

Oakville Horticultural Society May 2018

May Monthly Meeting and Flower Show

Date: May 14, 2018

Location: Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre 1086 Burnhamthorpe Rd.

Set-up Volunteers: Paula Clayton, Wade Pitman and Mary Rose

Hospitality Volunteers: Carola Bergemann, Wade Pitman and Mary Rose.

Flower Show Clerks: Judy Bridges and Florenda Tingle



2018 May Master Gardener

Panel of **Experts Waiting**

to

Answer all your Gardening

Questions!





Please email your questions to: info.ohs@oakvillehort.org

bring them to the meeting at **Joshua Creek Heritage Art** Centre



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At last, some spring weather has arrived - it certainly has been a long wait and now we're all as busy as can be! How wonderful to spend time outdoors and begin to see the results of our fall bulb planting and garden improvements. We can also get those important divisions potted up for the plant sale coming very soon.

Spring is the most exciting season for OHS members, as we get ready for our 2 major fund-raising events of the year. As usual, there are lots of different activities for volunteers leading up to the Plant Sale on May 12 and the Garden Tour on June 17. Thanks to all who have already signed up to help in the many ways we need you. Watch for the Garden Tour clipboards at our meeting on May 14.

In addition, Helen reports a full class in the Junior Gardener program which gets started the first Tuesday in May. Once again, it will be one of the stops on the Garden Tour, as we are very proud of the initiative and love to showcase the efforts of these future garden enthusiasts!

For the first time this year, we are working with Town staff to offer OHS support to Oakville allotment holders. On April 25, Helen and I presented "How to Start a Vegetable Garden" and there are monthly visits and talks scheduled through to September.

As much fun as it is to spend time in our own gardens, it is also lovely to see what other gardeners have achieved. As a special treat, we have arranged our own screening of the award-winning documentary **The Gardener** on Thursday May 24. Thanks to Heather for her location scouting and liaison with the distributor, Cathy and Diana for handling publicity and Valerie for looking after refreshments. With our collaboration with Bronte and Burlington Horticultural Societies, we hope to fill all 120 seats in the Black Box theatre at QEPRC!

Back by popular demand, our Question and Answer session with the Master Gardeners should provide all the tips and advice we need as the growing season gets underway. I have a few questions for them, and I imagine many of you do, as well! I'm also looking forward to seeing the design and horticulture exhibits that everyone brings in. And just a reminder that we will be at Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre.

Until then, I will be in the garden. I hope you will be too!

Paula



There will be <u>no vases</u> supplied at the May Flower Show. Every exhibitor entering the show must provide their own vases.



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





Marsha Gettas

Marsha has studied horticulture at University of Guelph and has been a member of the Etobicoke Master Gardeners for 11 years. Her award winning gardens have been on "Through the Garden Gate" Toronto Botanical Garden Tour, Etobicoke Horticultural Society Tour, Ontario Rock Garden and Hardy Plant Society Tour; and, for many years, part of Toronto Open Gardens, a charitable tour. Marsha lectures on garden design, low maintenance, edibles, roses and tropicals. In 2013/2014 she designed the Outdoor Classroom and Butterfly Garden for Robert Hornell Junior School and she designed and

consulted for a Toronto Women's Shelter, Edible Garden. She operates Marsha Gettas Design for garden planning, consultation advice and garden renewals.



David Marshall

David has been gardening for over 75 years, since as a small boy in wartime England he helped (?) his father and grandfather in their big garden and greenhouse.

He has been a member of Halton Master Gardeners for 25 years and is a member of Oakville and Bronte Horticultural Societies. He has a Diploma in Horticulture from the University of Guelph, but says that he learned much more from his father and grandfather.

He has made more gardening mistakes than most people, but claims that is because he has been at it longer!



Donna Parker

Donna is a retired educator with a background in Environmental Science and has been a Master Gardener since 2000.

She has worked with woody plants at Sheridan Nursery and had her own garden design and consultation business in the greater Hamilton area. She volunteers on the gardening hotlines at the Royal Botanical Gardens and for Halton Master Gardeners. Donna gardens in Ancaster and loves the challenge of designing and creating beauty among the wonderful old trees.



Lorne Sparrow

Lorne grew up on a farm in Manitoba. He retired after a 35 year career in Electrical Control Technology. He has been a member of the Halton Master Gardeners for over 25 years, a member of Bronte Horticultural Society for over 25 years and a member of the Hamilton & Burlington Rose Society for over 25 years. He was awarded the 25 year Volunteer Service award. Four years ago, Lorne moved into an apartment building and is currently learning the challenges of 14th floor balcony gardening.



ALL HANDS ARE NEEDED

PLANT SALE: May 12 - 8:30 -11:30am

LOCATION: 5 Dundas St. E. (Munn's United Church)

Our plant sale is our main fundraising event. Moneys raised from this event and our upcoming Garden Tour will help us to cover the costs of running our society and allow us to continue our good work in the community. With your help our plant sale can make a big difference. But it is a big job, so all hands are needed.

What can YOU do?

Help us advertise. Tell your friends and neighbours. Give out bookmarks. Put up posters. Put up a sign in your yard or neighbourhood. Get your sign at one of the depots, or contact Paula at 905 - 825 - 2548.

Donate Plants. If you have a garden, spring is a good time to dig and divide plants. This can help your perennials to flourish. For instructions, visit Better Homes and Gardens Dividing Perennials. Your finished potted plant should be attractive. **Put lots of value and love into your pots and make your plants look AMAZING – good enough that you would want to pay \$8 or more for them!**

Ideally, potting should be done by May 5th to give plants a chance to recover and look their best for our sale on the 12th. Use a wooden stick, a permanent marker (no paper please) jot down the plant's name, it's colour or if it grows in sun or shade. Deliver your **labelled** potted plants to the Plant Depots by May 6th.

Northeast	Marie & Bob Decker
	1285 Gloaming Court 905-844-1837
Centre of	Wendy Funk-Death
Town	237 Elmwood Road

Help others dig and divide. Several members and some non-members need assistance to lift and split large plants.

Give us your time on plant sale day. Ideally, we need twenty people to set up in the morning (6am); at least ten people to sell plants; six people to tally plant purchases; four people to serve as cashiers; two people to direct traffic; one person to manage the holding area; two people to help carry plants to cars; three people to drive the truck moving plants from depots to church for plant sale day; four people to prepare and or serve refreshments to the volunteers ... You get the idea. We need YOU! If you know any students who would like to get volunteer hours, let me know.

Join the Plant Sale Team. We could use your ideas and talents. Everyone is welcome.

Let's all work together to have FUN and make this plant sale a BIG success!

District 6 Spring newsletter available.

Please visit: http://www.gardenontario.org/site/d7/2018_d6_nwsltr_02.pdf





PLANTS MOST DESIRED: Aquatic Plants, Artemisia, Astilbe, Asters, Bellflowers (non-invasive), Black Eyed Susan, Bleeding Heart, Border Pinks, Catmint, Columbine, Coral Bells, Corydalis, Cranesbill, Day Lilies, Delphinium, Ferns (all kinds), Geranium, Groundcovers, Hens & Chicks, Herbs, Hosta (any kind), Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Japanese Anemone, Japanese Spurge (Pachysandra), Iris, Lady's Mantle, Lamb's Ear, Lavender, Monkshood, May Apple and Native plants of all kinds, Mums, Ornamental Grasses, Phlox, Primula, Purple Coneflower, Sedum Autumn Joy, Shasta Daisy, Siberian Iris, Solomon's Seal, Sweet Woodruff, Trilliums, Meadow Rue, Rhubarb, Strawberries, Yarrow, Yucca ... to name a few. Shrubs and



Thursday, May 24, 2018

of Sharon show some signs of life, otherwise they are hard to sell.

The Black Box Theater Queen Elizabeth Park 2302 Bridge Rd, Oakville

Time: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Doors Open: 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$7.50 at door.

Join us for a screening of The Gardener: an extraordinary documentary directed by Sebastien Chabot about Frank Cabot's Les Quatre Vents - a transformational private garden near Quebec City.



Oakville Horticultural Society



Bronte Horticultural Society



Burlington Horticultural Society





Some "experts" say that future wars will be fought over water, and when you consider that the Aral Sea, which was once the fourth largest lake in the world at 64000 square kilometres, is now little more than a big pond, and closer to home, the mighty Colorado River is more like Sixteen Mile Creek when it reaches the ocean due to over use for irrigation, you can almost believe the experts.

There is not much that we can do about these world scale events, but there is much that we can do to minimize the use of water in our own gardens.

Water is water, right? Just a couple of atoms of hydrogen and one of oxygen stuck together, but it is not that simple.

Most things expand and get less dense as they get warmer. But water has its maximum density at 4 degrees Celsius and so as it cools below that temperature and freezes, it freezes from the top. If that was not so, and it froze from the bottom up, it would have terrible consequences for life on earth.

And consider "magnetized "water. Many researchers say that if water is piped through a strong magnetic field its structure is changed, and there are several commercial systems which claim higher crop yields, better quality, less disease, etc. etc. when using magnetized water in agriculture. (Others claim that it is expensive snake oil). A science fair experiment said that watering with water which had been microwaved produced much weaker seedling growth than regular tap water. (Several of our Master Gardener group tried this, and found no difference.). Another idea which I found in an old Organic Gardening magazine from the 80's, said that water that had been boiled to drive off dissolved gasses, and then bottled to prevent re-absorption, produced stronger seedlings and more root growth.

Whatever you think about these claims, we should all minimize water use in the garden, and here are some things to consider.

- 1. Lawns do not need an inch of water a week, as commonly stated. Look for signs of browning or the grass being crunchy underfoot. Then water deeply if there has been no rain, about an inch, and no more frequently than once a week. Measure by putting cans at various places under the sprinkler, and time how long it takes. For future waterings use a water timer. Use a sprinkler which is fully adjustable for both length and width so that you are not watering the sidewalk. Lee Valley has some good ones. Water in the early morning to reduce evaporation. Let your lawn go dormant during the hottest weather, but water at least once a month, because grass left too long without water will die in the heat.
- 2. Collect rain water from all your downspouts in barrels. Halton Region usually has a sale in the spring. You can also use the 77 liter plastic garbage cans which sell for \$10 to \$15 and you can cascade them by elevating the collecting barrel a few inches, drilling a hole in the side near the top, and fitting a pipe to overflow into the second barrel. I use the plastic sleeves which sports shops sell for separating golf clubs in the bag, and drill a hole with a hole saw.
- 3. Amend your soil with compost, which holds water well.
- 4. Use 2 inches of mulch extensively to suppress weeds and minimize evaporation.
- 5. Use soaker hoses rather than overhead sprinklers to water your flower and vegetable beds, and use drought tolerant flowers and shrubs. Native plants are well adapted to our conditions.
- 6. Use a moisture meter to determine when your plants need water. (Lee Valley unit AB928, works well)
- 7. Group plants with similar watering requirements together.
- 8. Water trees and shrubs around the drip line where most of the feeder roots are, rather than at the base of the plant.







- 9. Consider putting in an irrigation system for your flower and vegetable beds. It need not be expensive and you can install it yourself. Get the free Lee Valley Irrigation Design Guide. Call 1 800 267 8767 or go on line at leevalley.com for a copy.
- 10. Plant intensively and use ground covers to minimize bare ground.

Here are some drought tolerant annuals and perennials:

Annuals: Ageratum calendula, cleome, celosia, cosmos, dusty miller, gazania, marigold, geranium,

petunia, snapdragon, verbena, zinnia.

Perennials: Yarrow, thrift, Artemisia, baptisia, perennial alyssum, pinks, coneflower, gaillardia, daylily,

lamium, lavender, peony, poppy, sedum,.

Happy Gardening,

David Marshall







Major Varieties

Variety	Description
Syringa x chinensis	small leaves and abundant purple flowers in Maysuitable for large hedge or screen 3m by 3m
Syringa x vulgaris	common lilaclarge spreading shrub with dark green foliagefragrant mauve flowers in May-very hardy and vigorous suckers
Syringa x vulgaris French Hybrids	 numerous varieties selected for colour and bloom large, fragrant blooms-very hardy excellent specimens
Syringa x hyacinthiflora Canadian Hybrids	 larger and hardyflower heavily with very fragrant flowers flower before French varieties
Syringa x meyeri Dwarf Korean	 compact, low growing, uniform shrub with small leaves tiny lavender flowers in June (& often again in Aug/Sept) excellent specimen for small garden and low hedge
Syringa x patula Dwarf Korean	 compact shrub, dark green glossy foliage which turns burgundy-red in autumn large clusters of icy blue flowers in late May/early June
Syringa x prestoniae Canadian	 developed in Canada & hardier than Common or French blooms in June -many varieties by colour large specimens or hedges
Syringa x reticulata Japanese Tree Lilac	 very attractive medium-sized tree or large shrub with deep green foliage blooms in June/July with large creamy-white flowers excellent for small yard or street planting pollution-tolerant

Growing Lilacs

- full sun with space to grow
- · tolerate open, windy locations.
- good circulation helps to prevent mildew.
- fertile, humus rich and well-drained soil

Why Won't My Lilac Bloom? Some possible answers....

- lack of light (need full sun to bloom well)
- pruning too late (cutting off next year's buds) or pruning incorrectly (cutting off next year's buds)
- drought in previous summer (lilacs start building buds for next year shortly after flowering and need plenty of water as well as sun)
- transplant "sulk" (moving too late in season or too often--plant doesn't have time or energy to set buds)
- old and tired (have become rangy and weakened; poor soil nutrients)
- too crowded & have mildew (lilacs need good air circulation to be healthy)



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A faint smell of lilac filled the air.
There was always lilac in this part of
town. Where there were
grandmothers, there was always lilac.



Outreach at the Home Show a Big Success



Thank you once again to Jenkins Productions for allowing us to participate in the recent Oakville Lifestyle Home Show which was held at the Glen Abbey Recreation Centre. Leading up to the event, we acknowledged them in our April newsletter.

We could not have had a presence at this busy event without our generous volunteers who gave of their time Friday night to Sunday afternoon. So a big thank you to the following members who participated during this fun outreach opportunity: Paula Clayton, Lee Manley, Marie and Bob Decker, Helen Stephenson, Liz Day, Margaret Gupta, Helen Banks, Jana Schilder, Kim Peel, Larry Urbanoski and Florenda Tingle.

We had many people stop by our table, chat with us and pick up information we had available. Children in tow were given an opportunity to plant a sunflower in a starter pot to take home along with free balloons. We held a popular draw that included a gardening tool belt – loaded with a variety of gardening equipment/supplies.

From our booth, we were able to reach out to many garden enthusiasts who could potentiallybecome future members of our society – we need some new members! They were told about the variety of events and the programs we operate – all to benefit our community. These include the multi-generational event held on Family Day called Fun with Flowers; our junior gardening program which runs from May-August providing young children and their parents an opportunity to tend their very

own small vegetable patch; the ever-popular Plant Sale featuring

prized divisions from our members' lovely gardens and, of course, our upcoming annual Garden Tour. All this plus the work we do to maintain some Oakville community park gardens and the new horticulture-focused student scholarship at the post-graduate level.

We are keeping our fingers crossed that some of the folks we connected with will decide to come and test drive one of our upcoming meetings.

Florenda Tingle

Compost Giveaway

Each year during our Compost Giveaway, Halton Region offers compost to Halton residents, free of charge. Residents can take up to the equivalent of 7 garbage bags of compost per household.

Spring Dates: Time

Monday, May 7 – Saturday, May 12, 2018 8 a.m. – 4:30 pm. Sunday, May 13, 2018 8 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Location: Halton Waste Management Site - <u>5400 Regional Road 25, Milton</u> **What should I bring?**

Shovels - residents are responsible for shoveling and bagging their own compost.

Containers - yard waste bags, garbage bags, reusable containers, pick-up bed, trailer.

Donations – residents are encouraged to make a donation of non-perishable food items or a monetary donation to support local Halton food banks.



The District 6 Annual General Meeting held on April 14, 2018 was hosted by the St. George Garden Club, Glen Morris Horticultural Society and the Lynden Horticultural Society. The meeting took place at the South Dumfries Community Centre in St. George. Approximately 105 members attended and Rose Odell, OHA President, joined

our meeting. She spoke at length to our group regarding many relevant issues.(Rose is planning on relocating in the near future to our area.) The OHA elected a new Treasurer Jane Leonard. The former treasurer, Mary Donnelly retired and many praises and thanks were shared for her many years of service. Susan Suter gave a presentation on how to grow floral designers. This report will be repeated at the OHA Convention in Kingston.





In the Flower Show Category, our own Mary Cameron won \$50 for her "Best in Show" Phalaenopsis Orchid. Congratulations Mary!

Many years ago, the OHA Societies paid premiums into an insurance fund called the Society Treasurer's Bonding Insurance Fund or STBI Fund. This fund has become obsolete. The OHA moved to refund monies to those Societies who had contributed to the fund. Oakville will be receiving a cheque from the OHA in the amount of \$573.93.

The new "Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards" booklet will be unveiled at the 2018 OHA Convention. It is much improved and much more comprehensive than the old book. If you intend on participating in the flower shows, it is strongly recommended that you acquire one. This manual can benefit and assist you in entering successfully. If you would like to purchase this new booklet, please contact Marie Decker at 905-844-1837. She will be able to bring you back a copy from the convention.

A reminder that the OHA Convention is being held at the Ambassador Hotel and Convention Centre in Kingston this summer on July 27, 28 and 29. If you have never attended an OHA Convention, this is a learning opportunity not to miss. If you prefer to plan ahead....the OHA Convention in 2019 will be held in Windsor. If you require additional information regarding the Kingston OHA Convention, please visit our website:

http://www.gardenontario.org

Marie Decker

Assistant District 6 Director

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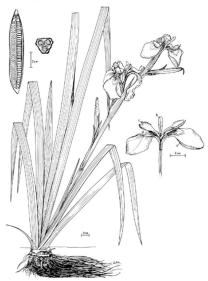


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INVASIVE SPECIES ARE SPREADING

Dozens of invasive species have infiltrated our lakes, rivers and forests. This puts our native fish, plants and animals at risk. After an invasive species arrives it is almost impossible to get rid of, causing damage that we can never repair. One of these are the 'Yellow Iris".





Yellow iris, or yellow flag iris, is a perennial aquatic plant native to Europe, western Asia and North Africa. It was first introduced to North America in the 1800s as an ornamental plant for ponds and water gardens. The plant has since spread to many waterways, including those in parts of southern Ontario. In addition to its use in gardens, it has been planted in wastewater ponds because it is known to absorb heavy metals.

Yellow iris can grow in both treed and open wetlands, along river and lake edges, and on floodplains. The plant spreads by seeds and by underground stems known as rhizomes that send out new shoots above the ground and roots below. Stands of yellow iris develop thick mats of rhizomes that can connect several hundred plants. Fragments of rhizomes that break off can also form new plants.

What You Can Do

sprout.



Flattened leaves up to one metre long fan out from the base. Photo: Dawn Sucee, OFAH

Yellow iris line drawing. Illustration: IFAS Centre for Aquatic Plants, University of Florida, Gainsville, 1990

When not flowering, yellow iris looks similar to the native blue flag iris (Iris versicolor). Blue flag iris is usually smaller, with leaves 10 to 80 centimetres long, stems 20 to 60 centimetres long, and purple-to-blue flowers. Yellow iris leaves may also be confused with other wetland plants, such as cattails (Typha spp.) and sweet flags (Acoraceae spp.).

Impacts of Yellow Iris

- Yellow iris can form dense stands with very thick mats of rhizomes and dead leaves that can displace native plants and change wetlands from a wet to a drier environment.
- The plant reduces habitat available for wildlife, including native fish habitat and bird nesting and rearing sites.
- flow in irrigation and flood control ditches.
- its sap can cause dermatitis.

How to Identify Yellow Iris

www.invasivespeciescentre.ca www.ontarioinvasiveplants. www.invadingspecies.com ontario.ca/invasivespecies Other Resources:

For More Information:

Please contact the Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711.

Flowers have three drooping, deep-yellow sepals with purple-brown markings that look like large petals, surrounding three smaller upright petals.

- Yellow iris is the only iris in North America with entirely
- Flowers bloom between April and July at the top of stems 30 centimetres to one metre tall that grow in groups of
- Leaves are flattened, two to three centimetres wide and up to one metre long, fanning out from the base.
- Seeds are closely packed in rows of three within capsules four to eight centimetres long.

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Learn how to identify yellow iris and other invasive plants,

Buy native or non-invasive plants from reputable garden

suppliers. See Grow Me Instead: Beautiful Non-Invasive

click on Here's a list of things you can do to help fight

Dispose of invasive plants in the garbage. Do not put

them in the compost or discard them in natural areas.

Discarded flowers may produce seeds, and seeds may

If you find yellow iris or other invasive species in the wild,

please contact the toll-free Invading Species Hotline at

1-800-563-7711, or visit www.invadingspecies.com and

Plants for Your Garden. Go to ontario.ca/invasivespecies,

and avoid planting invasive plants in your garden.

invasive species, and click on the title.

Range

click on Report a Sighting.

The first recorded Canadian sighting of yellow iris was in Newfoundland in 1911. It was found in Ontario in 1940. Today it grows in most Canadian provinces, including parts of southern Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, the east coast of Prince Edward Island and the west coast of British Columbia. It is also found in many American states, and in temperate areas worldwide. Several American states ban it or list it as a noxious weed.





- The dense mats can block water
- Yellow iris is poisonous to both humans and animals if eaten, and

Making Your Wisteria Bloom

All wisterias have some basic requirements, such as sufficient light, moisture, and a supporting structure on which to climb. But they are pretty forgiving about most such things. Assuming you've met the plant's basic needs, here's what I do to induce more abundant blooming at a younger age:

- 1. Prune immediately after bloom (if there are flowers) or in June as the rampant new tentacle-like shoots seek nearby supports.
 - 2. Prune it again, in July.
 - 3. Prune it again, any time up until mid-August.

Cut back each roving stem to a point where it has five full leaves. Cut just above the fifth leaf.

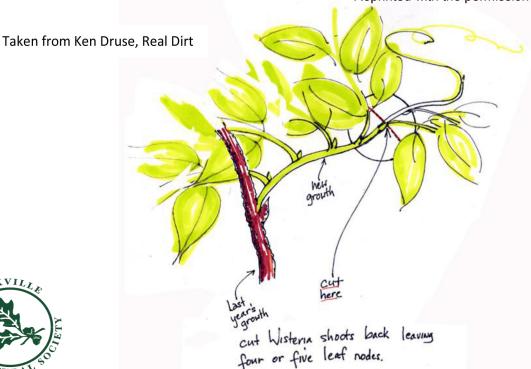
New growth will commence again, shortly. After a few weeks - or whenever you get to it - repeat the pruning process, attempting to maintain around five leaves per stem.

As the season progresses, you'll be cutting back more on the "tendrils" and smaller stems, and less on the larger branches.

Let it grow for another month and repeat the process. Head back any branch or tendril with more than five leaves to just above the fifth leaf petiole. Now you'll have several short, somewhat stubby branches or "spurs."

Certainly, use your discretion and judgment. You need not cut back EVERY branch or every tendril. Prune what you can, and be careful if you're climbing a ladder!

While this sounds like a daunting task, I don't follow a rigid schedule. I'm more haphazard about it, tending to it when it crosses my mind. It doesn't take long and you need not be surgically precise. The point is to encourage the plant to put its energy into developing flower buds for next year, not rampant growth this year. Reprinted with the permission of Halton Master Gardeners







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10 | ECO-MOVIE NIGHT: MORE THAN HONEY (**HGS**)

12 | Sensational Shade Plants (PPCP)

16 | Speaker Series: In the Garden (OPL)

Starting your organic vegetable garden (PPCP)

Not Just Birding Club (RBG)

The Gardener QEW Community Centre

Urban Beekeeping Series (RBG)

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Trees in Bloom (RBG)

Bird Watching (TRC)

The Summer Hive Check (RBG)

Grow your own food: Garden Maintenance (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

Oakville Public Library (OPL)

Central Branch, 120 Navy Street, Oakville 905-815-2042





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May 10	ECO-MOVIE NIGHT: More than Honey			
	Documentary by the Swiss filmmaker Marcus Imhoof. looking into the fascinating world of bees, showing small family beekeepers (including the beekeeper of ERSTE Foundation beehive, Heidrun Singer) and industrialized honey farms. MORE THAN HONEY is a film on the relationship between mankind and honeybees, about nature and about our future.			
May 12	Annual Oakville Horticultural Society Plant Sale			
	Annual plant sale 8:30 am -11:30am Location: Munn's United Church at 5 Dundas St. (Dundas – (Hwy-5) & 6th Line) For further information and or comments on the plant sale email: plantsale.ohs@oakvillehort.org			
May 14	May Monthly Meeting at Joshua Creek Heritage Art Center			
	Monthly meeting will be held Joshua Creek Heritage Art Center 1086 Burnhamthorpe Rd E			
May 19	Bronte Horticultural Plant Sale			
	Annual plant sale, Saturday 19 May from 8:30 am to 1:30pm Location: East side of South Oakville Centre (Hopedale Mall) parking lot near the Beer Store (Rebecca St east of 3rd Line) For more information, please contact: bcatley@cogeco.ca			
May 24	The Gardener			
	Oakville Horticultural Society, Bronte Horticultural Society and the Burlington Horticultural Society Presents The Gardener. Time: 7:30 pm—9:30 pm Location: Black Box Theater, Queen Elizabeth Park, 2302 Bridge Rd. Oakville. Tickets: \$7.50 at the door.			
June 9 - 10	Toronto Botanical Garden Through the Garden Gate Tour The Gardens Windfields Estate			
	11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets: One-Day Pass: Public \$45 / TBG Members \$40 Two-Day Pass: Public \$65 / TBG Members \$60 Students \$25 (With ID, One-Day Pass Only) For more information: https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/enjoy/special-events/through-the-garden-gate/			
June 14	June Monthly Meeting at MacMillan Hall, 89 Dunn Street			
	Monthly meeting will be held once again at Knox Presbyterian Church 89 Dunn Street			
June 17	Oakville Horticultural Society - Secret Gardens of Oakville 2018 Garden Tour			
	11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Tickets \$15 or 2 for \$25 available at our plant sale on May 12 or at the following outlets: Agram Garden Centre, both Bulow Garden Centres, Cudmore's Garden Centre, In2Flowers, and Hennessy's towards the end of May (cash only please) For more information, please visit: oakvillehort.org			
June 24	Mississauga Garden Festival - The Gardens of Credit Woodlands			
	Sunday, June 24, 2018 10:00 am - 4:00 pm For more information please refer to: mississaugagardenfestival.ca			

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