



Oakville Horticultural Society November 2017

Date:	November 13, 2017
Location:	Knox Presbyterian Church, 89 Dunn Street
Set-up Volunteers:	Cathy Kavassalis, Paula Clayton and Marie Decker
Hospitality Volunteers:	Don Dusha, Junko Nishimoto, Mary Cameron and Florenda Tingle
Flower Show Clerks:	Mary Cameron and Judy Bridges



November Speaker Suzanne Zacharczyk

Topic: Night Stalkers and Day Streakers:

Learn about the brave Day Streaking wildlife that visit your garden in the light of day, as well as those stealthy Night Stalkers that arrive during the cover of dark. Learn how to identify which caused the damage, prevention measures to reduce the damage caused and other fun wildlife facts. Suzanne Zacharczyk, is an active member of the Etobicoke Master Gardeners since September 2009, currently supporting the group as Coordinator, also holds the position Director of Operations for Master Gardeners of Ontario (MGOI). As full time Sr. Project Manager, she continues part time studies in Horticulture and Landscape Design. Suzanne has been gardening locally for many years, and her interests in foliage plants and hostas are reflected in her personal garden which was featured in a Community Garden Tour in 2012. As an active community member, Suzanne has been involved with multiple events, speaking at community garden workshops, and coordinating fund raising plant sales. Suzanne is also Past President of the Applewood Garden Club where she lives in Mississauga.



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President's Remarks ...

We have certainly had a lovely fall so far, and many opportunities to be outside doing the things we enjoy. Whether it is garden clean up, a leisurely stroll through some of the Town's beautiful walking trails or the afternoon coffee break on the deck, it is all so much more special in these wonderful last days of the season. In addition to getting our garden ready for winter, I have joined the intrepid Garden Tour Selection team (Florenda Tingle and Diana Wright) in visits to potential gardens for the 2018 tour and we have seen some very lovely gardens indeed. I have come away with more ideas and inspiration, as we believe anyone taking the tour will too.

The season of staking and deadheading is over and now we are into real clean up. The challenge is in deciding how long to leave the things that are still looking good. Until they don't, is my rule. If you are like me, you have already started planning ahead to next spring, with bulbs going in and badly situated but good performers being moved around to better spots in the garden. Other chores involve 'healing in' divisions for next year's Plant Sale, digging up dahlia



and canna tubers for their winter rest, getting tropicals ready to come inside, cleaning and putting away tools and containers and, lastly, making sure the rabbit-proofing is in place!

As Membership Renewal is upon us, it is important to remember that membership is about meeting others with similar interests, learning, sharing and outreach, as well as taking on projects that help keep Oakville such a natural and beautiful place to live. We have so many wonderful volunteers giving their time and expertise. If you haven't done so already,

please consider getting involved in an OHS initiative for the coming year. Its always fun! And speaking of fun – why not bring a friend to one of our meetings? There's always room for one more person.



AGM Potluck and Silent Auction

Monday, December 11, 2017

Doors open 6:00 pm, cocktails 6:30 pm



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

Important Notice
Flower Exhibitors



Make A Difference



2017 OHS Board and Executive:

President: Paula Clayton

Vice-President: Florenda Tingle

Treasurer: Larry Urbanoski

Secretary: Heather Reccord

Board of Directors:

Margaret Jeffery, Jana Schilder, Joan Paris, Wade Pitman, Valerie Westwood, Cathy Ryan,
Helen Stephenson, Pat Hooper, Myroslawa Lukiwsky

Past Presidents:

Marie Decker, Cathy Kavassalis, will attend Board Meetings but no voting privileges.

If you are interested in helping the organization in any capacity, please contact Paula or Florenda.



Amaryllis Bulbs for Sale at November Meeting

Three varieties of large bulbs at \$10.00 each.

Two varieties of small Sonatini bulbs at \$5.00 each.

They are a beautiful addition to any home during the shorter days of
Winter and they make a lovely gift.

Please bring a bag to carry your bulbs home.

Cash only



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YOU CAN GIVE IS
YOUR TIME

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Renew your Oakville Horticultural Membership



Revenues

Description	2017 YTD Actual	Budget 2017	Variance 2017	Proposed 2018 Budget
Bulbs, Plants & Seeds	265.75	750.00	- 484.25	300.00
Draw Table	879.00	900.00	- 21.00	900.00
May Plant Sale	5,932.75	5,000.00	932.75	5,000.00
Membership	1,890.00	2,300.00	- 410.00	2,300.00
Interest	194.00	400.00	- 206.00	350.00
Donations	633.37	0.00	633.37	0.00
Garden Tour	2,605.50	3,000.00	- 394.50	2,750.00
Ontario Grant	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	-	0.00
Community Programs	0.00	0.00	-	0.00
Workshops	720.00	500.00	220.00	500.00
Junior Program Regt's	40.00	60.00	- 20.00	60.00
Total Revenue	14,160.37	13,910.00	250.37	13,160.00

Expenses

Description	2017 YTD Balance	Budget 2017	Variance 2017	Proposed 2018 Budget
Publicity	0.00	500.00	-500.00	500.00
Social Convenor	184.34	400.00	-215.66	350.00
Bulbs, Plants & Seeds	317.53	1,000.00	-682.47	500.00
Library	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Plantings	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	1,500.00
Community Programs	386.06	1,750.00	-1,363.94	2,050.00
Mem'ships-Other Orgs	856.00	1,250.00	-394.00	1,150.00
Executive	613.47	1,150.00	-536.53	1,000.00
Draw Table Convenor	218.13	350.00	-131.87	350.00
Monthly Shows	958.71	1,380.00	-421.29	1,330.00
Garden Tour Convenor	523.91	1,100.00	-576.09	1,000.00
Newsletter	277.16	300.00	-22.84	300.00
Monthly Programs	2,460.00	3,775.00	-1,315.00	3,700.00
Junior Program	1,440.89	1,000.00	440.89	1,000.00
May Plant Sale	2,528.86	2,800.00	-271.14	3,100.00
Special Events	532.57	500.00	32.57	0.00
Miscellaneous	26.19	100.00	-73.81	100.00
Total Expenses	11,323.82	18,855.00	-7,531.18	17,930.00



CANADIAN TRIVIA

TRIVIA: Did you know that if you walked and never stopped – not to eat, not to rest your feet, not to get some sleep – it would take you four and a half years to walk the length of Canada's coastline?



Margaret's garden report.....



Early in the year The Fields of Spring at Postridge Park and Colbourne bloomed very well and the new grass seed grew well at Colbourne with the spring rains. Thank you to all those you deadheaded the daffodils and dug those tenacious weeds.

At Wellspring the spring display was enjoyable and very lovely. The week the Town decided to remove the bulbs from the front bed was just a day or so before the Plant Sale and since all the volunteers were fully occupied the Town gardeners agreed to nursery the bulbs. We decided to donate the bulbs to the Town for future projects and they were so grateful. This fall they have taken



care of the central bed. We have the beginnings of a plan for 2018 to place some daffodils in the grounds so they can naturalize with minimum care.

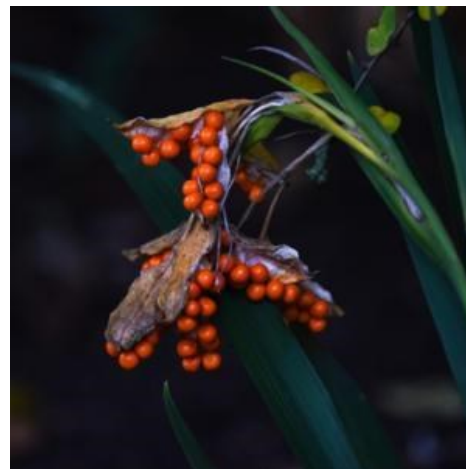
As you may have heard at the end of last year at the Anderson Bridge Parkette the plants in the bed by the guardrail had to be removed so further work could be done on the sewer exhaust. This work should be completed by the end of 2017 and we hope to replant next spring. Fingers crossed. We had several sets of workmen over the year and a lot of plants have been damaged and lost. Again thank you so much to all those who have volunteered their time and expertise to help care for the Garden Of Life. In the last few days you can feel winter is approaching and another year winds down.



A gardener's passion.....



Iris foetidissima



Common Name: stinking iris

Family: Iridaceae

Zone: 6 to 9

Bloom Time: May

Sun: Full sun to part shade

Type: Herbaceous perennial

Native Range: Europe, northern Africa, Atlantic Islands

Height: 1.00 to 2.00 feet

Spread: 1.00 to 1.50 feet

Bloom Description: Pale lilac

Water: Medium





LOOKING FOR:

Fun with Flowers Committee Head or Co-Chair

Fun, rewarding work with lots of support from others. This is a one day event held on Family Day Holiday in February. Approximately 40 hours of volunteer time required.
Contact: Paula Clayton 905-825-2548

Plant Sale Committee Head or Co-Chair

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Do you know who they are?

Green Infrastructure Ontario (GIO) Coalition is an alliance of organizations that share a common vision for a healthy, green Ontario where the economic, social, environmental and health benefits of green infrastructure are fully realized.

For more information, please go to:

<http://greeninfrastructureontario.org/>



A unique Christmas gift for all gardeners!

NO BEEKEEPING REQUIRED TO HELP THE BEES!

Many gardeners may not be familiar with solitary bees as most of the news media focus on the honey bee only. However, it is only the honey bee that lives in hives and have a queen; most of the over 20,000 other species of bees in the world live solitary lives and build their own nests. Our Solitary Pollen Bee Nest offers many of these bees a safe place to nest, and provides the gardener an opportunity to participate in bee conservation without actual beekeeping! The nest attracts gentle **native bees** and is easy to use - the result will be abundant crops and lush flowers for the gardener.



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



Most of you will have heard of Phrenology. It was a pseudo science popular in the nineteenth century which supposedly linked bumps on a person's head to certain aspects of the individual's personality and character. Take away the "r", however, and we are left with Phenology, which is of much more interest to gardeners (and climatologists)

Phenology is the study of recurring biological phenomena, such as bud burst, flowering, insect and disease appearance, breeding and migration, and their relationship to climatic conditions.

Phenology records go back many centuries. In China and Japan, the flowering of peach and cherry trees are marked by ancient festivals, the dates of which can be traced back to the eighth century. In France, the harvest dates of the pinot noir grape can be traced back over six hundred years, and comparison with Paris instrumental data collected on climate for the last two hundred years shows a good correlation.



The father of modern phenology is considered to be Robert Marsham, who was a wealthy English land owner who started recording data in 1736, and the recording was kept up by succeeding generations until the death of Mary Marsham in 1958. Significant variation in the dates of events shows a broad correlation with warm and cold periods, and a general long term trend of climate warming.

In recent years phenology has grown from a fringe science to a major source of information for the study of climate change, and as an offshoot, the timing for the most effective insect and disease control, planting dates, and so on.

In the northern hemisphere, Spring is arriving a week earlier than in previous centuries, and Fall a few days later. (This, of course, relates to long term averages, not to annual variations such as last year's very early Spring and this year's late one), and while this season creep may excite enthusiastic gardeners, it has serious repercussions for birds and other wild life. For instance, if the migration dates of birds and butterflies no longer correspond with the dates of available food along the way, they, and we, have a serious problem.

Gardeners and farmers can use phenology as an indicator of when to plant, prune, fertilize, control weeds insects and diseases, forecast harvest times and so on. There is much homespun philosophy on the subject, for instance: plant corn when oak leaves are the size of a squirrel's ear (whatever that is), prune roses when the crocus begins to flower, look for squash vine borers when wild chicory flowers open, and so on. I am sure all of us can add our own favorite's.

None of this is very scientific though, and science has come to the rescue with the concept of Cumulative Degree Days (CDD's). These are calculated on a daily basis, and accumulate throughout the year. The arrival of certain totals will trigger action by the gardener or farmer, such as when to plant, scout for, and control insects and diseases. For instance, boxwood leaf miner emerges at about 250 CDD's, and corn matures at about 2700 CDD's.

A degree day is calculated as the average of the day's maximum and minimum temperatures minus 10 degrees (Celsius). For example, a day with a maximum of 23 degrees and a minimum of 12 degrees accounts for $23+12$ divided by 2, minus 10, or 7.5 DD's. These are calculated on a daily basis and accumulated as CDD's. Of course CDD's are specific to an area, and are therefore calculated at every weather station in Ontario and are available on the OMAFRA web site:

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/contact.html>. Similar data are calculated by jurisdictions around the world. A representative sample of about sixty plants and a number of bird migrations, insect and disease appearances are observed and reported by an army of professionals and amateurs.

Now that we gardeners, farmers and commercial growers, and even the pesticide giants such as Monsanto and Bayer are belatedly realizing the dangers of pesticides, phenology is gaining more and more acceptance as a valuable tool for timing the application of pesticides for maximum effectiveness, and hence minimizing the amounts applied. Happy garden Clean Up, David Marshall!





A Remote Paradise Island Is Now a Plastic Junkyard

Can a picture paint a thousand words?



A purple hermit crab on Henderson Island now makes its' home in an Avon cosmetics jar.



“The total junk on Henderson—all 17,000 kilograms of it—represents just 2 *seconds* of the world’s plastic production.”



The purpose of “in the garden of”, is an opportunity to introduce our membership to various gardens around the world that merit recognition. For the most part, these gardens have been incorporated into community life and are generally well-tended for. Last year, I became aware of Henderson Island, a World Heritage Site since 1988 that is under siege from “world” plastic debris. They have identified articles from Russia, the United

States, Europe, South America, Japan, and China. Henderson island located in the south Pacific Ocean between New Zealand and Chile. It is uninhabited and contains the last two raised coral atolls whose ecosystems remain relatively unaffected by human contact. The debris is swept into the **South**

Pacific gyre, a circular ocean current that functions like a conveyor belt, collecting plastic trash and depositing it onto tiny Henderson’s shore at a rate of about 3,500 pieces a day. For more information please refer to: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/487>





5 Tips to a Successful Potato Tower

Here are a couple ideas for potato planters & towers. For those with little or no garden space planting potatoes in containers is a great way of containing their massive growth habits. Use these tips to grow healthy potatoes and harvest maximum yields.

#1 Choose the right variety

With over 30 varieties to choose from in our catalogue it is hard to know which will perform best. Definitely stay away from the Early Season Varieties. Not that these won't grow, only they won't produce a lot of potatoes. Not an issue in gardens with lots of space where you can plant more to make up for the low set. In containers you want varieties that set loads of have growth habits that allow them to continue to set more potatoes throughout the season. Pink Fir Apple for instance can set up to 30 potatoes on one plant! Many gardeners have reported excellent results with Bintje, German Butterball & fingerlings.

#2 Soil

It is common to grow flowers in a peat moss, not a great idea for potatoes unless you want to eat potatoes that taste like peat, trust me, they don't taste great. The flavour of potatoes is largely dependent on the soil we grow them in, which is why PEI Potatoes, if you have eaten any grown there, are known for their flavour. There is something in the red soil on the island that produces a unique flavour. Interestingly it is not a good idea to use 100% soil in a container or potato tower. You will find the soil may become extremely compressed caused by watering in large volumes from the top. Peat & Perlite help to ensure adequate air space within the soil to ensure healthy plants.

It is definitely ok to use up to 50% peat in your container or growing bag or tower if you do not have access to soil. Definitely mix in soil (max 60-70%), compost (must be properly composted), perlite (important for maintaining adequate moisture and air) and straw. I have done a 50% peat, 20% soil, 10% perlite, 5% straw & 15% compost before that worked great. The ratios can be adjusted to suit what you have available or are can pick up at the local garden center.

Heavy Setting Pink Fir Potatoes



#3 Nutrition

Unlike growing in the soil of your garden, there will be very little base nutrition in your container for your potatoes to draw from, especially if you are planting numerous potatoes in one container or tower. Potatoes are heavy feeders so if you do not fertilize throughout the summer you may end up with very few potatoes at harvest.

Fortunately there are plenty of fertilizers available at garden centres these days, I do not have experience with synthetic fertilizers, only organic options that can be sprinkled into the soil prior to planting or others that can be added to the watering. I prefer a bit of both, but you don't want to have too much Nitrogen in the soil at any point as this can cause your plants to grow excessive leaves and very few potatoes. Compost added to the soil when you plant your potatoes, which can be made in your backyard from food scraps, is a great alternative to purchasing fertilizers.



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#4 Design

Pots

Not really a tower, but definitely an option for those who do not have a garden to grow in. Pots work great for potatoes, but they need to be a big pot 5 gallon is a good size. The problem with smaller pots is that on a hot windy day mid-summer, you can water in the morning, but by 1:00pm the plant may have used up all the water and be wilted by the time you get home.



Stackable towers - There are 2 designs with potato towers

The first where you plant the potato at the bottom and as the potato grows you need to add soil and add tower at each stage(I would recommend a fingerling variety for this system) The idea is that, covering the stems will trigger them into producing more potatoes up the height of the tower. Although there are many success stories with this type of system, there are an equal number of people who tell me it didn't work. The reason why the fingerlings will work better is they are more likely to continue producing layers to the wall increasing the height of the tubers up the stem. In this type of potato tower I would only plant 2-3 potatoes in a tower that would have dimensions of 2 feet by 2 feet and 3 feet tall. If you plant more the potato plants will be very crowded growing out the top of the tower and will compete for light, limiting the final yield.

For the Stackable towers, you will need to decide what you will use to contain the plants. This can be a wooden frame that you screw more boards on as the plants grow and contain the soil as the plants grow up. I have also seen grow bags at a few garden centers that you can pull up the side of the bag as you add soil throughout the season. Regardless of the structure, start with your mixed soil (6-10inches) in the bottom with 2-3 potatoes covered with only 1 inch of soil. As the plants grow, continue to add soil around the base of the plants. Recommended varieties for stackable towers include, Pink Fir Apple, Linzer Delekatess, Russain Blue & Bintje,



Pre-planted Tower -This type involves building a tower, similar to the picture with mesh and when you fill the tower with soil all in one go, as you are filling the tower every 8 to 10 inches place some potatoes in in the picture is to hold the dirt from falling out the holes in the mesh. I would limit the number of potatoes in this system to 8-10 in a 2 foot by 2 foot at 3 feet high. This system will take a few more seed potatoes to plant but has a much higher success rate. Instead of trying to trigger 2 or 3 potatoes to produce a huge amount of potatoes, the goal is to maximize your harvestable weight of potatoes in a small area. I would recommend using fingerling varieties & mid+late season varieties in this type of tower.



#5 Water

How much water? Just enough.. I know that sounds silly, but enough water to keep the pot or tower from drying out. The time you need to keep a really close eye on the potatoes is in Late July and August. By this time of the summer, you will have loads of potato leaves growing out of your tower which will be sucking loads of water. To compound the water draw, the potato tower is build above ground, unable to draw on the water within the soil and with an increased risk of the wind drying out the tower. Unless it is raining, you may need to water your tower once a day. If you are growing in a pot, definitely once, maybe even twice a day if your pot is in full sun.



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October 25, 2017 OAKVILLEGREEN FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Town of Oakville Mayor Announces Enhanced Support for Tree Planting

On October 23rd, during the State of the Town speech to Council and the public, Mayor Rob Burton announced several new commitments to protect Oakville's green infrastructure and support tree planting in Oakville.

Mayor Burton noted, "staff are finalizing the details of a new town initiative to be called **"PLANT - Please Let's Add New Trees."** Burton further stated that PLANT will "encourage individuals, community groups, and corporations to plant trees on their properties and on town property every year" and will support both the town's existing tree planting work and Oakvillegreen's new Backyard Tree Planting Program. Mayor Burton suggested that by taking up the challenge to plant a million trees over the next 40 years, Oakville residents would be taking more than 3.6 million tons of greenhouse gas out of the air, and we would also be securing a greener and more livable future.

At Oakvillegreen Conservation Association we are very pleased by the Mayor's commitment to developing a tree planting and stewardship action plan, and see this as a positive step forward for our urban forest. We look forward to the commitment being operationalized to reflect the real scope of the work needed to increase Oakville's tree canopy from the current 27.8% to our canopy cover target of 40% by 2057 set in 2008. We will continue to work with the Town of Oakville and other community partners, including the **Oakville Horticultural Society**, to ensure that the good intentions of this announcement are carried out.

Oakville's first municipal Urban Forest Strategic Management Plan, as well as the North Oakville Urban Forest Strategic Management Plan, and Oakville's 2016 i-Tree canopy cover reassessment study provide over 30 strategic recommendations directly related to tree planting and also a wealth of urban forest inventory data.

This extensive data and previous tree planting and stewardship recommendations highlight several critical considerations for Oakville's tree planting approach:

1. the greatest opportunities for expanding tree cover in Oakville exist on private lands and planting trees on public lands alone will not meet the town's tree canopy target,
2. if the town wants to encourage tree establishment on private lands, and the involvement of schools, community groups and corporations, it will need to invest resources in fostering and supporting this kind of community stewardship action,
3. canopy cover, species diversity, and species distribution objectives should drive a comprehensive tree planting action plan for both public and private land,
4. tree planting plans must be accompanied by enhanced support for post-planting care and maintenance and related public outreach and education investments.

We look forward to moving beyond plans and commitments and towards multi-year budget commitments, and staffing resources required to develop and implement a well-thought out tree planting and stewardship action plan for Oakville. As Mayor Burton stated, Oakville's future is indeed green if we keep working together one tree at a time. Residents who are interested in our backyard tree planting, or tree planting and stewardship of trees in parks and greenspaces can contact Oakvillegreen via programs@oakvillegreen.org. Workshops, stewardship events and more information are posted at: www.oakvillegreen.org.

Oakvillegreen is a not-for-profit community organization founded in 1999. Oakvillegreen strives to make Oakville a living city with enhanced natural diversity and healthier greenspaces and to reconnect people to the natural environment in their neighbourhood and across their community to increase their awareness of the importance of nature and move them to action to protect, enhance and restore Oakville's natural environment.

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Please join us in welcoming
our newest members:



Welcome →

Margarete Gupta
Liz Day
Helen Banks
Dushan Batrovic



Education.....

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- 11 Birding with the Experts with Luc Fazio & Dan Salisbury **(TRC)**
- 14 Building Birdfeeders **(TRC)**
- 18 Birding with the Experts with Luc Fazio & Dan Salisbury **(TRC)**
- 20 Failed Sustainability, An Evening with Bruce Lourie **(TRC)**
- 22 Celebrate 150: Canada, the Wild Land **(TRC)**
- 25 Not just a Birding Club **(RBG)**
- Celebrate 150: Evolution of the Great Lakes **(TRC)**

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- 6 Not just a Birding Club **(RBG)**
- 14 Pearl of Africa: Peter Thoem's Presentation of Uganda, the people, wildlife and geography **(RBG)**
- 18-19 Horticultural Therapy Basic Training **(RBG)**
- 28 Bwindi Impenetrable Forest: Peter Thoem's Work with Ugandan Wildlife **(RBG)**

Halton Green Screens (HGS)

171 Speers Road, Unit 25 Oakville, ON 905 466 3939



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



November 9	RBG Speakers Series: A Chickadee's Guide to Gardening
	7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; RBG Centre In the past we have designed our landscapes strictly for our own pleasure, with no thought to how they might impact the natural world around us. Such landscapes do not contribute much to local ecosystem function and support little life. Using chickadees and other wildlife as guides, Tallamy will explain how plants that evolved in concert with local animals provide for their needs better than plants that evolved elsewhere. In the process he shows how creating living landscapes sharing by our spaces with other living things will not reduce our pleasurable garden experiences, but enhance them.
November 13	Monthly Meeting at MacMillan Hall 89 Dunn Street
	Monthly meeting will be held once again at Knox Presbyterian Church MacMillan Hall 89 Dunn Street
November 15	Small Garden Design at Toronto Botanical Gardens
	Small gardens can be challenging for new and experienced gardeners. Frank Kershaw will discuss common pitfalls and how to avoid them, provide tried and true design tips, and offer an extensive plant list for tiny gardens. Public \$30; Members \$25 Location: Toronto Botanical Garden Street Address: 777 Lawrence Ave. East Toronto M3C 1P2 Website for more info: http://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/events/small-garden-design/ Email for more info: info@torontobotanicalgarden.ca
November 15	Rejuvenation of RBG's Rose Garden: Information Night
	7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; RBG Centre Meet the Team Behind our Rose Garden! We are in the middle of constructing our new Rose Garden in Hendrie Park, and we want to update you on our progress! Join us for an information talk on November 15, and learn more about the story of the RBG Rose Garden and the plans for it's 2017/2018 rejuvenation. This is a free RBG event. Space is limited, so reserve your seats and book today. Register Now Toll Free: 1-800-694-4769
November 26	Greater Toronto Bulb Society
	The Greater Toronto Bulb Society will host photographer Marilyn Cornwell on November 26th, 2017. Marilyn will present "From Snapshot to Great Shot in the Garden and Flower Photography". Photography competition. Location: Cummer Park Community Centre Street Address: 6000 Leslie Street, (S/W corner of Leslie St. & Cummer Ave.) North York M2H 1J9 Website for more info: www.gardenontario.org
November 28	RBG Holiday Magic Table Design
	1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. OR 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m Under the guidance of our experienced RBG Auxiliary designers, decorate for the holiday seasons with fresh evergreens in stunning designs to complement any home. Bring a friend and make new friends while creating a table design. The container, mechanics and evergreens are included in the fee. Accessories to decorate your design are available for purchase. Please bring a garbage bag, small towel, wire cutters, scissors, secateurs, and an old knife. There are refreshments to purchase. Because of the advance ordering of supplies, there are no refunds. Fee: \$45 (Members 10% off) Register Now Toll Free: 1-800-694-4769
November 29	RBG Holiday Magic Door Design
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November 29	District 6 Judges Update
	Registration deadline November 15, 2017. Max 20 participants. Cost: \$20.00 cheque payable to OHA District 6. Will be covering Hort, Design and Photography. Date November 29, 2017. Time 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Location: Research Station 1283 Blue Line Road, Simcoe, Ontario. Contact: Catherine McGill Contact Phone: 905-765-3515 email: district6@gardenontario.org
December 11	AGM Potluck and Silent Auction
	Join us for the Oakville Horticultural Annual General Meeting, Potluck and Silent Auction. Please bring your favourite dish—a salad, main dish, dessert cutlery and dishes. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Cocktails ate 6:30 pm. Most important-ly bring a smile and a hearty appetite!



Fun with Flowers Committee members are looking for empty fish cans (example tuna or salmon cans) for their Family Day Workshop! Could you please rinse the cans and bring them to our next meeting. Did you know that eating fish is very healthy and nutritional!

