



Oakville Horticultural Society March 2018

	March Monthly Meeting
Date:	March 12, 2018
Location:	Knox Presbyterian Church, 89 Dunn Street
Set-up Volunteers:	Sheelagh Rowland, Diana Wright and Jana Schilder
Hospitality Volunteers:	Sheelagh Rowland, Christel Mahncke and Trish Bottom
Flower Show Clerks:	Veronica Heiderich



Kat Granger is a Master Gardener and creator of **Seeds of IMBOLC**, (IM-Bulk) in Fergus where she indulges her passion, producing and selling heirloom organic seeds and plants.

She is an instructor with the Upper Grand District School Board, focusing on sustainability and our intrinsic connection with nature through engaging workshops.

Kat has been featured on the cable TV show "Let's Get Growing" several times, OMAFRA produce videos, spoken with Master Gardener & Horticultural societies, Pollination Guelph Symposium, Canada Blooms and many other venues.

She also hosts a monthly newsletter "Home on the Grange", writes articles for papers and 2 Facebook pages, and enjoys sparking gardening addictions.

Kat will present the "Story of our seed, then until now," their evolution through time and politics to the present."

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February was a sad month, as we learned of the sudden illness and passing of long-time OHS member Cathy Ryan. We have lost a dedicated volunteer and OHS supporter who generously gave her energies and time – whatever our special initiative or event was, Cathy was sure to participate. I cannot think of one activity I signed up for that Cathy was not present. She was quiet and easy-going and always willing to help. She was very involved in our design and horticulture exhibits as well, often sharing samples from her lovely garden. With her energy, thoughtfulness and creativity, Cathy epitomized all that is good about an enthusiastic gardener. As our Membership Chair, she was an excellent ambassador for the Society, welcoming new and renewing members with her gentle manner. We will miss her thoughtful counsel at our Executive meetings and her smiling presence at our monthly meetings.

Cathy at District 6 Breakfast Meeting



Cathy at 2017 Fun with Flowers



2016 Pot Luck & AGM



In Memory of Cathy Ryan

It is with great sadness we note that our gardening community has lost a valued long time OHS member, Cathy Ryan on Thursday, February 8th, 2018.

Cathy, a member since September 2010, joined the executive committee as a membership

representative in 2015. She participated in the Annual Garden

Tour as a hostess of a garden, she assisted in the upkeep of the Anderson Bridge Parkette and partook in the Annual

Plant Sale. She frequently submitted entries in the monthly horticultural flower shows.

Catherine Mary Ryan was born in Oxford, on July 5th 1951. She was a dedicated programmer for the Canadian Tire team for 30+ years, an avid gardener and lover of the arts. Anyone who knew her realized what a truly gentle soul she was who was beloved by all who met her. Cathy was predeceased by her husband Matthew Ryan, and is survived by her daughter, Emily, her mother Margaret, brother Jonathan and younger sister Judith, as well as her sisters and brothers in law,

Carol, Dick, Effie and Chris.

We offer our condolences to the family. Her name will be added to the

Ontario Horticultural Association "In Memoriam" book.



Fun with Flowers a Great Success!

"Who likes flowers?" was the question posed to the crowd assembled at the start of each of the four sessions held at the Iroquois Ridge Community Centre on Monday, February 19th – Family Day. Of course, all hands shot up with enthusiasm. This free flower arranging workshop for kids and their adult companions was hugely popular again this year. We estimate there were close to 160 children and adults in attendance in all.

The many OHS volunteers worked hard before and during the day of the workshop to ensure that everyone had a great experience.

On the day of the event, a dozen or so OHS members arrived at 9:00 am Monday and worked at unloading and preparing the plant material. Additionally, we had help from a couple of volunteers' spouses, Myroslawa's son, and three student volunteers were also on hand to sweep the floor and keep an eye on the line-ups in the hallway before each session. Special thanks to our town contact Stephanie



Coughlin who was on hand to help things go smoothly before and during the event. Myroslawa did a fine job speaking about benefits of joining the OHS and distributing our tri-fold Oakville Horticultural Society information pamphlet to the folks in the hallway waiting to get in. Each of the sessions seemed to go more quickly this year due to volunteers who 'pre-greened' the

oasis-filled fish cans with some greenery/ferns as a first step. At the end of each session, kids and adults looked happy and expressed appreciation at having an opportunity to create and go home with a cheerful floral arrangement of their own creation.



Let me take a picture!



Mom, I can do this!

Many of our usual sponsors came through this year thanks to the four volunteers who approached them during the month before to ask for their support and did the pick up just before Family Day. John G. Hofland Ltd., where we were able to spend \$200 (from the Town of Oakville) on flowers and oasis at wholesale prices, also donated plant material this year. Special thanks also go out to Flower Deco on Lakeshore West. They have been a



It's all mine!

generous supporter of this annual event for several years and this year was no different. They donated so much material that some product needed





Mine, all mine!

to be stored in a neighbour's garage. Thank goodness mother nature co-operated and provided temperatures on the warmer side this year. Celia did a great job with the intro, demo instruction and acknowledging our sponsors. Without their support, this free OHS fun community activity would not have been possible. Sponsors of the 2018 Fun With Flowers included the following: Town of Oakville, Flower Deco, Hoflands, Metro Upper Middle, Sobey's Maple Grove, Fortino's Lakeshore, Metro Dorval Crossing, Fortino's Dundas, Metro South Oakville Mall, and Sobey's Bronte. Enjoy the photos taken by Larry and Murray. They show the day's fun better than any description we could provide.

Thanks again to all the volunteers - great job!

Florencia Tingle and Sheelagh Rowland

2018 Fun With Flowers Co-Chairs



A thank you to all our donors who supported 2018 Fun with Flowers!



The Town of Oakville planted a Vimy Oak tree at the conclusion of 2017's Remembrance Day service in Bronte at Chris Vokes Memorial Park.

The trees are significant as their lineage traces back to the 1917 Battle of Vimy Ridge, which saw Canadian soldiers wrestle the strategic position away from the German defenders.

Following the victory, Leslie Miller of Milliken, Ont., was looking around the devastated ridge for a souvenir and discovered an Oak tree, half buried by the heavy shelling during the battle. He

gathered up a handful of acorns and sent them home to

Canada where his family planted them on farmland, which is now home to the Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church. Miller called his property the Vimy Oaks Farm.

Today, descendants of those acorns are available to plant in public spaces in Canada to commemorate the Battle of Vimy Ridge and the Town of Oakville is participating in this program.

The stewards of the Vimy Oaks had initially planned to see the saplings planted at Vimy Ridge, which is now devoid of trees. The Government of France, however, quashed this idea out of fear the trees may carry pathogens that could devastate the French tree population. For more information please visit the following site:

<https://www.vimyfoundation.ca/vimy-100/vimy-oaks/> Reprinted with the permission of the Oakville Beaver.



Perhaps a few of our older members, particularly if they were born out west, remember the railway gardens which used to exist alongside the stations of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The gardens had their origin in the late nineteenth century, when station masters, sometimes with not much to do between trains, and often living rather boring lives in remote communities along the almost 26,000 kilometres of CPR track from coast to coast, started cultivating a few flowers on spare land beside their stations.

These gardens were individual, voluntary efforts, but as they became more numerous, the CPR management realized that there would be significant benefits in encouraging the spread of these gardens, and they began sending out seeds to the station masters.

The benefits were a combination of economics and public relations. Economically, the CPR needed to encourage the population of the empty prairies, and thus generate revenue from increased passenger traffic, sale of CPR land to settlers, and increased freight traffic in both directions. From a public relations point of view, attractive gardens would show evidence of the fertility of prairie soil and give passengers a favourable impression as they passed through, and there was pressure from the towns to beautify the stations.

Station gardens probably originated in Britain in the mid nineteenth century, when cottage gardens hopped over the fence onto railway land near the station, and station masters would plant a few flowers and perhaps spell out the station name in whitewashed stones. Immigrants would bring the idea with them, spreading from east to west as the rail lines expanded.

By 1907, the CPR management fully recognized the economic benefits of station gardens and decided to formalize the process. A Forestry Department was established to take charge of windbreak planting. Station grounds improved, and nurseries were established at Wolsley in Saskatchewan to grow trees, shrubs and perennials, and at Springfield in Manitoba to grow annuals and perennials. By 1912 they had set out horticultural practices and plant lists suitable for prairie conditions and were sending out 125,000 seed packages, thousands of trees and shrubs and 50,000 bulbs to their 1500 station gardens. If a station master wanted promotion or recognition he would do well to plant a station garden.

With the start of the first world war in 1914, over a thousand of the gardens were converted to vegetable gardens, and more were established along the right-of-way. After the war the flower gardens were replanted and garden competitions were popular, with cash prizes. The CNR and other railways jumped on the bandwagon and station gardens became the rule rather than the exception.

By the 1920's the CNR had established a Floral Committee which designed the gardens and promoted the planting of trees, shrubs and perennials to reduce the cost of growing bedding plants each year. One of their recommendations was to plant five of each: achillea, campanula, sweet william, dianthus, gaillardia, bleeding heart, peony, larkspur, Iceland poppy, columbine, golden glow, and hop vine.

Gardens were usually long and narrow, bounded on one side by the station platform and on the other by the access road, but where space allowed some were very ambitious. The one in Macleod, Alberta was dominated by a 4.5 metre high hill with a band shell on top.

The CPR was widely recognized for fostering a sense of beauty and responsibility in its employees, and the Canadian Municipal Journal wrote, "The man who has a nice garden is not the man who spends his leisure time in the nearest saloon. The man who has a nice garden is not the man who has to be discharged for beating his wife or neglecting his children"

By the 1950's, after 70 years, the railway gardens were declining as passenger traffic moved to airlines, buses, and cars, and settlement of the west was completed. The gardens were gradually replaced by parking lots. The end of an era.



Happy Garden Clean Up! David Marshall



Hello Fellow Horticulturalists,

Do you love to grow your own food? Have you built up years of knowledge on vegetable growing and would be willing to share it with new gardeners?

We are looking for 6-8 people to speak about vegetable gardening at Memorial Park Community Gardens.

Some of the topics include:

Where to Start?

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

Organic Pest Control

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

Harvest time/ general questions

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

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

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

Seed Saving

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

Pollinator Plants/Companion plants

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

How to Close the Garden for the Season

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

If you are knowledgeable about any of these subjects **or any other topic you feel is relevant to Community**

Gardening please contact Paula, Helen or Diana Wright to see how you can help.

Paula' email: president.ohs@oakvillehort.org Helen's email: juniors.ohs@oakvillehort.org



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



Miniature Design Workshop

*Saturday, April 7,
2018.*

\$25 per person

Instructors: Elizabeth Schleicher
Marie Decker

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

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



Join us!

"Spring is Simply Grand"

2018 District 6 AGM

**Hosted by St. George Garden Club,
Glen Morris Horticultural Society and
Lynden Horticultural Society**

Save the Date—April 14th, 2018

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

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

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

Please Bring your Society's banner and a door prize

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





We received a new installation to the Parkette. What can we do with that? We are looking for some great ideas. If you have any, please contact one of the members of the Executive or Margaret Jeffery. We will appreciate any help. The Parkette Committee is looking for volunteers to help maintain the beauty of the Parkette. If you can donate a few hours, please contact one of our executive members or Margaret Jeffery.

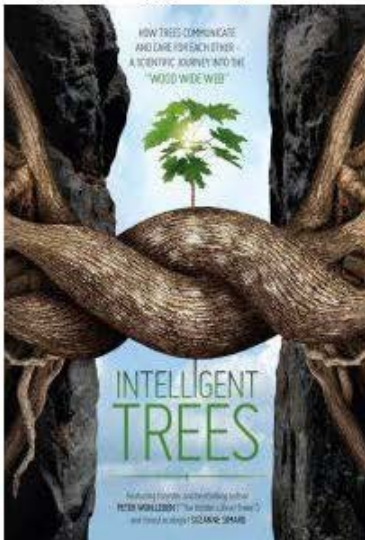
Parkette news....



Conservation Association

2018 AGM and Film Screening

April 19 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Free



Join us on April 19th for this two-in-one event: our Annual General Meeting followed by a free screening of "Intelligent Trees – The Documentary."

We encourage all members, volunteers, supporters and interested residents to attend our AGM to find out more about what we've been up to this year and our plans for the future! This is your opportunity to learn, ask questions and give us your feedback. We really appreciate you taking the time to engage with us!

To thank everyone for attending our AGM we will be holding a free screening of 'Intelligent Trees – The Documentary' directly after the meeting (movie will start ~8pm)! This film features forester and best-selling author of "[The Hidden Life of Trees](#)," Peter Wohlleben, and forest ecologist and renowned speaker, Suzanne Simard (her TED Talk "[How trees talk to each other](#)" has over 2.6 million views). Learn how trees

communicate, care for their young, and form amazing underground networks that act as the 'brains of the forest!' We're offering this free film screening in partnership with Halton Green Screens.

Please RSVP for this free event by emailing programs@oakvillegreen.org

Community news....



The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." – Mahatma Gandhi





Hello and Happy March from Oakvillegreen!

The Oakville Backyard Tree Planting Program is gearing up for a busy spring! Our arborists are ready to help Oakville residents plant trees in their backyards at a subsidized cost! Please help us spread the word about this great program with your members and networks by including the following content/graphics in your newsletters and on social media. If we can attend an upcoming meeting or event to share information (through a brief presentation at a meeting, a booth at an event, etc.), please let me know so we can discuss the details.

Newsletter Info

Sign up for the LEAF **Oakville Subsidized Backyard Tree Planting Program** today and get the right tree planted in the right place in your backyard! Residents receive a site consultation in their yard with a certified arborist, a 5 to 8 foot tall native deciduous tree (or 2 to 4 foot tall evergreen), delivery, planting service and tree care information all for the subsidized price of \$150 to \$220!

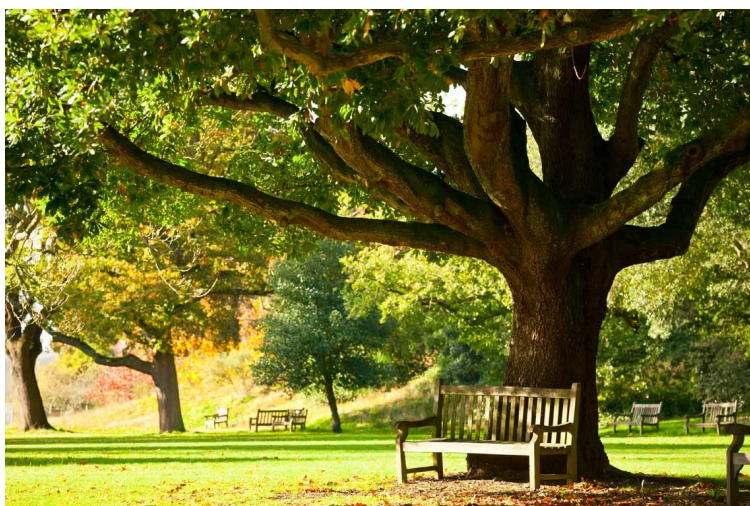
A Do-It-Yourself option is also available, which includes a virtual yard consultation, the delivery of trees and shrubs to your door, short instructional videos and tree planting & care information.

Sign up at www.yourleaf.org to have your tree planted this spring - this program is first-come, first-served! For more information, call 1-888-453-6504 or email info@oakvillegreen.org.

Have you renewed your 2018 Oakville Horticultural Society Membership? You need to do so by March 31, 2018. Please bring a cheque or cash to the next meeting on March 12, 2018 and renew!!!



Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.



Warren Buffett



Highway of Heroes Highlighted at 'Blooms Feature Garden

Here at "Campaign Headquarters" we are forever surprised by the generosity of Canadians who just want to help us reach our goal of planting a tree on the Highway of Heroes for each person lost at war. 117,000 trees on the highway right of way. And another 1.8 million trees, one for each Canadian who volunteered for military service during times of war.

So it was just one more surprise when we were approached by designer/builder, Joe Genovese of [Genoscape Inc. Landscaping and Design Services](#), to build the most ambitious feature garden at Canada Blooms in over 10 years. Joe wanted to create a living piece of art that reflects his feelings about our campaign.

Canada Blooms

This is the largest flower and garden festival in the country. It is the second largest in North America and it was recently named one of the top 5 places to see flowers in Canada and one of North America's top 100 events. Canada Blooms is located at the Enercare Centre in Toronto. The festival opens Friday, March 9 and runs to Sunday March 18.

Each year visitors make a 'bee line' for the 17 gardens when they arrive to get a first hand look at amazing designs and installations that excite and inspire. And this month award winning design-builder, Joe Genovese, has created the [Highway of Heroes Garden](#).

Last year Joe ([Genoscape Inc.](#)) won several awards including the Peoples Choice award at Canada Blooms for his creation of the Chanie Wenjack garden, inspired by late Canadian singer Gord Downie. This year Joe has committed to a 5,000 sq. ft space., "This garden will emulate a stretch of highway, including an overpass, representing the many bridges that Canadians gathered on during the Afghan conflict."

The Highway of Heroes, which stretches 170 km from CFB Trenton to the Coroners office in Toronto, became famous when Canadians gathered on bridges, overpasses and along the sides of the highway to pay silent respect to 158 of our fallen. Once repatriated at CFB Trenton, their bodies were driven down highway 401 to the Coroners office.

"We want the garden to be impactful. Our design celebrates the planting of 117,000 trees on the highway, one for each of Canada's war dead since Confederation. Plus 1.8 million trees in the communities that the highway passes through, one for each Canadian who volunteered for military service during times of war." Joe explains.

The garden itself features over 700 flowering plants, 400 mostly native trees and shrubs, 100 yards of triple mix and mulch and an investment of more than \$300,000 on the part of Genoscape Inc. and Landscape Ontario. [Canada Blooms](#) was co-founded by [Landscape Ontario](#) and [The Garden Club of Toronto](#) in 1996.

Joe expresses his desire to create a lasting impression this way, "We want visitors to be



Renew your Oakville Horticultural Membership



immersed in a natural, serene setting where our fallen Canadians take the spotlight. Our garden is an impactful statement highlighting the selfless act of giving of one's life for the country they love." Naturally, the garden will include a special water feature, something that Genoscape Inc. Landscaping and Design Services is famous for.

The Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign is delighted with Joe's commitment to this garden project. This year 20,000 new trees will be planted, thanks to the generosity of private Canadian donors including [TD Bank](#) and [Frank Cowan Company](#). So far, the \$10 million campaign has raised over \$1.7million. Details at www.HoHTribute.ca and www.canadablooms.com

Other Feature Gardens at Canada Blooms are worth your attention. Check out [Canada Blooms Feature Gardens](#) for details.

In the event that you are not able to join us at the festival you can see pictures that we will be posting on Facebook and Twitter. I am personally very excited about this living tribute to our "living tribute" to Canada's fallen. It is an event that you really shouldn't miss.

Looking forward to seeing you there or joining us in spirit!



Mark Cullen
Campaign Chair & Co-Founder,
Highway of Heroes Living Tribute
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www.HOHTribute.ca

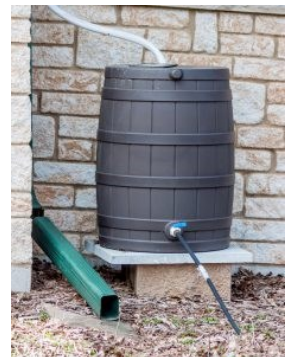
THE MAGIC OF RAIN BARRELS

March 21, 2018 @ 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Knightsbridge Seniors Centre
1a Knightsbridge Rd, Brampton, ON L6T 3Y6

COST: Free REGISTER

CONTACT: Stephanie Parish 647.646.9695



Rain barrels are an easy, inexpensive way to re-use rainwater for your garden or lawn. This workshop will teach you how to install a barrel and start using rain to your advantage. Participants will receive a free copy of the Greening Your Grounds Homeowner's Guide.

If registration is full, please email sparish@trca.on.ca to join the wait list. TRCA is committed to creating an accessible experience for all participants. If you require an accessibility accommodation, please email sparish@trca.on.ca by March 11th, 2018.

"But together, many trees create an ecosystem that moderates extremes of heat and cold, stores a great deal of water, and generates a great deal of humidity. And in this protected environment, trees can live to be very old."

Peter Wohlleben, The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate—Discoveries from a Secret World



Quinte Botanical Gardens

A New Botanical Garden

Location:

664 Glen Ross Rd
Frankford, Ont.,
K0K 2C0
(5 mins north of Frankford,
west side of river)

Tel: 613-398-0402

Web: qbgardens.ca 

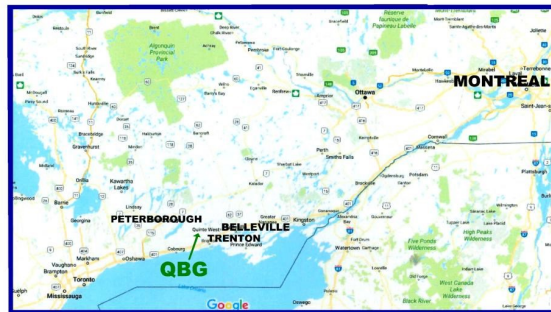
Hours of Operation:

Open May to October
9:00 to 5:00 each day
Closed Wednesdays

Admission:

\$10.00 Adults
Children Under 5, free

Free Parking
Washroom
Seating Throughout
Accessible
Restaurants Nearby
Groups/Tours Welcome
Bus Turnaround
Weddings



*Enjoy six acres of
unique garden displays.*

*Stroll through an authentic
Oriental Garden: learn
about pollinators in the
Bird, Bee, Butterfly
Garden; or relax in the
tranquil White Garden.*

*Each garden offers
interesting insight to
the world of plants.*

*Connect with nature,
learn about plants, or
journey through the
gardens at your own
pace.*

*Join us at the
Quinte Botanical
Gardens.*

June 9 - 17th is GardenOntario Week 2018

Please visit our website for more information

www.gardenontario.org

Garden Ontario Week



Get Growing!

Our gardens promote beauty, biodiversity, food
security, green spaces, clean air, employment,
tourism and just plain fun!
Find out how you can get involved!



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- 1 Backyard Harvest: Organic Vegetable Gardening (LVB)
- 3 Propagation (RBG)
- 4 Tree Bark ID (RBG)
- 8 Eco-Movie night: Chasing Corale (HGS)
- 10 Winter Pruning Workshop (RBG)
- 19 Made in the Shade Garden Designs (RBG)
- 21 Hardscaping in the Garden (RBG)
- 24 Birding with Experts (TRC)
- 7 Beginner Bonsai (LVB)
- 11 Backyard BeeKeeping 101 (RBG)
- 14 Dividing Perennials (PPCP)
- 18 How to Prune and Grow Roses (LVB)
- 21 Raised Bed Gardens (LVB)
- 21 Pollinator Garden (PPCP)
- 23 Design and Plant a Pollinator Garden (RBG)
- 5 Continuous Bloom (PPCP)
- 7 Not Just a Birding Club (RBG)
- 10 ECO-MOVIE NIGHT: MORE THAN HONEY (HGS)
- 12 Sensational Shade Plants (PPCP)
- 19 Starting your organic vegetable garden (PPCP)
- 19 Not Just Birding Club (RBG)
- 26 Urban Beekeeping Series (RBG)

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

Lee Valley Burlington

Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG)

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

Plant Paradise Country Gardens (PPCP)

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

The Riverwood Conservancy (TRC)

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



Les Jardins de Quatre-Vents (The Four Winds)

It is a private garden, open to the public for only a few days each year. It is situated near the village of La Malbaie, Charlevoix County, in a river valley that curves down to the St Lawrence with the Laurentian Mountains to the west. This garden enjoys a zone 4 maritime climate with foggy days, cool summer evenings, lots of rain, and deep snow cover in winter. In their book *In a Canadian Garden*, Nicole Eaton and Hilary Weston say it is probably the best known garden in the country. Photos of this garden can be found in many international gardening publications.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.tourisme-charlevoix.com/en/attractions/les-jardins-de-quatre-vents/>

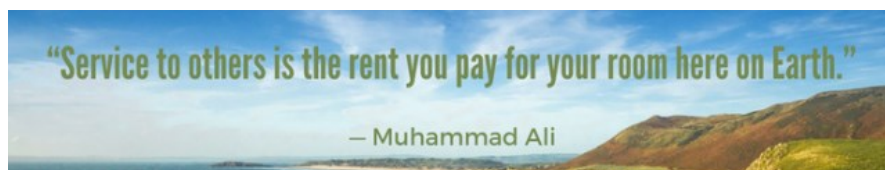
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The garden (there are actually 24) was created by Francis Cabot, an American whose family bought land there in 1902 when it was a fashionable summer retreat. The garden covers about 20 acres and is made up of nearly 30 compartments, many of them separated by walls of clipped cedars. Cabot is no ordinary gardener. He was Chairman of the New York Botanical Garden, Treasurer of the North American Rock Garden Society and the founder of the non-profit Garden Conservancy that is devoted to the preservation of exceptional private gardens in North America. His garden at Stonecrop in Cold Spring, New York is now a public garden encompassing 63 acres. His book, *The Greater Perfection*, about the history and making of Les Quatre Vents, is considered by the *Oxford Companion to the Garden* to be "one of the best books ever written about the making of a garden by its creator".



March 9-18	Canada Blooms
	For more information please visit their website: www.canadablooms.com
March 12	Monthly Meeting at MacMillan Hall 89 Dunn Street
	Monthly meeting will be held at the Knox Presbyterian Church 89 Dunn Street Guest Speaker: Kat Granger
March 17	Make Your Own 'Seed Bomb' Drop-In Activity
	1:00 - 4:00 Free Location: Glen Abbey Community Centre. Make your own seed bombs (or seed cookies!) full of native wildflower seeds that will brighten up your garden or local green space and help feed pollinators!
March 20	Seniors' Mudball Making with Margaret
	Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Description: Join Margaret to make mudballs for monarchs. Roll up your sleeves and bring a friend to roll tiny mudballs into food for our friendly caterpillars. There is no cost but a friendship offering would be appreciated to help offset the cost of clay and baggies. Location: Sir John Colborne Centre, 1565 Old Lakeshore Rd., Oakville
March 22	Spring Flower Power
	Under the guidance of our experienced RBG Auxiliary designers, learn the basics of flower design by turning a supermarket floral bouquet into a professional design for your dining room table with the use of floral foam and a decorative container. See how ribbons and picks creatively customize your design to suit any holiday. All materials are provided. 7 to 9 p.m. <u>RBG Centre</u> Fee: \$60 (Members 10% off)
March 26	Urban Beekeeping Series: Intro to Bees and Hive Equipment
	Veteran beekeeping instructors and honey bee breeders, Luc Peters and Dan Douma, give you hands-on experience with managing hives and provide you with simple steps to support honeybees and other important pollinators, whether you intend to keep your own bees or just enjoy learning about their care. The series consists of eight sessions through the year. Location: RBG Centre Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Fee: \$340 for 8 sessions or \$45/session (Members 10% off)
April 7	How to Plant a Pollinator Patch Workshop Series - Day 1
	Cost: \$10.00 Location: River Oaks Community Centre . For more information: http://oakvillegreen.org/event/workshop-how-to-plant-a-pollinator-patch/
April 7	Miniature Design Workshop
	Time: 10:00 am –12:00 noon Location: St. Simon's Anglican Church, 1450 Litchfield Rd. Instructors Elizabeth Schleicher and Marie Decker. For more information please call 905-844-1847 or by email mardecker12@gmail.com
April 14	2018 District 6 AGM and Flower Show
	<i>"Spring is Simply Grand!"</i> 2018 District 6 AGM and Flower Show Hosted by: St. George Garden Club, Glen Morris Horticultural Society, and Lynden Horticultural Society. Date: Saturday, April 14 th , 2018. Location: South Dumfries Community Centre, upstairs (Elevator in lobby) 7 Gaukel Road, St. George. Speaker/Demonstrator: Susan Suter "How to Grow Flower Designers" Tickets \$15 - available at the door. Join us for fun, food, and fabulous company!
May 12	Annual Oakville Horticultural Society Plant Sale



Canadian Peony Society 2017-2018 Seed Exchange

Hello Peony Friends,

My name is John Moons. I have taken over the coordination of the CPS Seed Exchange from Bill Wegman. Bill has retired from the seed exchange and we are very grateful that he did the job for so many years. A BIG THANK YOU TO BILL.

I live with my wife, Joan Campbell (she volunteered me for this job) on 6 acres near the City of Brantford in Southern Ontario. We have heavy and wet clay so it is a challenge to grow anything. We have about 25 peonies and a wide variety of other plants. I studied Horticulture in The Netherlands and worked for 38 years for different tree nurseries around Hamilton, ON.

This year I received seed from 12 donors and we would like to thank them all.

Our generous American friend, Gregory Rockwell sent us almost 800 seeds of Chinese and Japanese tree peonies from Granger, Indiana. Twenty minutes south of Brantford is a privately-owned botanical garden called Whistling Gardens. The owners, Darren and Wanda Heimbecker, have the biggest peony collection in North America with about 1,000 varieties. They also have an extensive collection of lilies and other plants including over 2,500 different conifers. The Heimbeckers were kind enough to let me pick their peony seeds. I spent 12 afternoons collecting thousands of seeds.

This year we have 100 more species, hybrids, cultivars and crossings than last year. We have over 300 different peonies and more than 16,000 saleable seeds, so for some peonies we can be more generous. How many seeds I put in one packet depends on how many seeds were collected from that plant. We have a few where there are only one or two seeds, but I have also some peonies with 600 seeds. Peonies with an * means that we have a limited supply. Up to March 15 you can only order one packet of those peonies. Contact me after that date to see if there is more available, if you are interested.

For the first month of the listing I will limit you to a maximum of 3 packets of each individual item. Giving me alternatives is advisable as I may have to substitute in many cases due to the limited supply available.

Non-members may order from the list, but where quantities are scarce, members' orders will have priority.

The complete seed list is enclosed.

Ordering

Send your list (please write both the item number and the name) of requested seeds to:

Canadian Peony Society Seeds c/o John Moons
34 Langford Church Road
Brantford, ON N3T 5L4

Please list a few alternatives for each choice.

If you would like instructions on germinating peony seed, please ask and I will send it with your seeds.

You may certainly order more than one packet (but there will be a limit of 3 of each item except those shown with an asterisk, for the first month of the listing). Please enclose a cheque or money order (in Canadian funds) payable



to the Canadian Peony Society. Do not send cash through the mail. We will also accept payment in the form of Canadian postage stamps. Payment can also be made by Paypal or email funds transfer to info@peony.ca.

Remember to include your mailing address with your order, or a mailing label if you have one.

The cost is \$2.00 per seed packet plus a shipping charge of \$2.00 for every 5 packets shipped out.

For example: 5 packets: $\$10 + \$2 = \$12$; 6 packets: $\$12 + \$4 = \$16$;
10 packets: $\$20 + \$4 = \$24$; 11 packets: $\$22 + \$6 = \$28$

If you need peony seed for your peony group or garden club, contact me to make special arrangements.

One a final note, my wife, Joan, collects stamps. Do her a favour and send some nice ones.

Good luck with your selections!

John Moons

Please note: Shipment is normally by order of arrival of your letter/email with payment. However, for the first 10 days from release of this seed list, I will hold all shipments and select by lottery where demand exceeds supply. This will provide fairness to those living in distant or rural areas.

The exchange will close May 1, 2018.

Questions: Email John Moons at campbell.moons@silomail.com

Please refer to our website : oakvillehort.org for the
Canadian Peony Society 2018 Seed List (Harvest 2017)



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