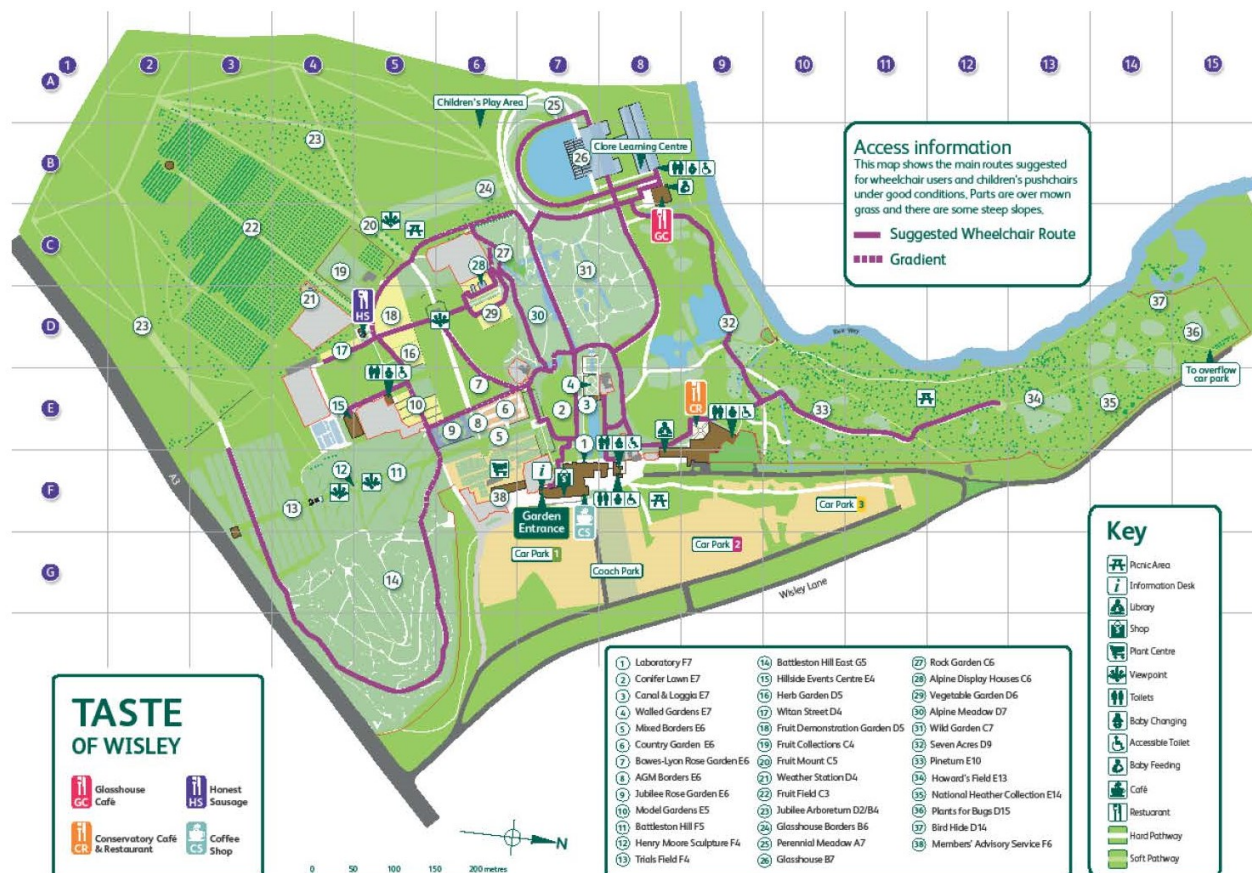
Discover The Glasshouse, home to all kinds of exotic plants and impressive, colourful and seasonal display The huge cathedral-like glass structure covers an area equal in size to 10 tennis courts and rises to 12m (40ft) in height. It has three climatic zones, recreating tropical, moist temperate and dry temperate habitats. The Glasshouse showcases our world-class plant



collection, providing an enhanced horticultural experience for everyone who visits. The RHS's extensive tender plant collection, comprising more than 5,000 taxa, is housed here, including difficult to grow, rare and endangered species, hundreds of orchid species and old cultivars of *Solenostemon* (coleus), among others. Entering The Glasshouse is like walking into a jungle - tree ferns, tall palms, lush-leaved creepers and dazzling flower displays give an air of expectation and drama. There are

three interlinked zones: dry temperate and moist temperate (adjacent spaces within the main area of The Glasshouse), and a tropical zone* overlooking the lake at the front.





Fun With Flowers (2017)

In the middle of winter, "Fun With Flowers", was truly enjoyed again this year by many ----- Over 200 smiling participants !



The abundance of beautiful flowers --- rich colours, varied shapes & sizes --- gave everyone lots to create & play with !

Thanks so much to our valued sponsors: **Flower Deco, Whole Foods, Fortino's, Metro (Upper Middle and Hopedale), Sobey's (Maplegrove), and Longo's (Dundas).**

Many thanks to the Oakville Horticultural Society and the volunteers who have organized and made this amazing event happen for the last seven years !



Fun with Flowers



I purchased this beautiful amaryllis at the November, 2016 meeting from David Marshall. This photograph was taken on February 26, 2017. This plant keeps on blooming. I noticed this unusual stem and emailed David wondering what it was. This is David's response:

Hi Myroslawa,

Yes, you can grow an amaryllis from your seed pods, but it will take six or more years of care to get a flower-out and in for summer and winter. If you still want to do it, let the seed head ripen for a few weeks and go dry. Then remove the pod and open it. Plant the seeds indoors about half an inch deep. Around the end of May plant outside in semi shade if big enough and do the in and out thing for a few years. Simple eh?

You can often get your bulb to flower next year by keeping it watered and fertilized, then planting it outside after frost. In late September dig the bulb up and let it dry out and go dormant, then repot it and grow it on. (or buy a new bulb)!

David



How to get your Amaryllis to bloom again

Kay Hinkle - Adams County Master Gardener

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<http://www.emmitsburg.net/gardens/contact.htm>

Do you have a spent Amaryllis bulb? I have one I purchased after Christmas at one third the cost of a bulb before the holidays. It put out a beautiful triple bloom in snow white a few weeks ago. Then it put up a second stem that is blooming just now, this time a double white. Since that purchase, a friend gave me a bulb that was just too affordable to pass up, purchased at a local box store. I expect it will bloom a fiery red at Easter.

Amaryllis have become increasingly popular holiday gift plants, undoubtedly because the bulbs bloom very freely indoors and they are affordable. The large, showy flowers make a bold statement and are available in an increasing variety of colors, shapes, and sizes that fit almost any taste. Amaryllis are not difficult to grow and may be brought into bloom every year if the plants are treated correctly. To understand the process, it may help to understand the plant and its native environment.

Amaryllis are bulbs of the genus *Hippeastrum* that are native to the tropical and subtropical areas of the Americas. Some species grow in rock crevices in savannas that have distinct dry and wet seasons; others grow in high plateau regions that have cool weather for most of the year.

One species from Brazil is epiphytic and grows in trees in forests with no soil around the roots. Many species are hybridized to produce today's hybrids, and most of these species experience warm, humid conditions with abundant rainfall for most of the year and a short, cooler dry season. To make your amaryllis bloom again, you simply have to mimic the conditions that nature provides.

Here is an easy step-by-step plan to get your amaryllis to bloom again:

1. Keep it cool through the holidays.

Enjoy your amaryllis for the maximum time possible by placing it in a location with diffuse light and cool indoor temperatures in the 60°F range. Keep it barely moist. When you water, be careful not to get the portion of the bulb that sticks above the soil wet. If you have a large bulb, you may get two or three flowering stalks that bloom over a period of several weeks.

2. Cut the flower stalks.

When the last flower has faded on each of the flower stalks, cut the flower stalk near the top of the bulb. Don't injure the leaves or an emerging flower stalk. Don't be alarmed if sap runs out of the hollow flower stalk when you cut it - this is normal.

3. Provide light, water, and fertilizer.

It's late winter, and your amaryllis is in its growth phase. Your main objective is to encourage leaf production that will help the bulb bulk up for next year's flowers. It's hard to give your amaryllis too much sunlight at this time of the year. Move it to the sunniest location you can manage. A sunroom or greenhouse is best, but a south-facing window will work until spring comes. Fertilize it monthly; never allow soil to dry out completely.



4. Move it outdoors in spring.

As soon as the weather settles and all threat of frost is gone, move your amaryllis outdoors. Don't be alarmed if many of the leaves wither and die in the adjustment period. Wind and exposure to more sunlight may cause some of the older leaves to die; new ones will grow. Choose a sunny area where you can water the plants daily. A deck or patio works fine, and the glossy strap-shaped leaves complement many other plants. Fertilize the plants every two weeks with a liquid fertilizer or apply a slow release fertilizer.

5. Decide when you'd like your amaryllis to bloom.

If you want flowers for the holidays, you need to begin its dormant period by mid- August. Withhold water, and move the pots to a location where they can be kept around 55F. Most people don't have a space that they can keep this cool at the height of summer, so the seasons may determine bloom time for you. You can leave your amaryllis outdoors well into autumn. If you do, stop fertilizing it in late September and bring it indoors before the end of October (earlier if a heavy frost is forecast). Bring it indoors in the pot or remove bulb from the pot and wash the soil off the roots at this time.

6. Keep it in cool storage until the bulbs signal they are ready to go.

Amaryllis usually lose all or most of their leaves during their dormant period, although it is not necessary for all the leaves to wither for the bulb to reach complete dormancy. Keep the bulb on the dry side. Check the bulb every week; after eight to ten weeks of cool storage, you should notice the tip of the new flower stalk emerging from the bulb. If you shift the bulb to a warm spot (70-80F) for three weeks, you will encourage leaves to emerge at the same time the flower stalk is developing, but a warm treatment is not needed for floral development.

You can repot the bulb in fresh soil at this point. Be careful not to bury the bulb too deeply. At least one third of the bulb should be visible above the soil surface. Don't plant the bulb in a pot that is any more than two times the diameter of the bulb. When you repot it, you may notice smaller side bulbs that can be broken away from the main bulb. These can also be potted and grown in a sunny spot. They will not bloom this year, but may bloom after two or three years of growth.

7. Place in a warm spot and water tentatively.

Water your amaryllis thoroughly right after you repot it, and allow the soil surface to dry a bit before watering it again. Place it in a warm spot to stimulate root growth. A sunny spot is best. If you try to re-bloom your amaryllis in dim light conditions, the flower stalk will grow long and your amaryllis will be more prone to breakage or tipping. Wait until the first flower has opened to move the plant to a location with subdued light and cool temperatures to preserve the flower as long as possible.

8. Repeat.

You can keep your amaryllis indefinitely, and if you provide the right conditions for growth and dormancy, your bulb will get larger and multiply over the years. Large bulbs produce as many as three flower stalks; some bulbs may bloom during the summer as well as during the winter, depending on temperature and other growing conditions.



2017 Perennial Plant of the Year

With butterfly conservation a current concern, the Perennial Plant Association has named *Asclepias tuberosa* (butterfly weed) as 2017's plant of the year. Its intense orange flowers and more compact habit may make this long-flowering, long-lived perennial more suitable than other milkweeds for urban gardeners. *A. tuberosa* was also called **pleurisy root** in the past because of its common use to treat pleurisy and respiratory ailments.

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[Hamilton Victory Garden's](#) mission is to increase access to healthy, nutritious fresh produce for individuals and families in need. They promote community engagement and social inclusion as hundreds of volunteer community members work together to help alleviate food insecurity. Their mission is being realized through a form of "urban agriculture" by constructing raised garden beds on unused urban land throughout the Greater Hamilton Area. Currently they host 15 garden sites and donate fresh produce to 12 local food banks and programs.

Troy-Bilt will provide product and monetary donations to both networks to support these non for profit organizations with the common goal of developing sustainable food resources for everyone! They will also be hosting events at both locations throughout the year and will work together with both networks to share their stories, tips and tricks and Troy-Bilt product reviews. Look for more information throughout the year on troybilt.ca. **ABOUT TROY-BILT**

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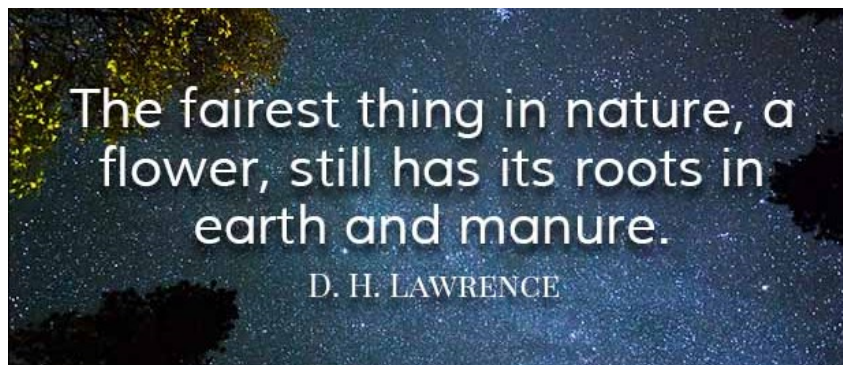
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- 10 Myths and Truths about Clematis **(RBG)**
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- Pollinator Garden **(PPCP)**

Royal Botanical Gardens - (RBG) ■

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The Riverwood Conservancy (TRC) ■

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



Calendar of Events

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| March 13 | March Monthly Meeting at MacMillan Hall 89 Dunn Street |
| | Monthly meeting will be held once again at Knox Presbyterian Church 89 Dunn Street |
| March 10-19 | Canada Blooms |
| | For more information: http://canadablooms.com/ |
| March 11 | Brampton Seedy Saturday |
| | Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm The event will include a Seed Exchange Table, Gardening Info, Speakers, Vendors, Exhibitors, a Kid Zone and a Seedy Café. Location: Century Gardens Recreation Center, 340 Vodden Street, Brampton |
| March 18 | Fergus & Elora Seedy Saturday - Bring a Few, Take a Few |
| | 10:00 am to 1:00 pm We will be joined by Master Gardeners, of Ontario, Seeds of Diversity, Hawthorn Farms Heritage Seeds, Gerry's Garden Centre, Pollination Guelph, Full Circle Garden. In addition we are planning some activities for the children. Location: Victoria Park Senior's Centre, 150 Albert St. W. , Fergus, Ontario |
| March 21 | Oakville Green AGM Meeting, March 21, 2017 |
| | Oakville Green will hold their Annual General Meeting on March 21, 2017 commencing at 7:00 pm. At this meeting, they will screen the film: Hometown Habitat https://themeadowproject.com/hometown-habitat/ |
| April 7 - 9 | Peterborough Garden Show 2017 |
| | Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Rd, Peterborough, Ont. More info: www.PeterboroughGardenShow.com |
| May 20 | Oakville Horticultural Society Plant Sale |
| | Save the day-- come and join us for wonderful day! More information to follow! |

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What can you do?



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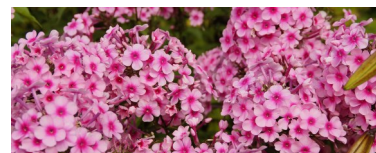
On Wednesday, April 5 you are all invited to come to the home of Marie Decker at 1285 Gloaming Court, in north-east Oakville to join Margaret Larson in making milkweed mud balls to grow milkweed, the food source and nursery for the, now endangered, Monarch butterfly. You can drop in any time from 10 am to 3 pm and stay as long or as short as suits you. Margaret will provide all supplies.

Everyone is welcome, just call and let me know if you are coming at 905-844-1837.

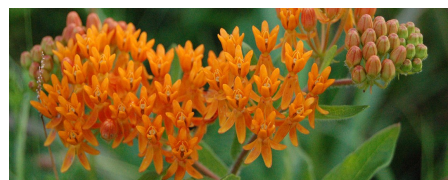
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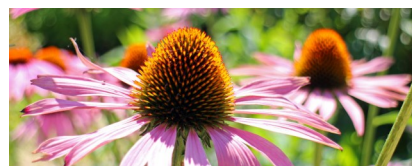
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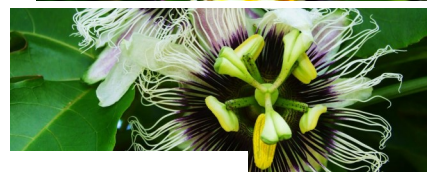
[Aster](#) (Zone Hardiness: 3-8),
[Purple Coneflower/Echinacea purpurea](#)
(Zone Hardiness: 3-9),



[Salvia](#) (Zone Hardiness: 4-9),
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