



## Oakville Horticultural Society November 2018

<b>Date:</b>	November 12, 2018
<b>Location:</b>	Knox Presbyterian Church, 89 Dunn Street
<b>Set-up Volunteers:</b>	Cathy Kavassalis and Mary Rose
<b>Hospitality Volunteers:</b>	Mary Cameron, Elizabeth Schleicher and Florenda Tingle
<b>Flower Show Clerks:</b>	Rob Welsh and Junko Nishimoto

# Remembrance Day

On November 11, we observe a moment of silence to honour the courage, valour and sacrifice of the heroes who have served – and continue to serve – Canada during times of war and conflict.



## November's Speaker Liz Primeau

After many years as a magazine editor and writer, in 1990 Liz Primeau became the first editor of *Canadian Gardening* magazine and, in the late '90s, host of its HGTV show Canadian Gardening Television.

After leaving the magazine world in 2000, Liz wrote the best-selling *Front Yard Gardens: Growing More than Grass*. Next was a gardening memoir, *My Natural History*, and then, in 2014, she wrote *In Pursuit of Garlic: An Intimate Look at the Divinely Odorous Bulb*, her topic for our meeting.

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Liz is an avid gardener and cook, and has lived for the past 35 years in Applewood Acres.

She will have her books available for purchase:

*In Pursuit of Garlic: An Intimate Look at the Divinely Odorous Bulb My Natural History* (\$20.)

*Front Yard Gardens: Growing More than Grass.* (\$20.)

Cash or Cheque please.

We will have a variety of fresh garlic on sale for planting.

On this rainy early November day, I find myself in a reflective mood. To start with, where did the time go? As an eager and involved member of the Society, I recall that we had so much going on this Spring that it was quite hectic. Luckily spring days are long, as there was so much to do with the Plant Sale, our first joint movie night and then our garden tour. And members were very good at volunteering for these important initiatives. Then summer arrived, and we got a much-needed break to focus on our own gardens, travel, visits with friends and family and just hanging out.



That brings us to mid-autumn, with all the surprises that late blooming perennials and fall foliage have to offer, as well as the excitement of planning and planting for the next growing season. Life is good – and nothing beats being outdoors!

Fall is also the time for renewal – memberships and commitments, to be precise. Please remember to stop by the OHS membership table on November 12 and sign up for another year of friendly gardening exchanges, fun volunteer activities and important horticultural learning. To say nothing of another year of great newsletters like the one you're reading now!

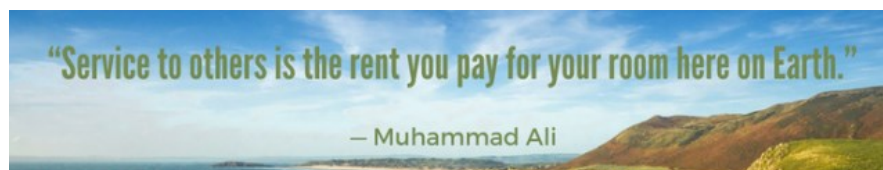
In preparation for the Annual General Meeting on December 10, we are putting together a slate of executive nominees for the mandatory annual election. There are two priorities to address at this moment – we need candidates to consider stepping in to the Secretary role, and that of President. These are 2-year commitments. The work is essential to the continued success (and survival) of the OHS. I want to add that it is interesting and satisfying work as well – and the support of the rest of the Executive ensures that the overall mandate of the Society is met and even exceeded. I hope you will give some thought to becoming more involved.

The annual Penny Auction in December is always a lot of fun and will be here before we know it. So, if like me, you are casting a critical eye over reclaimed interiors and find yourself with a box or two of perfectly good (gardening/design) items looking for a new home, please bring them along to the November meeting. Florenda will be very pleased to accept them.

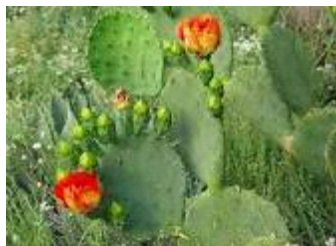
The November meeting promises to be quite interesting. Our last Horticultural and Design exhibits until March and an interesting talk on one of my favourite foods – the mighty garlic!

Until then, enjoy your time in the garden!

Paula



Integrated Pest Management, or I.P.M., is seen as a more environmentally friendly alternative to widespread spraying of pesticides, often derived from petrochemicals and indiscriminate in their effect, to control weeds, insects and diseases. There have been many spectacular successes, and also failures, so let's visit a few of them. For some reason Australia seems to have a good share. One of the most spectacular was the control of the prickly pear cactus. The problem arose through human error. Although Australia has no native cactus, Australia's first governor, Arthur Phillip, decided that the prickly pear cactus would make excellent fodder and hedging, and he imported some specimens from South America in 1778. The cactus had no natural enemies, and that is the problem with many imports, and soon it was spreading at a terrific rate and overrunning grazing land. By 1900 it covered ten million acre and by 1925, sixty million, and unfortunately the animals for whom it was intended had no taste for it. Australian scientists searched far and wide for a solution, and eventually discovered that the prickly pear cactus was the favourite food of the larva of an Argentinian moth with the wonderful name of *cactoblastis cactorum*. By 1930



they had reared three billion eggs, and now there are very few of the cactus left in Australia. The success comes with a downside however. The moth was introduced as a control agent in the West Indies, and it found its way to Florida where it is eating native species, some rare, and may pose a threat to the prickly pear in the American South West, where it has economic value.

Another Australian experiment with mixed success involved the cane toad. This monster can weigh up to four pounds and was introduced from South America in



1935 to control the gray backed cane weevil which damages sugar cane, an important crop in Queensland.

There are now an estimated 200 million cane toads, about forty for each Queenslander and there is little evidence of much effect on the target beetle.

Closer to home, purple loosestrife, an imported garden plant in the early 1900's, again with no natural enemies in North America, has spread rapidly through the northern states and southern Canada. It has no nutritional or environmental value to wildlife and chokes out anything that does. Mass pulling parties were like tilting at



windmills, but now two beetles and a weevil which feed on loosestrife which have been imported from Europe show promise of reversing the onslaught.

There are thousands of examples of successes and failures in the attempts to control pests by introducing a counter pest. The problem is, of course, that it is much easier to stop spraying a chemical than it is to reverse a counter pest which has run amok. Given our current sensitivity to the effects of environmental mistakes, we can expect that future biocontrol introductions will be very carefully tested and introduced, and will be very targeted rather than broad spectrum cures.

This is a far cry from the days a hundred years ago when scientists introduced twenty three different insects into Hawaii to control the invasive Mexican lantana. Remarkably this scatter shot approach worked, but it could much more easily cause unforeseen problems.

When they work, and they usually do, biocontrols are regarded by most people as much preferable to chemical controls but there is still a danger of over enthusiasm and the probability of serious mistakes in the future. Happy Gardening, David Marshall



While solitary bees are important for plant pollination, their numbers are declining due to a loss of suitable nesting locations. This nest provides a safe place to lay their eggs, helping to boost the local population of these beneficial, nonaggressive bees. Approved by the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, it has 20 nesting tubes of various sizes to accommodate different bee species. The space between the tubes is filled with porous volcanic stone to insulate from cold and heat, discourage mites and absorb moisture to prevent fungus growth. A pattern of broken color on the exterior draws the attention of bees, and a plastic shield on the front protects the tubes from being pulled out by birds and rodents.



Made of ABS plastic, the nest is 5" long overall and mounts easily with two included nails. With a few plants to supply edible pollen growing in your garden (a list of suitable plants is included), you'll attract your first pollen bees in no time, and their descendants will continue to use the nest – and benefit your garden – year after year. Made in Canada  
Cash only: \$15.





Hello everyone

It is with happiness and satisfaction that I wish to let you know that the memorial bench dedicated to Stuart has finally been placed. It is located at Tannery Park under the rusty needle. It is an appropriate spot as Stu loved being by the water. He was a sailor and for many years he sailed in and out of the mouth of the harbour. He loved going to Lake Ontario to take pictures of sunrises and sunsets. Often when by the lake on a clear day he would say, "Look you can see the steam from Niagara Falls!" and he was right.



Thank you for your contributions and please feel comforted when sitting on this bench to enjoy the view.

Sonja Tessari

Dear Oakville Horticulture Society

It is the Executive, the Volunteers and the Members of this Society who bring beauty to all around you. It is through gardening and the connection we have with each other that the beauty for life is confirmed. On behalf of me, I would like to thank you for continuing to keep my beloved husband Stuart's spirit alive through your words, your stories, photographs and your support in his memorable bench. The bench order has been placed and will take 6 to 8 weeks for the plaque to be prepared. I will keep you posted once we know where and when the bench will be revealed. The words on the plaque will read (attached)

**Stuart Dunciffe Gough (1954-2018)**  
The Tragedy of Life is not Death, but what we let die inside us while we are alive. Decide to be happy. Love passionately your miraculous life. Be grateful for every moment of life. Sit and ponder. Reflect. Don't rush. Appreciate your unique journey. Course correct if needed.

Thank you.

Thank you for bringing  
your lightness into  
my heart.

Yours truly

Sonja

August 2018



# Make A Difference



## 2019 OHS Board and Executive:

**President: Vacant**

**Vice-President:** Florenda Tingle

**Treasurer:** Larry Urbanoski

**Secretary: Vacant**

### Board of Directors:

Jana Schilder, Sheelagh Rowland, Wade Pitman, Valerie Westwood, Helen Stephenson, Myroslawa Lukiwsky

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## Oakville Horticultural Society

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### Membership Form

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Renewing Membership

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New Membership

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Single Membership

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Family Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members (if applicable):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership Number

I agree to  
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**Have you renewed your 2019 Oakville Horticultural Society membership? You need to do so as soon as possible. Please bring a cheque or cash to the next meeting and renew!!!**





## LOOKING FOR:

### Fun with Flowers Committee Head and/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.

Fun with Flowers Committee is looking for empty tuna or salmon fish cans for our Family Day Workshop! Could you please wash the cans and bring them to our next meeting. Did you know that eating fish is very good for you?



## DON'T FORGET.

1. Attend the AGM Potluck Dinner -  
Monday, December 10, 2018.  
Doors open: 6:00 pm, cocktails 6:30 pm
2. Bring a dinner plate, cutlery, cup and the food item you agreed to bring.
3. Bring cash for the Penny Auction.

4. Bring a non-perishable food item and/or a monetary donation for The Oakville Food Bank.

Note: We are looking for contributions to the Penny Auction Table, so if you have an item in new condition - perhaps received as a gift but have no use for or emotional attachment to - please bring it to our November meeting and drop it off at the raffle table. We thank you very much for your contribution!



### Amaryllis Bulbs for Sale at November Meeting

One variety of large bulbs at \$10.00 each and the Valentino variety of small Sonatini bulbs at \$5.00 each.

They are a beautiful addition to any home during the Holidays and/or make a lovely gift.

Please bring a bag to carry your bulbs home.

**Cash only**



# 2019 budget report...

## Expenses

Description	2018 YTD	Budget 2018	Variance 2018	Proposed 2019 Budget
Publicity	567.51	500.00	-67.51	400.00
Social Convenor	207.96	350.00	142.04	300.00
Bulbs, Plants & Seeds	464.20	500.00	35.80	400.00
Library	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Planting (Sustainable Gardening)	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Community Programs	1,055.63	2,050.00	994.37	1,750.00
Memberships - Other Organizations	595.40	1,150.00	554.60	700.00
Executive	1,431.50	1,000.00	-431.50	1,250.00
Draw Table Convenor	286.54	350.00	63.46	350.00
Monthly Shows	976.64	1,330.00	353.36	1,330.00
Garden Tour Convenor	570.00	1,000.00	430.00	650.00
Newsletter	166.97	300.00	133.03	200.00
Monthly Programs	3,542.87	3,700.00	157.13	4,000.00
Photography			0.00	0.00
Junior Program	834.70	1,000.00	165.30	1,000.00
May Plant Sale	3,681.66	3,100.00	-581.66	3,750.00
Equipment/Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Special Events	894.43	0.00	-894.43	400.00
Miscellaneous	293.80	100.00	-193.80	100.00
Contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>15,569.81</b>	<b>17,930.00</b>	<b>2,360.19</b>	<b>18,080.00</b>

## Revenue

Description	2018 YTD	Budget 2018	Variance 2018	Proposed 2019 Budget
Bulbs, Plants & Seeds	405.00	300.00	105.00	300.00
Draw Table	824.05	900.00	-75.95	800.00
May Plant Sale	7,091.00	5,000.00	2,091.00	6,000.00
Membership	2,230.00	2,300.00	-70.00	2,000.00
Interest	270.53	350.00	-79.47	800.00
Donations	373.24	0.00	373.24	0.00
Garden Tour	3,100.75	2,750.00	350.75	2,500.00
Ontario Grant	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,128.93	0.00	1,128.93	0.00
Community Programs		0.00	0.00	0.00
Workshops	125.00	500.00	-375.00	200.00
Junior Program Registrations	60.00	60.00	0.00	60.00
Special Events	628.05	0.00	628.05	400.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>17,236.55</b>	<b>13,160.00</b>	<b>4,076.55</b>	<b>14,060.00</b>



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







Mary Rose



Mary Cameron



Marie Decker

## Congratulations to all our winners!



Mary Rose

Photographs attributed to:  
ELIZABETH SCHLEICHER



Mary Cameron

Mary Cameron







#### DATE AND TIME

Tue, 12 Feb 2019, 8:00 AM –  
Thu, 14 Feb 2019, 1:30 PM EST

#### LOCATION

Delta Hotels by Marriott Ottawa City Centre  
101 Lyon Street North  
V2G 1Z5  
Ottawa, ON K1R 5T9

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 30TH!**

#### DESCRIPTION

The Canadian Council on Invasive Species presents the 4th National Invasive Species Forum. Join leaders from across Canada to improve coordination and information sharing on invasive species prevention and management. Participants from all levels of government, indigenous organizations, businesses, professionals, academia and non-profits are all invited to discuss and identify shared approaches to stop the introduction and spread of invasive species to Canada's landscapes.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

**The forum, workshop and evening social all take place at the same location, Delta Hotels by Marriott Ottawa City Centre, 101 Lyon Street North, Ottawa.** After selecting 'tickets' scroll down to see all of the options. Please select the ticket that applies to you. **Note:** there are tickets for 'Display Table' and 'Evening Social' in addition to your forum tickets. See below for additional information.

#### Keynote Speaker

The Canadian Council on Invasive Species is pleased to welcome Andrew Cox, CEO of the Australia Invasive Species Council, as this year's keynote speaker! Read more **HERE**.

#### Forum and Workshop

The forum will take place from February 12-13th 2019 followed by a day of two-three concurrent workshops on February 14th. Find the DRAFT agenda **HERE**. Attendees can participate in all three days or just one day. Please select the appropriate ticket option

**For more information, please visit: <http://canadainvasives.ca/>**



invasive news...

# The Stinking Rose Start Now to Grow your Own for Next Year!



The term stinking rose dates back to Greek and Roman times according to Danielle K. Blood, a prolific writer on the website Quora.com. She goes on to suggest that one possibility for the name is that if looked at from underneath a bulb of garlic does slightly resemble a white rose with the large ends of the cloves forming the petals.

Garlic is one of the easiest things to grow. I plant about 250 plants each year. Most articles make it sound complicated, but it is not. It tolerates almost all types of soil and rarely has a problem. In over 25 years of planting I have never had a problem with my garlic! In fact it is so eager to grow, that if you throw your peel away after using a clove, the bottom root end will even grow. I used to put the whole peel in my compost pile and after using the compost I would get garlic plants where I had never planted any! It took me a while to figure that one out!! They now go in the green box for garbage. Follow these easy steps and you'll not go wrong.

1. Fall is the best time to plant garlic but in a pinch you can plant very early in the spring, once you can work the ground. Generally plant around the end of October to middle of November, as long as the ground has not frozen, making sure to rotate the planting location each year.
2. Get the garlic that you wish to plant from a reputable source. E.g. William Dam Seeds or any other local supplier. I have been lucky to have started with garlic my Dad had been planting for over 60 years.
3. Cultivate the area you will be planting in to remove weeds. Add some compost or even peat moss if the ground is very heavy.
4. Separate the head into individual cloves (usual yield is about five cloves per head) and always use the biggest cloves for your planting.
5. Plant the cloves about 4 inches apart and about 2 to 3 inches deep with the pointed end up. The tip should be below the ground.
6. Cover with soil and then cover with shredded leaves or a mixture of shredded leaves and grass about 2 or 3 inches deep. Another option would be a layer of straw, again 2 to 3 inches deep. This will help to keep down the weeds in the Spring and Summer before you harvest as it is very labour intensive trying to weed between the plants. You may see the cloves sprouting a bit in the fall already but do not worry, they will not be harmed or freeze. In the spring they will start growing vigorously.
7. When you see the garlic scapes coming up (immature flower stalks which is them wanting to go to seed) pull on the scapes to remove them (they may make a popping sound) and let the plant continue growing. Scapes are sold in stores and are delicious steamed or sautéed.
8. In the beginning of July stop watering the garlic. You will also see the tops of the plants starting to turn brown. This means they are almost ready to harvest which is usually about the middle of July.
9. Dig each plant up carefully so you do not bruise them with the shovel. Some may even pull right out of the ground. Shake off the excess dirt.
10. Lay your whole plants in a single layer in a dark, dry place for a week to two weeks to let them cure. Garage or shed works well.
11. After curing, cut off the dried roots and leave the stalks longer if you want to hang or braid them, or cut shorter to store.



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## The Stinking Rose continued .....

12. Tie about five of the stalks together, or braid if you like and then hang them in a garage or shed. They will not freeze over the winter and you can use them all year long. In spring when the weather gets milder, they may start sprouting. Cut most of the stem off and put in a bag in the refrigerator to slow the sprouting. You can keep on using these until your new crop is ready.

That's all there is to growing your own garlic. Why not give it a try?

An old New York proverb: "A nickel will get you on the subway, but garlic will get you a seat."

ARTICLE ATTRIBUTED TO: Eva Keuhlem, a Master Gardener .

Dear Community Partners,

Oakvillegreen is very excited to announce a new Oakville Ready for Rain program, funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The program will be building several demonstration rain gardens in Oakville. Rain gardens are landscaped depressions that will soak up rainwater runoff from the roof of a house or garage, or other hard surface like a parking area. The rainwater is absorbed into the soil instead of flowing into a storm drain that empties into our local streams. Raingardens are planted with wildflower or other native plants and shrubs that provide homes and food for birds and insects.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN READY for RAIN:

Help us find an ideal location!

We can help you build a rain garden, install a rainbarrel, or add a bioswale! We are looking for individuals who want to host a rain absorbing landscaping solution on their properties! Homes, multi-units, schools, places of worship, and business properties are all options. Ideally, we are looking for an area in Oakville that has experienced flooding, or where rain runoff is currently directed into a creek or water body.

Join our steering committee!

We are looking for community water champions! Are you interested in water issues? Want to learn about eco-friendly solutions to improve water quality and reduce runoff? Want to take action to reduce our community's flood risk, and help the environment? Contact us at [programs@oakvillegreen.org](mailto:programs@oakvillegreen.org) to join our Ready for Rain Steering Committee and share your skills and expertise.

Share information about our upcoming free How-to Build a Rain Garden Workshop with your network!

**When:** Wednesday, November 14th, 7-8pm (come at 6:30pm to chat about possible rain garden locations)

**Where:** Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre, Multipurpose Room 4

**What:** All are welcome to attend this free workshop! Michael Albanese will cover the basics of rain gardens and other customized drainage solutions for stormwater management at the residential scale.

Register here: <http://oakvillegreen.org/events/>

We want to create a greener community, that is Ready for Rain and we need you!

Contact me today via email at [programs@oakvillegreen.org](mailto:programs@oakvillegreen.org) to get involved or give us a call at 289-813-1568.





## CELEBRATING SQUIRREL APPRECIATION DAY

WITH KIDS

*fun facts, squirrely jokes, kid-friendly crafts, nutty snacks & favorite books*



Did you know that Sunday, January 21, 2018 was designated as Squirrel Appreciation Day? While some may not always appreciate this nutty little rodent for stealing birdseed and terrorizing attics, squirrels play an important ecological role and are highly entertaining to watch, especially for children. In honor of these little nuts, I thought it'd be fun to share a few fun facts about squirrels, and some favorite squirrel books. Every squirrel deserves it's day, so let's show our appreciation!

### 15 fun facts about squirrels:

1. There are about 200 species of squirrels in the world. There are about 10 tree species in North America. The lifespan of a squirrel is about nine years.
2. A squirrel has 2 to 4 babies at a time and can raise two litters of "kits" per year. Baby squirrels are born blind without fur. A baby squirrel is totally dependent on its mother until about three months old.
3. A squirrel's four front teeth never stop growing. – This is a common characteristic of other rodents, as well. If their top and bottom teeth don't line up correctly their ongoing growth can cause major health problems for a squirrel such that it may drool excessively or be incapable of closing its mouth, leading to difficulty eating and starvation.
4. Squirrels are hoarders and bury their nuts, one at a time, scattered around their territory. Squirrels have a difficult time keeping an eye on all their hidden food and may lose 25% of their food to thieves. In the winter they can smell their food buried under a foot of snow. To look for nuts they've buried in the past, squirrels use visual landmarks like particular trees, rocks and streams.
5. Squirrels have been observed engaging in "deceptive caching" and may pretend to bury a nut to throw off potential thieves. Sometimes squirrels dig a hole and vigorously cover it up again, but without depositing the nut to throw off potential food thieves.
6. Squirrels don't always dig up all of their buried nuts, which results in trees! They have accidentally contributed countless trees to our nation's parks and forests. If you ask us, that's a pretty great reason alone to appreciate squirrels.
7. When squirrels feel threatened or want to escape predators, they run away in a zigzag pattern. This is an incredibly useful strategy to escape hawks and other predators. Unfortunately, it doesn't work so well on cars. Consider slowing down and giving squirrels a brake!
8. Squirrel paws are hand-like, with little primitive thumbs and strong claws for grasping at tree bark. These features, combined with a squirrel's ability to rotate its hind feet 180 degrees, allow the animal to descend head-first from a tree.
9. Squirrels are acrobatic, intelligent and adaptable. Their nimble hands make it easy for squirrels to steal from birdfeeders, particularly platforms or cage-like models. To prevent a squirrel from getting to a hanging bird feeder, make the cord slick by coating it with vegetable oil.
10. Quick and nimble as they are, squirrels regularly get stuck if they run into tight places too fast. To check out space constraints, even in the dark, squirrels use whiskers on their faces and their legs. These highly sensitive hairs allow the animal to feel how close the sides of a hidey-hole are and decide how close is too close.
11. A squirrel's diet includes a lot of nuts, berries, stems, roots and other plant matter. However, they will eat meat and other sources of protein when under stress or as the opportunity arises. This includes bird eggs, snakes, smaller rodents and chickens, among other things.
12. Squirrels bulk-up to stay warm during the winter. Putting on some extra weight is one strategy squirrels use to stay warm during the cold winter months.
13. Contrary to some popular beliefs, squirrels aren't quiet. Squirrels talk through whistling, chirping and clicking. They warn other squirrels about danger. They can produce a range of vocalizations including barks, grunts, squeaks and their familiar chatter.
14. A squirrel's nest is called a drey. It is about the size of a football and is built high in trees. It is made from sticks and inside has dry grass, moss, feathers and shredded tree bark.
15. Humans introduced squirrels to most of our major US city parks in the 1850s and 1860s. Feeding squirrels was seen as a means to encourage kindness to all animals. People thought that by adding squirrels to our parks in cities, we could bring pleasure and entertainment to the people who couldn't leave the city and enjoy nature.

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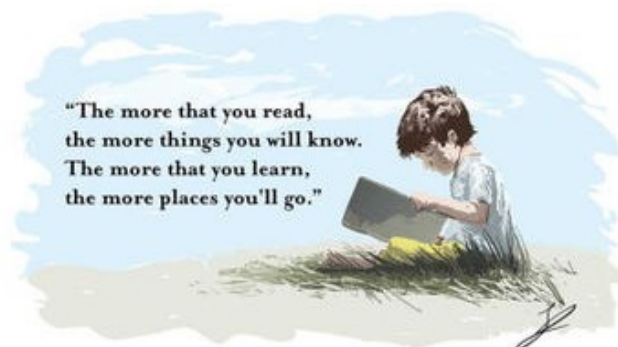
## Looking for Christmas Children's books about squirrels?

Whether it's due to their adorable nature or their abundance in nearly every backyard in the country, squirrels make for some really wiley and hilarious storybook characters. In honor of Squirrel Appreciation Day, we've put together a list of sixteen books about squirrel adventures, antics and appetites! These books are entertaining for kids of all ages, from preschool through school-aged kids and will not only teach them about our furry friends, but entertain them along the way.

- The Busy Little Squirrel by Nancy Tafuri
- Scaredy Squirrel Melanie Watt
- Squirrel's Acorn by Lizbeth Stone
- Bird & Squirrel on the Run by James Burks
- Squirrels Leap, Squirrels Sleep by April Pulley Sayre
- A Squirrel's Story: A True Tale by Jana Bommersbach
- Squirrels on Skis by J. Hamilton Ray
- Those Darn Squirrels! by Adam Rubin
- Nuts to You! by Lois Ehlert
- Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures by Kate DiCamillo
- Aw, Nuts! by Rob McClurkan
- The Secret Life of Squirrels by Nancy Rose
- One More Acorn by Don Freeman
- In the Middle of Fall by Kevin Henkes
- Squirrels: The Animal Answer Guide by Richard W. Thorington Jr.
- Earl the Squirrel by Don Freeman

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<b>November 8</b>	<b>Eco-Movie Night: A Silent Transformation</b>
	<b>Venue:</b> Film.Ca Cinemas - 171 Speers Rd. 7:00 - 10:00 PM <b>Admission:</b> \$2/student, \$5/adult A SILENT TRANSFORMATION sets out to explore the innovative self-help efforts of different communities across the Province of Ontario. By addressing their needs collectively they are helping to regain the radical vision of co-operation. In these communities are the seeds of economic democracy, global solidarity, and a new popular movement to transform society!
<b>November 10-11</b>	<b>Niagara Frontier Orchid Society's Fall AOS Orchid Show</b>
	10-5 Sat & 10-3 Sun Location: At the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens. Orchid Exhibits, Orchid Vendors, Orchid Supplies, Orchid Demos. For more information, please refer to: <a href="http://www.niagarafrontierorchids.org/">http://www.niagarafrontierorchids.org/</a>
<b>November 12</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting at MacMillan Hall 89 Dunn Street</b>
	Monthly meeting will be held at the Knox Presbyterian Church 89 Dunn Street. Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting commences at 7:30 pm
<b>November 14</b>	<b>Toronto Botanical Gardens Small Garden Design</b>
	Small gardens can be challenging for new and experienced gardeners. Margo will discuss the concepts of good design, show you how to use space effectively and choose appropriate plants for tiny gardens. [PG18F36] Margo Martin Public \$30; Members \$24 for more information, please refer to: <a href="https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/learn/adult/gardening-classes/">https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/learn/adult/gardening-classes/</a>
<b>November 20</b>	<b>Ireland Garden Tour</b>
	Sandy Lidka who presented An Irish Garden Tour in September is organizing a More Information afternoon event at Further Afield Travel from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Please register by calling: (289) 813-1969 Location: 77 Bronte Rd, Oakville
<b>November 27</b>	<b>Royal Botanical Garden Birch Forest Table Design</b>
	1:00 pm - 3:00pm or 7:00 pm 9:00 pm Location: RBG Center Fee: \$45/class (M10%off) Pre-register by November 17. Call RBG for more information 1-800-694-4768 or 905-527-1158 ext. 270.
<b>November 28</b>	<b>Royal Botanical Garden Festive Stocking Door Design</b>
	1:00 pm - 3:00pm or 7:00 pm 9:00 pm Location: RBG Center Fee: \$45/class (M10%off) Pre-register by November 17. Call RBG for more information 1-800-694-4768 or 905-527-1158 ext. 270.
<b>December 10</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting and Pot Luck at MacMillan Hall 89 Dunn Street</b>
	Monthly meeting will be held at the Knox Presbyterian Church 89 Dunn Street. Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting commences at 7:30 pm
<b>January 10</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting at MacMillan Hall 89 Dunn Street</b>
	Monthly meeting will be held at the Knox Presbyterian Church 89 Dunn Street. Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting commences at 7:30 pm
<b>February 23</b>	<b>District 6 Spring Breakfast</b>
	Hosted by the Flamborough Horticultural Society. Location: Cannon Nurseries 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. More information to follow.



**Unfortunately there are no vases available in the hall for the flower shows, so all participants must provide their own vases for display".**

