



Oakville Horticultural Society February 2019

Date:

February Monthly Meeting

February 11, 2019

Location:

Knox Presbyterian Church, 89 Dunn Street

Set-up Volunteers:

Cathy Kavassalis, Larry Urbanoski and Myroslawa Lukiwsky

Hospitality Volunteers:

Liz Day, Christel Mahncke, Marie Decker

Flower Show Clerks:

Flower Shows will commence in March 2019.



Bob Wildfong
February Speaker

Bob has been saving seeds and teaching about garden biodiversity for over 20 years. He mixes science and storytelling to reveal the secret lives of seeds, plants, and pollinators. Bob has been a member of Seeds of Diversity since 1988, and became their first Executive Director in 2002, after a career in software engineering. He teaches food history at the [Waterloo Region Museum](#), and as a steering committee member of the [North American Pollinator Protection Campaign](#), helps build the movement to preserve pollinators. He is a past President of the [Culinary Historians of Canada](#), and delights in explaining how we can learn about future food sustainability by remembering past lessons. At our next meeting, he will be discussing "Seeds of Diversity."

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Uppermost in my mind as I sit down to write this is to tell you how pleased I am to be entering this period of co-presidency with Wendy. You will see one or the other of us wearing the president's hat as the months go by and I am sure you will agree that the infusion of energy and ideas is going to be great for the OHS in 2019!



We have had a real taste of winter recently and a chance to do some shovelling, which is a good thing, as it helps keep our gardening muscles strong! Like many gardeners, I am an irrepressible optimist, and it does seem that the days are getting longer even if we must bundle up to stay warm. This hibernation period is needed, I suppose. It's the perfect time to catch up on Society paperwork and connect with fellow members to discuss and anticipate the many fun events we are planning for the year.

Before looking forward, I want to congratulate the 2018 Award Winners for Horticulture and Design, as presented on January 14. (The details are listed later in this newsletter.) I think you will agree that the OHS is privileged to have so many talented members and I hope that more of you will participate in the exhibits to start up again in March. If you don't already have the 2019 Showbook, you can find it on our website.

Once again, the OHS is offering a much-needed hit of blooming colour with the Fun with Flowers event planned for Family Day at Iroquois Ridge Community Centre. In addition, we have registered to participate in Oakville's first Seedy Sunday – to be held at Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre on February 24. I hope you will be able to contribute time or seeds or both for this great opportunity to meet the many gardening enthusiasts of Oakville.

The Plant Sale committee will be meeting soon, to make sure every detail is mapped out for another successful event on Saturday of the May long weekend. The first challenge is finding a suitable venue, as construction on Dundas and 6th Line is causing Munn's United to be inaccessible. Helen will be reaching out to the Junior Gardeners soon, as that activity begins in May. As for the Garden Tour, we are still looking for beautiful gardens to include. Please think about opening your garden for the tour, scheduled for Sunday June 23rd.

To close on a time-sensitive note, if you have not gotten around to renewing your membership, please plan to do that this month. There are so many benefits to membership – the company of other enthusiastic gardeners, great speakers and events, info-packed newsletters and great website and Facebook presence, to name a few. I look out at my garden with such pleasure every day and I realize that the improvements I've had the confidence to make are largely due to the many things I've learned as an OHS member. It's bliss to be in the garden – it's almost as wonderful to be talking about gardening!

Until next time, I'll be dreaming of spring.

Paula



Canada Blooms tickets will be available for OHS members to purchase at our next meeting. Tickets are \$14.00 for seniors if they are bought beforehand. Cash only.



Congratulations to all our winners!

more society news...



Jean Latham and
Marie Decker



Heather Reccord and
Paula Clayton



Marie Decker



Jana Schilder and
Paula Clayton



Mary Cameron and
Marie Decker



Mary Cameron and
Marie Decker



Elizabeth Schleicher and
Marie Decker



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Congratulations to the following OHS members, for their excellent horticulture and design exhibits over the past year. They have been awarded trophies and cash prizes for the show year - Nov. 1, 2017 – Oct.31, 2018. *Marie and Valerie*

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| Class of Distinction (Eaton Trophy) | 1 st Marie Decker 2 nd , Mary Cameron 3 rd not awarded |
| Chairman's Trophy (Wand Trophy) | 1 st Mary Cameron 2 nd not awarded |
| General/Novice Trophy (Allison Trophy) | 1 st not awarded |
| Miniature (Noad Trophy) | 1 st Marie Decker 2 nd , 3 rd - not awarded |
| Overall Decorative (Cup of Excellence) | 1 st Marie Decker 2 nd , 3 rd - not awarded |
| Highest Horticulture (Stratton Trophy) | 1 st Mary Cameron 2 nd Rob Welsh 3 rd Marie Decker |
| Combined Hort / Decorative (Wye Trophy) | 1 st Mary Cameron 2 nd , 3 rd - not awarded |
| Men's Highest Horticulture (Bell Trophy) | 1 st Rob Welsh 2 nd , 3 rd not awarded |
| Best Red Rose (Red Rose Tea Trophy) | Elizabeth Schleicher |

Cash Awards Nov. 2017 – Oct. 2018

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

Mary Cameron
Mary Rose

Paula Clayton
Elizabeth Schleicher

Marie Decker
Rob Welsh



Congratulations to all our winners!



Make A Difference



Come and Join us on

Monday, February 18, 2018

Family Day - Fun With Flowers



Believe it or not, this will be the Oakville Horticultural Society's ninth year, celebrating Family Day by hosting "Fun With Flowers". Many of the same families participate every February – over 100 people – that's a lot of fish tins! Participants and volunteers alike are delighted by the abundance of beautiful flowers so generously donated by local businesses. The rich colors, varied shapes and textures must remind many of being in a candy shop – so much choice! Incredibly, many original designs evolve in a very limited time frame. "The Experienced" are also extremely clever at packing

as many flowers as possible into a tiny can. This feat takes years of experience!

If you've never attended this event, please sign-up at our next regular Society meeting.

On February 18, 2018, please join us at the Iroquois Ridge Community Centre, 1051 Glenashton Drive in Oakville at 8:45 am. The chaos starts around 10:00 am.

Just follow the big smiles (and line ups). Bring along your secateurs!

Again all volunteers should be there at 8:45 am.

*No winter lasts forever; no
spring skips its turn*

- Hal Borland





Most of you will know that a hybrid plant is a cross between two open pollinated varieties, and that seed saved from a hybrid is either not viable or produces a plant which is unlike its parent. Hybrid plants, be they flowers or vegetables, often produce superior results in terms of taste, flower quality or quality, drought resistance, and so on. (though heritage aficionados may disagree on the taste item) What is not in dispute though, is that if we lose the old open pollinated varieties, there will be a diminished seed bank to produce new hybrid varieties.

If you have ever tried to save that half empty pack of seeds for more than a few years, (one in the case of onions), without observing the requirements of cold and low humidity, you may have been disappointed. (the rule of thumb is that storage temperature in degrees Fahrenheit plus the relative humidity % should be less than 100).

Enter the seed banks, which are designed to keep seeds viable for hundreds of years. It is hard to overestimate the importance of preserving old seed varieties. Almost all food begins with a seed. Even if you are an enthusiastic carnivore, it is most probable that the animal was fed on grass or grain which began as seeds.

There are well over a thousand seed banks around the world which are devoted to preserving the genetic diversity of plants. According to the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, 75% of plant genetic diversity has been lost to farmers worldwide since 1900. (the figure is 90% for North America and 80% for Europe), and 75% of the world's food is obtained from only twelve plant and five animal species.

The largest seed bank in the world is the Millenium seed bank at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew near London. It houses over a billion seeds in a nuclear bomb proof underground vault. Its aim is to preserve seed samples of every plant species and it reached its first milestone of 10% in 2009, and plans to achieve 25% by 2020. They distribute seeds to other key seed banks around the world and do germination tests on all species every ten years,

The ultimate back up plan for preserving diversity is housed in Svalbard on the Norwegian island of Spitzbergen. Although smaller than Kew's, it is designed to survive if all other seed banks are lost. Largely financed by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, it is built deep below the permafrost where the storage temperature of minus 18degrees C can be maintained even if the cooling systems fail. It can ultimately hold two billion seeds of four and a half million varieties in batches of five hundred seeds.

In addition to seed banks, genetic diversity is maintained in National Collections of plants. Britain has over 650 collections of everything from crocuses to rhubarb.

Closer to home, organizations such as Seeds of Diversity are dedicated to preserving heritage varieties, and many seed houses specialize in them.

Happy Gardening, David Marshall



Svalbard Global Seed Vault



Do you speak the language of flowers? Find out the different meanings of various flowers, plus get five tips on making your bouquet last.

In the Victorian era, particular flowers in certain colours were chosen to express specific feelings. Using this language of flowers – called "floriography" – a bud, bouquet or even a boutonniere delivered more than colour and scent. Here's what some familiar flowers may convey:

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| Apple blossom | Good things to come | Aster | Contentment |
| Buttercup | Childishness | Pink carnation | Gratitude |
| Yellow carnation | Rejection | Crocus | Gladness |
| Daffodil | Chivalry and respect | Daisy | Innocence and purity |
| Daylily | Enthusiasm | Dill | Lust |
| Edelweiss | Daring and courage | Forsythia | Anticipation |
| Gardenia | Secret love and joy | Blue hyacinth | Constancy |
| Ivy | Wedded love and fidelity | Lavender | Loyalty |
| White lily | Heavenly purity | Lily of the valley | Humility |
| Mint | Virtue | Orange blossom | Marriage and fertility |
| Palm leaves | Victory | Dark crimson rose | Mourning |
| Pink rose | Friendship | Red Rose | Passionate love |
| Snowdrop | Hope | Sunflower | Adoration |
| Red tulip | Declaration of love | Violet | Faithfulness |

So that beautiful bouquet of dark crimson roses and white lilies surrounded by palm leaves that you just sent to your friend or love one could be telling her, "Many are mourning my victory and success within our relationship, as it's heavenly to be with you!" But – since floriography word lists vary – it could simply be saying, "Hi!"

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language of flowers continued.....

5 best ways to make your bouquet last

- 1. Buy fresh flowers.** Avoid flowers with any signs of mildew or mould, and look for buds that are just beginning to open. A&P, Dominion and Loblaws help out by guaranteeing their blooms will last for a specified number of days.
- 2. Keep it clean and lukewarm.** Start with a squeaky-clean container and lukewarm water (tepid water is more readily absorbed than cold), then change the water every other day.
- 3. Add a floral preservative.** Most bouquets come with their own packet of goodies that provide nutrients and prevent bacterial growth – all to keep the flowers fresher longer.
- 4. Strip and recut the stems.** Remove any leaves that will be immersed, then recut the stems to encourage water uptake. Trim soft stems straight across. Cut woody stems on an angle, then smash or slit the bottom 2.5 cm (1 in). Pinch small wads of cotton from a cotton ball and stuff them into the bottom of hollow stems to help them hold moisture.
- 5. Show them off in a good spot.** Set your floral arrangement away from drafts, direct sunlight, radiators and ripening fruits (the latter emit ethylene, which prevents buds from opening, discolours blooms and leaves, and shortens vase life).

Happy Valentine's Day!

Canada Blooms 2019 Plant of The Year



Canada Blooms is pleased to announce its 2019 Plant of the Year – Electric Love™ Weigela from the Bloomin' Easy® Date Night™ series from [Van Belle Nursery](#).

The new Date Night™ Electric Love™ Weigela's shockingly vibrant red bell-shaped flowers cover dark foliage for a unique look and rich contrast (*it's the first red-flowered, dark leaved weigela on the market*). It's a product of the world's leading Weigela breeding program and an excellent performer in the landscape. Electric Love is compact and showy, you can easily plant it along a walkway, in mixed garden beds or as the star of a decorative patio pot. And because it's

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Hardiness: Zone 4, can handle temperatures down to -34 Celsius or -30 Fahrenheit

Likes: Full to part sun, or 4-6 hours of sun per day.

Mature Size: 1-2' tall and 2-3' wide, low and mounding.

For more information please contact Kevin Cramer at Van Belle Kevin@vanbelle.com or call 1-888-826-2355



The Monkey Puzzle tree is native to which two neighbouring countries in South America? (answer on page 16)



did you know...

Planting and Forcing Tulips

In the realm of gardening, instant gratification is an elusive matter. For the most part, nature forces her rhythms on our desires. But find a way to speed up the seasons, and you can nudge spring-flowering tulips to bloom in winter.

Choosing Tulips for Indoors:

First, select bulbs suited for forcing indoors. Generally, shorter, more compact varieties like 'Red Riding Hood' and 'Stresa' are better choices than tall varieties. Some taller types such as 'Apricot Beauty', 'Calgary', and 'Gudoshnik' are also good choices. you can nudge spring-flowering tulips to bloom in winter. Shop for bulbs as you would for onions: Choose top-quality bulbs that are large and heavy for their size, and avoid ones that are soft or moldy or whose papery brown outside layer is missing. If you can't pot the bulbs immediately, store them in a mesh or paper bag in a cool (below 65°F) place, ideally in the refrigerator crisper. Never store bulbs in the freezer or with fruits that emit ethylene, a gas that hinders flowering.



Timing:

To induce flowering, most tulips require about 14 weeks of temperatures below 48°F followed by 2 to 3 weeks at 60 to 65°F. But some are faster. 'Brilliant Star' and 'Christmas Dream' require only 10 weeks below 48°F. Start these in mid-September, and you will have tulips blooming for the holidays.

For staggered bloom after the New Year, start bulbs as soon as they are available, but no later than early October. It's easier to delay flowering than to speed it up; simply increase the time the planted pots spend below 48°F. Also, if you pot bulbs later in the season, they will flower more quickly. For example, a variety started in October will bloom in 12 weeks, but the same one started in December, having been stored until then in a cool room, could bloom in 8 weeks.

Planting and Forcing Tulips:

Start with clean clay or plastic pots, and place some shards or wire mesh over the drainage hole to hold in the soil. Place at least 2 inches of moistened soilless potting mix (a combination of peat moss and perlite or vermiculite) in the bottom of the container so that the tops of the bulbs will sit just below the rim of the pot. Gently place the bulbs root end down and cover with soil, leaving the bulb noses slightly exposed.

Place the flatter side of each bulb facing the outside of the pot. Leaves sprout first from this side, and will drape gracefully over the sides of the pot. Plant bulbs more closely than you would in the garden -- as close as possible but not touching.

After planting, add water until it seeps out of the drainage holes. Check the soil periodically, keeping it evenly moist. Label each pot with the variety name and the planting date, and move it to a chilling area. Because the bulbs store all the energy they need for bloom, fertilizing is not necessary.

A chilling period:

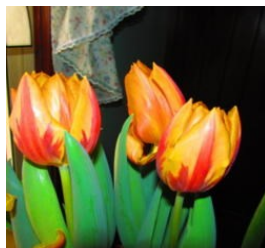
Depending on the variety, it takes 8 to 16 weeks for the planted bulbs to root. Any dark, relatively moist place that provides steady temperatures between 35 and 48°F (40°F is ideal) is fine. An unheated garage, basement, or refrigerator is perfect. If you live where winter temperatures remain in the 40s, simply place the pots outdoors. If winter temperatures drop below 32°F, protect bulbs from freezing; either mulch them heavily or place them in a trench or cold frame, then insulate them well with a layer of vermiculite topped with peat, hay, or shredded bark.



Who was the landscape architect who designed the gardens of Versailles for Louis XIV? (answer on page 16)



planting and forcing tulips continued ...



If you don't have a space that's reliably 48°F or below, try this method: Place the unplanted bulbs in a paper bag in the refrigerator (away from fruits) for six weeks. The ethylene gas naturally produced by ripening fruit can destroy the bud inside the tulip bulb. Pot them in a shallow container filled with moistened, soilless potting mix, and place the pot in a 50 to 55°F, dark room for a month before moving to a sunny 60 to 65°F location for bloom and display.

Forcing:

After the bulbs have chilled the appropriate length of time, check the drainage hole for root development. If healthy roots are visible, remove any mulch and transfer the pots to a 50 to 65°F location with bright indirect light for about two weeks. This is the actual forcing period, when the bulbs are induced to flower because of the change from winter to spring. Keep in mind that the sunnier and warmer the location, the shorter the tulips stems will be because the sunlight will induce faster flowering. To stagger bloom times, bring the pots in at two-week intervals.

When shoots are about 2 inches tall, begin regular watering and move pots to a sunny window (68°F) to stimulate flowering. As soon as the buds begin to color, return the pots to indirect light; blossoms last longer in cooler temperatures. Ideally, pots should spend the nights in a cool (60°F) room to increase the length of the bloom time up to about 10 days with the proper care.

Forced tulips rarely flower again, even if planted in the garden. To try your luck, remove the flower head after the petals fade, let the tulips complete their life cycle, then plant outdoors.

Article attributed to: Shila Patel of The National Gardening Association



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**Hosted by: The Flamborough
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Time: 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon**

**Where: Cannon Nurseries @ 656 Robson Road,
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Punjabi proverb





Guelph-Wellington Master Gardeners

A Day in the Garden

Sunday Feb. 24, 2019

8:45 am – 2:30 pm

Victoria Park East Golf Club
1096 Victoria Rd. Guelph, ON.

Master of Ceremonies: **Ben Cullen**

\$55 (\$60 @ door) lunch, prizes, demonstrations, 3 speakers (6 CE Units) :

- **Building Biodiversity With Native Plants** Paul LaPorte (Ephemeral Ark Nursery)
- **The Evolving Garden** Kevin Kavanagh (South Coast Gardens)
- **High Performance Landscapes** Lisa Mactaggart (Landscape Architect)

Register by Feb. 15th to be eligible for the exciting Early Bird Draw.

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THE SOUL OF THE GARDEN

Native Plants



Oakville Public Library is pleased to present its first ever Seedy Sunday! Come and celebrate the launch of the OPL Seed library, exchange seeds and visit with a variety of organizations including the Oakville Horticultural Society, all related to seeds, plants and gardening! There will be lectures, nature-themed story times and much more, so be sure to stop by!

Sunday, February 24, 2019 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Queen Elizabeth Park Community & Cultural Centre

Cost: Free/Drop-in Age: All ages



If you are interested in volunteering at this event, we will have a sign-up sheet at our next meeting. If you have seeds to donate, please bring them to our next meeting on Monday.



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Proverb





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DISTRICT 6 AGM AND FLOWER SHOW
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019
Doors Open at 8:00 a.m.

East Plains United Church
375 Plains Road East
Burlington, Ontario

Tickets \$15.00 available at the door
Each Society please bring your Society banner
and a Society door prize valued from \$20 - \$25



***"Tell me a fact and I'll learn. Tell me a truth
and I'll believe. But tell me a story and it will
live in my heart forever."***

- Native American proverb



A Family Affair!



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 Thurs-Sat: 10 am - 9 pm
 Sun Mar 10: 10 am - 6 pm
 Sun Mar 17: 10 am - 5 pm

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| February 11 | Monthly Meeting at MacMillan Hall 89 Dunn Street |
| | 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 |
| February 11, 25, March 4, 18 | Landscape for Life with horticulturalist Charlie Briggs |
| | 7 to 9 p.m. at RBG Centre. Fee: \$130 (M 10% off) Conventional gardens often work against nature but with a few guidelines and informed decisions you can have a healthier, sustainable, more beautiful garden for your family, pets and the environment. In this four-part Landscape for Life course, Charlie Briggs, horticulturalist, outlines soil, water, plants and a garden's impact on human health with lots of advice on gardening practices. In this 4-part course, Charlie Briggs horticulturalist, outlines soil, water, plants and garden impact on human health with lots of advice on gardening practices. |
| February 14 | Eco-Movie Night: The Superfood Chain |
| | 7:00 - 9:00 PM Venue: Film.Ca Cinemas - 171 Speers Rd. Admission: \$2/student, \$5/adult Are so called <i>superfoods</i> really that great for you? And how does the burgeoning global demand impact the indigenous cultures who grow the food and depend on it as a staple? The Superfood Chain is a beautiful cinematic documentary that investigates how the superfood industry affects the lives of farming families from Bolivia, Ethiopia, Philippines, and Haida Gwaii. |
| February 18 | Fun with Flowers Iroquois Community Centre |
| | What could be more fun than flower arranging for a mid-winter horticultural celebration? More information in the newsletter. |
| February 19 | Executive Monthly Meeting at City Hall |
| | Monthly Executive meeting will be held at City Hall, commencing at 7:00 pm. |
| February 23 | District 6 Spring Breakfast |
| | Hosted by the Flamborough Horticultural Society. Location: Connon Nurseries 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. More information to follow. |
| February 24 | Seedy Sunday Oakville Public Library |
| | Seedy Sunday Oakville Public Library is pleased to present its first ever Seedy Sunday! Come and celebrate the launch of the OPL Seed library, exchange seeds and visit with a variety of organizations all related to seeds, plants and gardening! Age: 18Y and up Cost: Free/Drop-in Queen Elizabeth Park Community & Cultural Centre Sun/Feb 24 10:30 am-4:00 pm For more details, please visit our website at www.opl.ca/blog/seed-library/ |
| March 8 | RBG Speaker Series Annie White Designing with Pollinators |
| | 9:00 am -12:00 noon; RBG Centre Annie White, a landscape designer, educator and longtime pollinator advocate, shares her tales from the trenches as she continues to navigate the challenges and rewards of landscaping for pollinators and people alike. The workshop covers practical design and maintenance tips for professionals, and furthermore, will delve into educating clients, quelling their fears, and managing their expectations. |
| March 8 | RBG Speaker Series Annie White Pollinator Friendly Gardening |
| | 7:00 - 8:30 pm A landscape rich with a diversity of flowering plants is both beautiful and helps support the over 1,000 species of pollinating creatures in Canada. However, planning does not end with your plant list. The design, layout, and maintenance practices all affect pollinators. Annie White, PhD, a landscape designer, educator and pollinator advocate, shares her strategies for choosing the best types of plants for pollinators, plus how to use and manage them effectively to create the best pollinator sanctuaries possible. |
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Answer to question on page 8, Chile, Argentina. Answer to question on page 9, Andre le Notre.

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

